

Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 10th September 2007 @ 7:00pm

Present: Mrs. R. Heseltine [Chairman]
Mrs. C.M.Young [Vice Chairman]
Mrs. P. Allen
Mrs. P.N. Pitt
Mrs. A.James
A.K.James
D.J.Billson
D. Fereday
A.A. Bourke
S.Bott
Mrs. S.Bott
Miss C.Duffell
A.K.Black
D.Heseltine
N.P.Caine – From 9.00pm to close.

Also Present: Parish Clerk – Tony Tappenden
R.J.Marshall – County Councillor
Julie Jones – Staffs Youth Services
Frank Morroco – Sainsburys plc
Members of the Public present : 4
Matthew Viney - Journalist from Wolverhampton Chronicle

76/08 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Neighbourhood Police Team and Richard Coggins of Staffs CC Youth Services.

77/08 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mrs Lyn Harris raised concerns regarding the re-surfacing of Sainsbury's car park stating that the contractors had put tarmac over the existing drains.

RESOLVED that Mr Frank Morroco from Sainsburys will investigate and report back to the next meeting.

- 2) Mr Burrows & Mr Kucharczyk of Gainsborough Drive stated that the re-profiling work of the 'buses only' access lane was nearly complete but that no barrier had been erected. As a consequence there were problems in the area with speeding buses and illegal access and lots of good work done previously to eradicate these problems was in danger of being lost. The Clerk advised that Simon Cartledge from Staffs CC Highways had recently informed him that the work was near complete and a full operational risk assessment would follow in due course, however the new barrier provision was likely to be based on a rise-able bollard as previously installed but the loss of the local electricity supply was causing problems and delays.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Insp Pat Shannaghan to advise him of the problems and request a good level of monitoring and enforcement. Additionally Cllr R.J.Marshall will investigate the overall situation and get back to Mr Burrows within 48 hours and inform the Clerk of the outcome.

POLICE MATTERSa) **Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 09/07/07- 09/09/07 (2 Months)

Rowdy / ASB behaviour	33	#1
ASB Vehicles	2	#1
Criminal Damage	8	#1
Burglary dwelling	3	#2
Attempt Burglary dwelling	2	#2
Burglary other building	3	
TWOC/ take vehicle	0	
Theft of M/V	1	#3
Theft from M/V	8	#3
Damage to M/V	3	
Theft Other	12	#4
Assaults	5	#5
Robbery	0	#5
Drug Offence	1	#5

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/ Criminal damage figs are reasonable for a two month period. Hot spots remain Anders Sq/ Lakeside and Gainsborough Drive for nuisance youths. Browning Grove for football issues and Lingfield Drive for mini moto's.
2. There were 3 reported burglary dwellings and 2 reports of attempts. These were occurring overnight where property may have been seen through windows. They seemed to occur over a week period and stopped. However I suggest parishioners are vigilant and leave nothing on view and anyone seen acting suspicious in the early hours should be reported.
3. Likewise with vehicle crime. Overnights, having smashed a window to gain entry, offenders have been stealing from vehicles glove boxes, or the rear of commercial vehicles. Again I suggest nothing of value to be left in vehicles. One vehicle was stolen.
4. Theft other covers all types of thefts, from pedal cycles to shop theft. However 7 of the 12 reports involve theft of lead flashing from schools and dwellings. Overnight offenders remove lead and hide it before collection the next day. 2 offenders were arrested and dealt with for two such offences. Yet I still request vigilance as several teams are committing such offences all over the region.
5. Of the 5 reported assaults none were of a serious nature. The culprits were known and were dealt with, or enquiries are still ongoing. Pleasingly, again there were no robberies. However one youth received a street caution for possession of cannabis. Two youths received penalty notices for litter offences. Another youth collected a penalty notice for a criminal damage matter.
6. Information can be left for Perton Neighbourhood Police team on our voicemails: - 08453 303132. (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)(08861 PCSO Wilkes)(08862 PCSO Street). The Staffordshire Police control number is 08453 302010, and Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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Cllr Miss C.Duffell informed the meeting that the appointment that she had arranged with PC F.Hossack to accompany him on a beat session was cancelled with just ten minutes notice due to inclement weather.

Cllr A.A.Bourke stated that this was unacceptable since Miss Duffell works on a shift pattern and had especially arranged her shift rota to ensure her availability.

b) **Alcohol Ban**

Following the letter from Insp P.Shannaghan the members felt that possibly the alcohol ban was being held up by the District Council. Cllr A.K.James stated that there are constantly big issues at the playing fields with drink related anti-social behaviour and associated littering.

Cllr D Billson said that Pc Frank Hossack had done much work on this topic a year or two ago but the matter had never reached final implementation apparently due to police issues.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the SSDC Chief Executive requesting the introduction of an alcohol ban and asking what they have and what they need to introduce an alcohol ban and to add the extract from the police report which relates to alcohol issues as detailed in the July 9th Council meeting minutes.

Any information please contact Pertons's Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 08453 303132 - PC Duncan Lampitt(04259), PC Frank Hossack(03537), PCSO Teresa Wilkes(08861) and PCSO Rachel Street(08862). The Staffordshire Police control number is 08453 302010, and Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

79/08 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr A.K.James declared personal interest in cheque Nos 103415 & 103431 in respect to DowntoEarth. Cllr N.P.Caine declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque number 103406 to NRG Group UK Ltd. Cllr Mrs P.Allen, as a PPFA Trustee, declared personal interest in the item on the Clerks report concerning PPFA grant request.

80/08 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th July 2007 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 3rd July 2007 be accepted for information.

81/08 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Youth Provision:**

Julie Jones, Senior Staffordshire Youth Worker provided the following report:

She advised that the youth club was open two nights per week until Easter and following a review this was then open to three nights - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She informed the meeting that the detached youth workers are Bev Jones and Chris Altry who visit Perton on Thursdays. With regard to the Library this is available on an 'as and when' basis but anticipates more availability as winter approaches.

Cllr D Billson stated that the Local Members Initiative Allowance has been used to open this, so how has the money been spent if not on this facility?

Cllr D Heseltine requested reports to better see and understand what the detached youth workers are doing, and Ms Jones agreed to try provide this in the future.

Cllr AA Bourke asked how long the detached workers had been utilised at Perton and suggested that they liaised with the local neighbourhood police.

Julie advised that the two detached workers start by mapping the area to find out where the kids are. This in itself is a slow process but when complete they then

start to engage with the local kids with a view to getting to know them and engage in local activity. They carry ID for security purposes.

In respect to service cuts, she stated that this was due to efficiency cuts and job evaluation and that they had recently been assimilated into the JMC process and this has caused the cost of employing youth workers to rise.

She further stated that they recognised that Perton has a lot of young people and is now one of their main focal points. Some South Staffordshire buildings are to be closed and they hope and expect that the cost savings and finance from closed buildings will be redirected to Perton. Cllr Mrs S Bott asked what arrangements are in place to collect feedback from youth workers and Cllr Mrs A James stated that Perton was very busy from a youth perspective at the end of the week and that the youth club should open on Thursday and Friday in preference to Monday and Tuesday for example. Julie said she would take this away as an issue but informed the meeting that they had serious capacity issues. She further stated that she would strongly suggest that the youth workers should be invited to attend a Council meeting and she would arrange this invitation.

Cllr Mrs P Allen stated that the current building at the youth club was inadequate, constantly vandalised and closed for long periods following burglaries etc. She stated that we have more kids than Codsall and that Richard Coggins and the youth workers should be strongly requested to attend the next meeting.

Cllr R Marshall requested that the correspondence item regarding Summer Chillout be brought forward as Julie may have some input to this topic. However, following some discussion on this matter it was duly noted that the plans next year will undoubtedly change. Cllr AK James observed that last year's Chillout saw a very low level of participation at Perton Playing fields and Cllr. RJ Marshall stated that the Community Learning Programme (CLP) have put on some very good summer programmes for local youths.

(b) **County Councillors Report:**

Cllr RJ Marshall provided the following information:

1. With regarding to 'Changing Lives' Residential Care Homes consultation is now complete and they will be going through these details with employees by the 14 October. Every user will have a needs assessment to determine where they go next. The final report will go to Cabinet on the 14th November to produce a final decision.
2. Speed Limits - All Councils must review 'A' and 'B' road speed limits due to Central Government edict and this review needs to be completed by 2011. This is not good news for the A41/A464 but they are hoping that the review of this junction will be conducted very early on. There is a total cost of £450k to assess all roads.
3. Job Evaluation - Following the scrutiny evaluation there is £85 million associated with job evaluation excluding Schools which add a further £22 million. Generally Schools have £27million of reserve but several schools with big evaluation bills have small reserves. Back-pay can be provided for up to six previous years though the current proposition is to attempt to limit this to four years which will cost £41 million. For those losing pay the current proposition is to protect existing pay for three years before it reverts to the correct level, this will cost £1.8 million.
Cllr AK James asked if the head count is generally being reduced to which Cllr Marshall replied that the head count has grown by a third over the last six years.

Cllr AK James further queried if the existing debt issue would cause finance remodeling but Cllr Marshall stated that the County Finance Officer felt that the level of debt was acceptable because the assets more than covered the debt level.

Cllr AA Bourke queried the white paper regarding unitary authorities and asked why the District Council do not relieve the County Council of certain responsibilities. Cllr Marshall responded by saying that District Councils have neither the size or remit to operate in this way but were continually looking for effective partnerships. As an example, he stated that Jim Brady was looking to team his Youth Services group with the District Leisure Team.

4. Youth Services - Cllr Marshall stated that he was aware that Jim Brady intended to make better use of Perton Library and that the closure of poor performing youth clubs would positively affect Perton.
5. Cllr Marshall stated that there was a general trend towards the building of wind farms.
6. Cllr Marshall stated that in the near future there will be four Conferences specifically for users of Direct Payments and stated that he would be chairing all four sessions.
7. He stated that the electric blanket campaign would take place this year on the 20th September.
8. Cllr Marshall closed with what he said was a political point stating that if the County Council had got involved in job evaluation much faster it would have cost considerably less, an example being a similar programme at South Staffordshire Council which was budget neutral.

RESOLVED that future reports from Cllr RJ Marshall would be more useful if they could be pre-provided in a written format similar to the Police report to allow the members prior information and allow the Councillor to answer questions on the report.

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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(a) **MUGA**

Cllr D.Billson advised that progress was good with the Big Lottery funding application having been signed-off last Friday and sent to Big Lottery for final decision.

(b) **Parish Representative --Sports Council**

Cllr D Billson informed the meeting that he had been the Parish representative for the last four years but having missed the last meeting his name appears to have been struck off the register. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the District Council and have Dave Billson re-instated.

(c) **Parish / District Council liaison Group Meeting - 12th September**

The members noted the communication regarding the liaison meeting.

(d) **Inter-Parish Games results and request for donation**

RESOLVED that the Council will pay the £35.00 requested donation but the Clerk will advise the District Council that several of the members feel this sum is hardly worth the effort of collection.

(e) Councillors' Reports

Cllr D Billson advised that he had recently attended the meeting for Staffordshire Strategic Partnership and provided input to Regional Planning. He had also attended the Regional Planning Spatial Strategy for presentation to Central Government on the 22nd October he also stated that the Housing Needs Survey was also complete and will be presented on the 20th September. South Staffordshire is in great need of two bedroom houses due to significant population change with over 75's up by 70%, additionally we are a favoured strategy partner in respect to Black Country Strategy for a regional Distribution Centre on the corridor between Wolverhampton and Penkridge.

Cllr AK James stated that following a review of Polling Districts and places the District Council are keen to retain Perton Middle School rather than further utilise Perton Civic Centre.

Additionally, Silver Poplars continues to generate issues with the wall having been built too high and enforcement being apparently very slow. Trees are apparently in the nursery for future planting and the change request for position of mobile homes will generate many issues.

Cllr D Fereday - advised that he had recently attended a planning training session which he found to be very useful.

Cllr AA Bourke made reference to the 2007 Annual Report and noted that a Children's/Young Peoples Manager had been appointed and asked if any additional money would be coming to Perton. Cllr D Billson stated that he would check and report back. Cllr AA Bourke expressed concern regarding the lack of resources to look after Perton's playground and proposed MUGA, and stated that the District Reserves in 2006 were 3.7 million and these had now gone up 1 million in spite of assurance to reduce the cash pile. He stated that the District were cash rich and would not spend. Cllr AK James advised that the Parish Precept was the correct vehicle for Parish needs.

The meeting was advised that Mr Frank Morroco needed to leave within a few minutes and he was therefore invited to respond to a few questions from the members, to which he agreed.

1. When asked about the Christmas lights he was able to state that Sainsbury's had agreed to pay the appropriate amount to cover provision and installation but stated that the new trees that would be planted will be saplings rather than fully grown trees. Cllr Billson asked if Sainsbury's would be generally contributing to Christmas lights since in past years this had not been forthcoming. Cllr Mrs Allen suggested that it would be a good idea for Sainsbury's to make provision to supply their own lights and further stated that the provision on new speed bumps was very good, as is the new car park surface but this is spoiled by the general planting in the area which is very poor and overgrown. She asked if the store would become more involved in community affairs in the future. Cllr Mrs A James said that she felt that with the trees having been cut down it was a very poor idea to replace them with saplings as these would probably be vandalised very quickly. Mr Morroco stated that they had been directed to remove the trees by Staffordshire District Council and was surprised to know the District Councillors had not been informed.

Cllr James requested liaison with Sainsbury's in terms of the provision of lights for this year stating that Council tax-payers money is limited and Cllr Mrs Allen made the final comment that the restored seating in Anders Square needs leverage arms to assist older people.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 9 July 2007.

Application No.	Proposals
07/00658/FUL	Bedroom extension 2 Framlingham Grove, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7UW
07/00657/FUL	Single storey rear extension 3 Butterfield Close, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7TR
07/00668/FUL	Conservatory 3 Broughton Court, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7RL
07/00665/FUL	Two storey extension 11 Ennerdale Drive, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7PF
07/00674/FUL	Two storey extension 2 Wye Close, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7QT
07/00705/FUL*	First floor extension and detached garage 10 Dunster Grove, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7RU
07/00783/FUL	Extend garage 4 Edward Road, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7NA
07/00823/FUL	Conservatory 20 Cornovian Close, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7NU
07/00835/FUL	First floor side extension 21 Shackleton Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7SA
07/00665/FUL	Two-storey side extension and conservatory 11 Ennerdale Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7PF
07/00886/FUL	Two storey side extension 1 Raglan Avenue, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7RZ
07/00913/FUL	Two storey extension and conservatory 54 Leasowe Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TU
07/00920/FUL	Single storey side and front extension 9 Collett Road, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7YE

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

* Notification from South Staffordshire Council that these proposals have now been withdrawn and the file closed.

07/00534/FUL	Two-storey side extension plus conservatory 3 Warwick Avenue, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7RN
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The Council raised an objection against the proposal to re-site the fence line as this would have a detrimental effect on the open aspect of the street scene.

07/00552/FUL	Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement Manesty, Pattingham Road, Perton, South Staffs WV6 7HD
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The Council had no additional comment to make on the above proposals other than those made on the original application not to exceed the 30% footprint or the existing skyline.

07/00894/FUL	Erection of precast store plus 2 x 1m high boundary wall 27 Turnham Green, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TA
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The Council raised no objections to the precast store but raised concerns on:-

1. the height of the proposed new wall to existing open green space
2. the storage being used for business purposes

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) **List of Payments:**

The Clerk reported that the following accounts duly authorized by designated Member signatories had been paid:

**List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting
of the Council on 9th July 2007**

			£
01/07/07	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
02/07/07	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1199.00
02/07/07	103404	Richard Harmer - Perton PC	70.00
03/07/07	103405	Nobisco Limited	30.43
03/07/07	103406	NRG Group UK Ltd	76.23
03/07/07	103407	N.A.B.D. - Deposit Refund	150.00
03/07/07	103408	Mr B.Pandey - Deposit Refund	407.50
03/07/07	BACS	Wages Week 14	1148.03
03/07/07	BACS	Inland Revenue	2535.78
03/07/07	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1302.01
10/07/07	103409	Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	73.32
10/07/07	103410	Brisol Limited	167.03
10/07/07	103411	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	144.63
10/07/07	103412	Computacenter (UK) Limited	68.08
10/07/07	103413	Mr Abdullah - Deposit Refund	200.00
10/07/07	103414	Miss S.Paton - Deposit Refund	200.00
11/07/07	BACS	Wages Week 15	1381.69
17/07/07	DD	Severn Trent	125.06
17/07/07	103415	DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Limited	94.00
17/07/07	103416	Miss.L.Bleakley - Deposit Refund	150.00
17/07/07	BACS	Wages Week 16	1215.20
19/07/07	103417	Computacenter (UK) Limited	10.43
24/07/07	BACS	Wages Week 17	3649.08
25/07/07	DD	Unicom	64.06
25/07/07	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
26/07/07	103418	Post Office Limited	227.50
31/07/07	DD	British Gas - Electricity	376.55
31/07/07	DD	British Gas - Gas	29.55
01/08/07	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/07/07	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1199.00
01/08/07	BACS	Wages Week 18	777.16
01/08/07	BACS	Inland Revenue	2425.29
01/08/07	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1159.44
01/08/07	103419	South Staffordshire District Council	540.00
01/08/07	103420	ThyssenKrupp Elevator UK Limited	165.12
06/08/07	103421	Miss N.Brookes - Deposit Refund	150.00
06/08/07	103422	Perton Place	55.00

06/08/07	103423	Besam Limited	210.56
07/08/07	103424	Brian Maw	50.00
08/08/07	BACS	Wages Week 19	942.15
09/08/07	103425	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	173.09
17/08/07	DD	Severn Trent	125.06
13/08/07	BACS	Wages Week 20	995.93
22/08/07	BACS	Wages Week 21 / Adv Week 22	4883.52
24/08/07	DD	Unicom	72.22
29/08/07	DD	British Gas - Electricity	412.72
29/08/07	DD	British Gas - Gas	23.49
29/08/07	103426	Mr G.Herd - Deposit Refund	150.00
29/08/07	103427	Kantara Limited	50.00
29/08/07	103428	ADT Fire & Security PLC	536.09
29/08/07	103429	Nobisco Limited	60.70
29/08/07	103430	Performing Right Society Limited	604.42
31/08/07	103431	DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Limited	94.00
TOTALS			31211.84

b) **2007 / 2008 Budget-to-date:**

The budget figures for income and expenditure up to 31/08/2007 were noted.

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CLERKS' REPORT – JULY 2007

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 10th September 2007

- Sewers in Anson Close - Severn Trent will be investigating and reporting back to us.
- Permission from Staffs CC to fly Union flag 365 days per year.
- Municipal Waste Strategy for 2007 Documentation & Questionnaire online at www.staffswaste2020.info
- PayPoint plc. No reply received in respect to Clerks letter but it was stated that a 'Payzone' had recently opened at Perton off-licence.
- Playground Swing - Costs for minor works was provided. **RESOLVED** that this item be added to agenda for next meeting.
- Subway Graffiti – Cheriton Grove subway requires anti-graffiti glazing.
- **Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service** will be carrying out free safety tests on Electric Blankets. Blankets can be dropped off between 17th and 19th September at Perton Civic Centre – collected from 21st September. Any resident aged over 60 whose electric blanket fails the test will be given a free replacement.
- **Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority** – Fire and Rescue Authority's Best Value Performance Plan for 2007/2008 received.
- **Code of Conduct** – For those of you who could not make the training session's further seminars will take place in September and October. The proposed dates are:
27th September - 2.30 & 6.30
2nd October - 2.30 & 6.30
9th October - 6.30
- **Campaign to Protect Rural England** - Report on Green Belts in the West Midlands available in the Clerk's office.
- **Community Council of Staffordshire** - Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 20th September 2007 at 7.30 pm at Rodbaston College, Penkridge. Light refreshments will be served from 7.00 pm. Agenda, Statement of Financial Activities and directions available from the Clerk.
- **South Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Action** – Notice of the Annual General Meeting of SSCVA to be held on Thursday 27th September 2007 at 7.30 pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Histons Hill, Codsall. Copy of Annual Report and Financial Statements available in the Clerk's office.

- **Electric Contract Renewal** – Current contract with British Gas expires on 7/1/2008, we are required to give ninety days notice to avoid roll-over. Propose new 3 year deal with BG via consultant and will save approx £405.00 per year on current cost and £1132.00 per year on roll-over cost. **RESOLVED** to proceed with British Gas fixed price three year contract.
- **New Drain request for Sandown Drive** - In work pipeline.
- **Landscaping at Livingstone Avenue** - Order with SSDC awaiting planting season. **£2000.00** 1st half grant to PPFA overdue. **RESOLVED** to allow grant with immediate effect.

86/08 **CIVIC PRIDE – CIVIC AWARDS / CIVIC SUNDAY**

The members agreed that PPC should re-introduce the Citizen of the Year award in both the over and under eighteen categories.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen suggested that nominations should include both Fred O’Leary for his contribution towards the Perton Walkers Map and Rob Pearson for his contribution towards local ‘tidy-ups’.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will produce some posters for the Notice Boards and also place an advertisement in ‘Perton Place’ to give the scheme publicity.

87/08 **PARISH PLAN REPORT**

Following some discussion on this topic it was felt that this item should be given main priority at the next Council meeting in order to speed up the development of the report action plan.

RESOLVED that the next Parish Council meeting will commence with the public session running from 6.30 to 7.00 pm in order that prime focus can be given to the Parish Plan which will be the main agenda item. Cllr Mrs Allen will seek to provide a positioning report in advance and Cllr Billson will arrange distribution of the financial accounts information for South Staffs leisure centres.

Due to feeling unwell, Cllr Mrs Rita Heseltine left the meeting escorted by Cllr D Heseltine. Cllr Mrs C.Young took the ‘chair’.

88/08 **LITTER WARDEN:**

The members considered documentation from S.Poyser at SSDC indicating where and when litter pick services were provided on Perton by SSDC. It was agreed that ‘value for money’ was a key consideration in respect to this service. Cllr Mrs C Young stated that she was working with local schools to reduce littering by children.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will again write to S.Poyser to request that the Litter Enforcement Officer becomes involved in Perton littering issues, to extend the service into Anders Square and to gain assurance that all scheduled litter pick services are regularly carried out and checked.

89/08 **STANDING ORDER No 79**

RESOLVED that Standing Order No 79 (Length of Meeting) be suspended.

90/08 **ROUNABOUT NAMING:**

The members were pleased to receive communication from members of the public offering suggestions for roundabout names, these included two letters from three Perton children which the members were particularly pleased to receive.

RESOLVED that whilst no decision was made regarding roundabout names the Clerk will write to those that have written in to us and thank them for their comments and ideas.

91/08 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

Following the earlier discussion with M Frank Morrocco concerning Sainsbury's agreement to pay for the lost lights there was no further discussion or resolution on this years lighting requirements.

92/08 **REQUEST FOR GRANT:**

a) Victim Support Staffordshire.

RESOLVED that a grant of £50.00 be provided.

93/08 **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS / FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:**

The Clerk stated that it was possibly an idea to review both the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations in order to ensure that both were fully up-to-date and reflected the current needs of the Council.

RESOLVED due to pressure on time for both this and next meeting this item be deferred until the November meeting.

94/08 **LOWER LAKE – FISHING LINE:**

The members considered both a letter and photographs from Trina Moore following an incident where her dog had become entangled with discarded fishing line.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Ms Moore to acknowledge receipt of letter and to additionally write to Perton Anglers to highlight the issue and seek to find out their policy regarding members and rules for anglers.

95/08 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) **The Peoples Millions**

This correspondence indicating that PPC had not made the short list was duly noted.

b) **Summer Chillout**

This matter had been the topic of some earlier discussion between the members and Julie Jones from Staffs Youth Services, the correspondence was duly noted.

96/08 **PRIVATE SESSION: CLERKS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

RESOLVED that there are no issues concerning the contract which can be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as soon as possible.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th October 2007 @ 6.30 pm

The meeting closed @ 10.00 pm

Chairman
8th October 2007