

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]  
AK Black [Vice-Chairman]  
Mrs P Allen  
Mrs PN Pitt  
Mrs S Bott  
Mrs A.James  
Miss C Duffell  
Mrs RA Heseltine [District Councillor]  
DJ Billson [District & County Councillor]  
AK James [District Councillor]  
D Fereday [District Councillor]  
D Heseltine  
N.P.Caine – From 7.35 pm  
S Bott

Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden  
Express & Star: Laura Stewart-Cook  
Wombourne Neighbourhood Police Unit: PC Duncan Lampitt  
Members of the Public present: 4

126/10 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs AA Bourke and District Councillor R.Moreton and from Cllr N.P.Caine in anticipation of late arrival.

127/10 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

1) No matters were raised by the members of public.

128/10 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**  
Period covered 5/12/2009 to 2/01/2010.

Beat areas CF24 Mercia  
CF25 Richmond  
CF26 Central  
CF27 Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	totals
Anti Social Behaviour	2	1	8	2	13
ASB vehicle	1				1
C Damage		1	3	1	5
Damage M Vehicles			1		1
Burglary Dwelling	1		1		2
Burglary Other Bldg					0
Theft M Vehicle			1		1

Theft from M Vehicle			1	1
Theft other	1		5	6
Assault		1	1	2
Robbery		1		1
Sexual Offences				0
Drugs				0

### **ASB**

Considering the time of year and this report includes Xmas and New Year the anti social behaviour (ASB) are low again. Of the 13 reports one was snowballing and one was a noisy party. The carol singers must have been better this year or the New Year fireworks not so loud.

### **ASB vehicles**

Only one report of mini moto used around the Dippons Lane area up to Gainsborough Pavilion fields. This maybe down to the high visible patrols along there by the neighbourhood team, which resulted in the seizure mentioned in previous report.

### **Criminal Damage**

Several reported incidents of mindless criminal damage. These varied from idiots walking across the roof of a vehicle to offenders smashing a window in an attempt to gain entry.

### **Burglary Dwelling**

Considering it's been the Xmas period where most homes will have had presents about, only two burglaries, plus the previously mentioned attempt. Both burglaries were committed during the daylight and small items were stolen. This would suggest offenders on foot. Once again I remind everyone not to leave valuables in sight and report anyone seen acting suspicious. No burglary other buildings reported.

### **Vehicle Crime**

There was only one reported theft from motor vehicles which is excellent considering the amount of vehicles which would have been left unattended whilst visiting Sainsbury's. This is a marked improvement on previous years for this period. This theft involved a vehicles number plates being stolen. However we have had a vehicle stolen from a communal car park. Offenders approached vehicle having made enquiries with the neighbours. Then loaded it onto a recovery truck believing it was scrap.

### **Violent Crime**

There were two minor assaults reported, one involving an end of school incident between young pupils another was disagreement on New Years Eve. However there was a street robbery on New Years Eve around the Gainsborough Pavilions area. The victim was told to hand over his phone and wallet having been punched to the ground. Descriptions have been given and enquiries are on hand, believing offender to be local.

Any information please contact Pertons Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 0300 123 2345 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PC Frank Hossack (03537), PCSO Teresa Wilkes (08861), PCSO Ashley Tooth (016722) and PCSO Woodley (016748)

PC Duncan Lampitt informed the members that a PC for Pertons would be in place by 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

CLlr Mrs R.Heseltine said that numerous vehicles were still going through the buses only lane often at high speed. PC Lampitt said that this is a well known issue and that when squads are available they do have vehicles in the area to monitor the situation.

Cllr S.Bott thanked PC Lampitt for attending saying how useful it is and then said that he was well aware that the person manning the crossing in the area has a constant problem with illegal car access.

Cllr D.Billson was able to confirm that the intended solution to this problem is to fit a CCTV camera in the area together with number plate recognition but he was not able to provide a timescale for the work to be completed.

Cllr Mrs C.Young said that following last weeks meeting wheelie bins had to be removed from across the road as they had been laid end to end as a road block and additionally she had found crude graffiti written in the snow on her car.

b) **Police Report Format**

**RESOLVED** that the preferred format is the version that shows the area breakdown and the Clerk will inform the NPU and request that future reports follow this format.  
*PC Lampitt left the meeting at this point.*

c) **Community Reassurance Team Budget**

The contents of the letter from Sharon Moore were noted. Cllr D.Billson said that the project was funded at £3M over eighteen months and this was now withdrawn but he was of the view that the police themselves had agreed to continue to fund the PCSOs or Specials.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said it was ironic that the letter from Sharon Moore states that the project had been funded to test out a new approach to tackling anti-social behaviour and had proved to be successful on Perton but nonetheless was now closing.

Cllr D.Billson reported that Staffordshire Police were seeking a 3% increase in Council tax in order to maintain services and additionally, in order to ensure stability in postings officers have to be in place for two years before moving on in order to show commitment to their 'beat'.

d) **Letter of Thanks**

The information was noted.

129/10 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr A.K.James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103887 payable to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

130/10 **MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2009**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2009 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

131/10 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 together with income statement for December be accepted for information.

132/10 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Perton Youth Club**

It was noted that SSSC would hold our application as pending for a couple of months whilst we await feedback from Staffs CC, meanwhile it was agreed that we should monitor the situation to ensure the application does not lapse.

b) **Flooding – Severn Drive / Itchen Grove**

Cllr D.Billson said that the Chief Executive of Severn Trent had written to deny responsibility for the flooding issues but nonetheless the tank modeling is being retested and they were not apparently aware of the oil traps. Severn Trent have said that the situation will be re-assessed and a letter will go out to affected households in the next couple of weeks but also state that if they are at fault there is no budget available to fix the issue. Cllr Billson said there would not be a public meeting whilst the investigation is ongoing.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that she had discovered that the software used by Severn Trent for modeling is Severn Trent's own unique software which is not used elsewhere and therefore verification is difficult.

c) **Gritting Services**

Cllr D.Billson said that the problems of gritting had been caused because the matter was being run by Central Government and rationing of supplies was not a local decision.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said she was particularly concerned about access to Perton by the Emergency Services and the condition of Bus Routes as a minimum.

In response to the e-mail from Yvonne Padley Cllr Billson said that he would arrange for the provision and filling of a grit box in the affected area.

Cllr S.Bott said it would be a good idea to review the matter in the summer when the pressure is off in order that we can be better served next winter.

d) **County Councillor's Report**

Cllr D.Billson re-iterated his comments regarding the Chief Constables statement as mentioned in the Police report. Additionally he said that it had been agreed that Mobile Libraries would visit locations every three weeks rather than the present two week rota but book allocations will be increased, this will save in the region of £0.25m annually. Also he reported that following interviews last Friday a new Chief Executive had been chosen and a public announcement on the new appointment will be made very soon.

133/10 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**District Councillors' Report**

Cllr A.K.James informed the members that he had attended a committee regarding the Silver Poplars site licence and that the Chief Executive is now looking at the issues.

Cllr D.Fereday said that the footpath at the back of Brownies is now closed off and will apparently remain so pending a legal solution.

Cllr D.Billson had no District Council matters to report.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine reported as follows:

Since the last Parish Council meeting ( I was unable to attend the December meeting due to holiday commitments ) I have attended a Rural Transport Group meeting held at Codsall which involved Council officers, councillors and local residents from Locality 4 in discussions on needs, travel tokens , passes and a local transport wish list. An

interesting and informative meeting.

As promised, here is the feedback from my morning with a Pest Control Officer! I can honestly say that it was one of the most interesting mornings that I have ever spent. The area that each officer covers is vast. We travelled right to the edge of the southern most part of the district and then travelled back to the depot making several calls on the return journey. Each establishment we visited had nothing but praise both for the services offered by the Council and for the sympathetic and professional manner in which the tasks were carried out. The knowledge and professionalism displayed was superb. I gained a real insight into this aspect of the Council's work and was very impressed.

In December I have attended a full Council meeting, a Regulatory meeting and carol concert. The Regulatory meeting due to be held on 05.01.2010 was cancelled because of adverse weather conditions.

#### 134/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

Application No.	Proposals
09/00885/FUL	Two storey side extension - 7 Corfe Close, Perton

The Council raised no objections to the above application.

**DECISIONS** - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
09/00731/FUL	Side extension over garage - 2 Kingswear Avenue, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission

**PROPOSALS WITHDRAWN** - The file has been closed and no decision will be issued.

Application No.	Proposals
09/00870/FUL	Single storey rear extension – 33 Beverston Road, Perton

#### 135/10 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- a) 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 14th December 2009**

01/12/09	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1310.00
01/12/09	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
02/12/09	BACS	Wages Week 35	1400.56
02/12/09	103887	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	776.25
07/12/09	103888	South Staffordshire District Council	426.14
07/12/09	103889	Perton Place	55.00
07/12/09	103890	Computacenter (UK) Limited	107.56
09/12/09	BACS	Wages Week 36	1146.19
10/12/09	103891	South Staffordshire District Council	164.00
11/12/09	BACS	Mr P.Perry - Returned Cheque	180.00
11/12/09	BACS	Mr P.Perry - Returned Cheque Charge	6.00
14/12/09	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1752.24
14/12/09	BACS	Inland Revenue	2712.10
14/12/09	DD	Severn Trent Water	512.09
14/12/09	103892	Mr Pemberton - Deposit Refund	50.00
14/12/09	103893	Mrs H.Darlington - Deposit Refund	50.00
14/12/09	103894	Mrs L.Barnett - Deposit Refund	50.00
16/12/09	BACS	Wages Week 37	1295.20
16/12/09	103895	Mr R.J.Dickens - NY Eve Disco	420.00
18/12/09	103896	Brisol Limited	88.95
21/12/09	BACS	Wages Week 38 Month 9	4267.60
21/12/09	103897	Mrs H.Harris - Deposit Refund	50.00
21/12/09	103898	D.Bailey - Deposit Refund	50.00
21/12/09	103899	Mr P.Perry - Deposit Refund	150.00
28/12/09	DD	BT Business Broadband	68.27
29/12/09	DD	Unicom	52.57
30/12/09	BACS	Wages Week 39	1045.90
30/12/09	DD	British Gas - Electricity	414.98
30/12/09	DD	British Gas - Gas	545.35
30/12/09	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	111.69
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19305.64</b>

b) **Budget-to-date 2009/2010**

The Clerk provided a brief explanation of the budget figures which were noted.

136/10 **CLERK'S REPORT – JANUARY 2010**

**Matters ongoing / resolved as at 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

- SSDC make provisional bookings for Parliamentary General Election on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 or Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- Staffordshire Fire & Rescue – winter 2009 Safety Plan News in Clerks Office.
- South Staffordshire Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2008/2009 available in Clerks office.
- NPU and LCCP (ex PCF) reminded of their roles and responsibilities in respect to Civic Centre Security following a false alarm triggered on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010 when a PCSO was locked in the building by the church group.

- Letters sent on 16<sup>th</sup> November to three Perton Schools Head Teachers to request use of school facilities for summer 2010 Sussed events – Still no replies received.
- SSDC Updating and Screening Report 2009 for Air Quality in South Staffordshire is available via SSDC website (www.sstaffs.gov.uk)
- Perton Playground – Spinner apparatus ordered and acknowledged from SMP Ltd and expected on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
- The heat battery under the Civic Centre Lakeside Hall stage burst sometime between Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010 causing a flood very similar to that experienced about the same time last year. Thanks to some rapid response and support from both Andy Cox and RHF Heating the burst radiator was isolated and the stage pumped dry. The radiator has now been removed to see if it can be repaired.
- Harlequin Pantomime Company has expressed concern that the stage lighting dimmer panel and control unit is failing and showing worrying electrical characteristics. They have a work around solution for this year but state that it needs to be replaced.

137/10 **MUGA LIGHTING**

Cllr Alan Black said that the response from CLP was strange and did not appear to respond to the questions posed, the Clerk explained the response as best as he was able.

Following some debate and in view of the budget allocation for next year it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would seek to obtain a budgetary quotation in order to better understand what is available and the scale of cost.

138/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Constituency Secretary**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen raised the only possibility that seemed realistic which was Perton Carnival and since this is not organised PPC there was no further debate.

b) **Perton & Codsall Utd FC**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the club to suggest 'Sport England' as a good source of information for support and direct / indirect grants and that by newsletter and use of their own website they seek to get support and involvement from interested parents of players.

c) **Perton Middle / Bilbrook Middle Schools**

The information was noted. Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that the federation of these two schools was under consideration due to declining pupil numbers as a result of Perton parents often preferring to send their children to schools at Bridgnorth or Wolverhampton.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.05 pm

**Chairman**  
**8<sup>th</sup> February 2010**