

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 11th October 2010 @ 7:00pm**

Present D.Fereday [Chairman]
Mrs C.M Young
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs A James
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs P Allen
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson
AK James
AK Black
D Heseltine
NP Caine

District Councillor - R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present: 4 plus College Trainee Reporter

69/11 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs S Bott, AA Bourke and S.Bott.

70/11 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- a) Mr C.Rathbone spoke to the members saying that aside from his organisational role with Perton Carnival he also last year took responsibility for the Poppy Appeal which he is to continue going forwards. With this in mind he said that on 9th November at 7.00pm there will be a Poppy Appeal auction at the Sunrise Centre near Tettenhall. Admission will be free and he said that he hoped there would be numerous opportunities to bid for items such as free haircuts, free golf etc and all donations would be welcomed.

71/11 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 11th October 2010
Period covered 05/09/2010 – 05/10/2010.

Beat areas CF24 Mercia
CF25 Richmond
CF26 Central
CF27 Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	4	2	8	0	14 (-31)
ASB vehicle	2	0	0	0	2 (-8)
Criminal Damage	0	1	1	0	2 (-)
Damage M Vehicles	0	1	0	0	1 (-4)
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	1	1(-3)

Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-3)
Theft other	0	1	5	1	7 (+2)
Assault	0	0	0	0	0 (-5)
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1 (-)
Drugs	0	1	0	0	1 (+1)

ASB

Reported anti social behaviour, both general and vehicle related, returned to normality for this report. The fall looks impressive; however the last report was for a two month period. The hotspots include Anders Square, Gainsborough Drive, Mercia Drive and Idonia Rd. It is pleasing that between January and September 2010, there has been a decrease of 58% of reported anti social behaviour, compared with the same period in 2009. This may be a result of Operation CALM which was set up to deal with ASB.

Burglary Dwelling

Pleasingly there was only one reported attempted burglary dwelling for this period. The offenders were disturbed in the early hours, before they could gain entry to steal what is believed to be the owners' motor vehicle. There were no burglary other buildings.

Vehicle Crime

The vehicle crime figures were excellent. No theft of or from vehicles and the damage to a vehicle is believed to be domestic related.

Violent Crime

It is believed the violent crimes are at a first as there were no reported assaults. The robbery involved older youths taking a mini motor bike from another. There was no injury and there was no official complaint.

Other

The price of scrap has had an affect on crime in Perton. The theft of lead flashing from houses reared its ugly head again. 6 houses were targeted in one night, which along with the scrap collectors, who are believed to be responsible for another theft from a driveway. Anyone seen acting suspiciously in the early hours should be reported.

The drugs issue was a minor matter of youths found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. They received a street warning as per Home Office guidelines.

3 local youths will be involved in a community payback litter picking exercise at Sandown School. They were identified as having previously caused minor damage at the school.

Finally, there were two reported road traffic collisions involving the small motor scooters. One was serious enough for the air ambulance to be required. However the rider has made a good recovery.

Any information please contact Perton's Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 0300 123 2345 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PC Frank Hossack (03537), PCSO Teresa Wilkes (08861), PCSO Ashley Tooth (016722).

Cllr Miss C.Duffell said that at the PACT meeting last Thursday the NPU had stated that a number of tickets had been issued and it would be useful to know how many and for what.

Cllr A.K.Black said that it was strange to see that PCSOs are still collecting data

regarding cars at school locations in spite of the fact that they apparently have no powers to act on any offences they find.
Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that the PACT meeting had been very successful with 49 residents attending from Perton and Pattingham and that speeding and anti-social behaviour are the two main issues at both locations. Additionally she made some supporting comments in regard to our local PCSOs saying that a business case will need to be made by the NPU in order to retain them and maybe PPC could have some input to this.

Cllr Mrs C.Young said that she had been unable to attend the PACT due to other commitments and said that events such as these should have more notice.

Cllr Mrs P.Pitt said that it was stated at the PACT that whilst it is recognised that anti-social behaviour is an issue and the area around Mercia Drive is a current hotspot the majority of residents (89%) think that Perton is a safe place to live.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine said that she had been unable to attend due to commitments elsewhere but she was unhappy about negative comments made by others not in possession of the facts.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the NPU Chief Inspector requesting a breakdown in respect to the Perton tickets issued and request that this information be incorporated into the monthly police reports. Additionally we will request feed back on the other points raised in this section.

72/11 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr A.K. James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104010 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

73/11 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER, 2010

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September 2010 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

74/11 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 5th October 2010 together with income statement for September be accepted for information.

75/11 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Perton Youth Club**

Cllr D.Billson said there is nothing further to report at the moment.

b) **Flooding – Severn Drive**

Cllr D.Billson said there is nothing further to report until the survey reports are available which should be around November or December.

c) **Staffordshire Pension Fund – Policy Statements**

The Clerk explained that any scheme member that contributes to the LG Pension Scheme via PPC as an employing authority was paying into the same scheme at the same cost as a similar individual employed at Staffordshire County Council who are also our scheme administrators. On this basis the Clerk said it seems logical and fair that PPC members should have more or less the same rights as Staffs CC members and therefore he had based the PPC discretionary statements on those utilised by the

County Council but modified in such a way as PPC always retained the right to decide each situation on a case by case basis without any predetermined commitments.

Cllr N.P.Caine said that in Part Two of the response document the wording included 'Councillors' and yet Parish Councillors were not allowed to be members of the Pension Plan. The Clerk said that he would confirm this point with the Scheme Administrators but it was nothing to be concerned about since any potential claims could only be submitted by scheme members and therefore the wording is only relevant to those that are members rather than those that are not.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Policies and Discretionary Powers for Perton Parish Council be accepted and submitted to Staffordshire County Council Local Government Pension Scheme Administrators.

d) **County Councillors Report**

Cllr D.Billson reported that:

- The Rural Transport Scheme is going ahead and progressing well and that the whole package is likely to extend beyond South Staffordshire.
- He had attended the Fire Service Training Centre at Moreton-in-the-Marsh and that Codsall Fire Service would like to deliver a fifteen minute presentation at the next meeting. *The members agreed that this will be useful so Cllr Billson will arrange.*
- The Tourist strategy has now been released.
- The County Strategy document was passed at the last meeting.
- The notification in respect to Moog has been registered regarding move to i54 and with other interests 400 jobs will be saved.
- He did not attend PACT meeting as he was at another Voluntary Sector meeting taking place at the same time at Perton Church.

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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) **Communities First**

The information was noted.

b) **District Councillors Report**

Cllr R.Moreton reported that aside the routine Regulatory and Planning sessions he had attended the Locality 4 meeting where there are a number of issues that may come about.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine reported that since the last Parish Council meeting she has attended the following:-

15.09.2010 A meeting at Stafford re: the proposals by the Boundary Commission.

21.09.2010 Attended an IT training session on how to use the new Extranet facility set up by SSC . On the same evening the Overview and Scrutiny Committee met to discuss Affordable Housing in South Staffordshire which included looking at affordability, local housing supply, Extra Care and future challenges. Also on the Agenda that night was the revised Core Strategy re: Travellers and Travelling Show people.

27.09.2010 There was a seminar about the Local Development Framework and the core Strategy.

28.09.2010 Regulatory Committee. Quite a varied selection of applications – from wind turbines to maintenance of hedges. There were representations from members of the

public on several of the night's applications.

29.09.2010 Locality 4 focus group meeting held at Perton Civic Centre. An interesting session where people discussed various aspects of the data supplied about our locality, any areas of concern and suggestions of how these may be addressed.

Cllr A.K.James reported that aside from various routine engagements he had attended the meeting on Travellers and Travelling Show people.

Cllr D.Billson reported that he had attended the Regeneration Awards where S.Staffs Council collected five awards including the overall award. He also reported about the 'Loose Women' group in Featherstone that have started several activities to help eradicate or reduce anti-social issues.

Cllr D.Heseltine, though not a District Councillor for Perton, advised the members that he had attended the Boundaries Commission presentation and he felt that not much will change in South Staffordshire since the Commission cannot alter the District or Parish boundaries but could revise some of the Wards but he felt this was not likely to happen.

77/11 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th September, 2010.

Application No.	Proposals
10/00616/FUL (Amended)	Garage and utility room and new porch - 19 Brunel Grove, Perton WV6 7YD

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

78/11 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 13th September 2010**

01/09/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/09/10	DD	SDDC Non -Domestic Rates	1242.00
01/09/10	BACS	Wages Week 22	1213.42
03/09/10	104000	Stage Electrics Partnership Ltd	4373.23
08/09/10	BACS	Wages Week 23	1317.53
08/09/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2382.40
08/09/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1540.62
09/09/10	104001	South Staffordshire District Council	180.00
15/09/10	BACS	Wages Week 24	1261.48
16/09/10	104002	Perton Playing Fields Association	2000.00
16/09/10	104003	South Staffordshire District Council	1001.00
17/09/10	104004	Mrs J.Newman - Deposit Refund	150.00

17/09/10	104005	Stage Electrics Partnership Ltd	91.89
22/09/10	104006	MGD Solutions	196.00
22/09/10	104007	Nobisco Limited	57.70
22/09/10	BACS	Wages Week 25 / Month 6	4317.57
23/09/10	104008	Brisol Ltd	41.00
24/09/10	DD	Unicom	56.46
27/09/10	104009	Welbeck Sports	285.62
28/09/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	264.59
28/09/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	60.31
28/09/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	103.89
28/09/10	DD	BT Business Broadband	25.67
29/09/10	BACS	Wages Week 26	1279.72
29/09/10	104010	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.87
30/09/10	104011	ESPO	4083.40
TOTALS			27672.37

b) **Budget-to-date 2010/2011**

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

Cllr D.Heseltine said that the budget performance to date looked fine and thanked the Clerk for his endeavours in this area.

79/11 **CLERK'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2010**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 11th October 2010

- PowerPoint Presentation entitled: **Staffordshire County Council Electoral review briefing- Parish Councils** is available in Clerks office.
- SSDC Summer Sussed programme invoiced at £1001.00. (Package 3 @ £1200.00 less £199 customer fees.)
- Soon to expire three year British Gas Contact for Electricity has been re-negotiated with British Gas for a period of two years from 7th January 2011 at 20.97p/per day (current 30.95p/per day) and 8.09p/per unit (current 7.8 p/per unit) after initial offer of 38.66p/per day and 12.3p/per unit. Increase in cost will be approx £108.00 per year @ 50000 units.
- Lakeside Hall blackout blinds and new curtains fitted on 21st September.
- SPCA Annual Report and Accounts for 2009-10 available via Clerks Office. Also SPCA Newsletter September 2010 distributed at meeting.
- Flicks in the Sticks scheduled for Perton OAPs on Monday 8th November – 2:00pm.
- South Staffordshire Rural Transport Partnership Update September 2010 distributed to members via e-mail / available in Clerks office.
- Britvic to remove cold drinks machine from foyer as it is no longer cost effective for them.
- PPC Playground gate auto-closer repaired for third time in 3 months by Record - FOC
- South Staffs NHS – The PCT has commenced a public consultation on its Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).The PNA and all associated documents are available via www.southstaffordshirepct.nhs.uk more details with Clerk.
- South Staffordshire Council: Licensing Act requires that the Licensing Authority prepares and publishes a statement of its licensing policy every three years. Before determining its policy the Authority is required to undertake a public consult exercise on the proposed policy. The present policy must be revised on or before 7 January 2011. The South Staffordshire Council's revised draft licensing policy is available on the Council's website at: http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/have_your_say/public_consultation/licensing_policy_consultation.aspx

- Staffordshire County Council, with 95 other authorities, is participating in a national highways survey of which the public survey was carried out in June / July. This is now being extended to include Parish Councils and can be accessed via:
<http://scorelink.econtrack.co.uk?cede0d644b904a72b474ece6203af96e>

80/11 **REPLACEMENT PERSONAL COMPUTER QUOTE / BACK-UP PC**

The Clerk explained that the old PC used for 'Back-Up' is close to total failure and his own computer is now overloaded and very slow. Therefore he proposed that his current PC could be moved to 'Back-Up' function and his own replaced as per quote. He said that the only other issue is that PPC currently use Windows XP o/s together with Office 2003 (XP) business applications, however the new PC will be shipped with Windows 7 o/s which is not compatible with Office 2003 but he felt confident that he could obtain Office 2007 under the Staffs CC Licence and this could then be used on the new PC and also to upgrade the existing PCs.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk will order the new PC as per the quote and do as stated above to ensure seamless operation.

81/11 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – INSTALLATION QUOTE**

RESOLVED that the quote from Goodwin + Price, fixed at the same price as previous two years, be accepted.

82/11 **GRANT REQUEST**

a) **1st Perton Scout Group**

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred until the next meeting and the Clerk will write to the applicant to request additional information in respect to the figure of >£4k which is shown on the accompanying accounts as the year end account balance for the last two years.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th November 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 7.45 pm

Chairman
8th November 2010