

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 11th September 2006 @ 7:00pm**

Present A.K.James [Chairman]
Mrs. R. Heseltine [Vice Chairman]
D.J. Billson
Mrs P.Allen
Mrs. A James
Mrs J.R.Williams
Mrs. P.N. Pitt
Mrs. P.C.Bromley
C.J.Bromley
A.A. Bourke
R.J.Marshall
N.P.Caine

Members of the Public present : 13
Journalist from Wolverhampton Chronicle – Katy Muench
Neighbourhood Police – PC Frank Hossack & Special PC Clive Haddock

71/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Mrs P.M.French and R.French

72/07 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Mr Kirby of Reynolds Grove outlined an issue regarding trespass onto the playing fields at Perton Middle School and associated anti social behaviour. This was in support of written correspondence previously received from both Mr Kirby and also Mrs Fidgeon also of Reynolds Grove. PC Hossack has previously been involved and is aware of the problems but to date all trespassers have avoided contact with the local police. The Clerk has written to the school headmaster, Mr Kerin Jones requesting support with this issue and all correspondence has also been copied to County Councillor R.J.Marshall who has committed to visit the residents to gain a first hand knowledge of the problems. The Clerk has urged the affected residents to attend the Police Public meeting on 14th September.

Mr Sharp outlined strong concerns regarding the problems associated with the two week cycle for refuse collection. He and supporting members of public have no issue with the Euro directive and are comfortable with the concept of recycling. However the bin collections at two week intervals cause offensive smells and are thought likely to be the cause of considerable health hazards. He suggested that during winter months the rota of green bin collections should be reduced in order to save money which could then be used to re-enable weekly grey bin collections. He also stated that the Council should become a pressure group to ensure various products were packaged in a more environmentally friendly way. Cllr A.K.James requested Mr Sharp to list his points in a letter to enable us to take the arguments to the District Council. Cllr A.Bourke stated that Mr Sharp had previously produced

a handout detailing the issue. Cllr R.J.Marshall stated that it was possible that green bin collections were to be reduced over winter periods but was unable to say if the savings would be used to improve grey bin collections.

Mrs L.Harris stated that the anti-social behaviour and footballing continues unabated at Perton Clinic and though she was in receipt of the copy letter from the SW Staffs PCT this was now nearly two months old and no change was visible and she has seen no indication of an on site investigation. Additionally she mentioned that alcohol was often involved and questioned whether the Perton Off Licence may be a source of this problem. Cllr Billson stated that there had been previous agreement with the police to implement an alcohol ban but this had never actually happened. PC Frank Hossack stated that the report had never been received by them but was aware of the issues at the clinic.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write again o the PCT to request an update and timescale for fence etc.

Tina Davies stated that her experience with regard to the issues with the subway at Harald Close had made her realise that to make any small improvement was a very slow process. She said that she was disappointed to see that whilst the subways had again been recently re-painted this had already been the subject of fresh graffiti attacks. Her prime comment was that she had seen recent reports that Codsall had recently incurred £50k of expenditure in the local playground and wondered if Perton should follow suit. Cllr R.J.Marshall stated that this kind of expenditure was huge given the number of other viable projects competing for budget and suggested that some may consider this expense as being unwise but certainly it would provoke debate among interested and disinterested parties. Cllr Mrs P.Allen stated that large numbers of young children used the playground at Perton and its use should be monitored to test demand for such expenditure.

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POLICE MATTERS

POLICE REPORT PC Frank Hossack did not present the usual statistical report regarding reported incidents, although he did state that the continuing problem was that of youth nuisance, anti social behaviour and issues with mini bikes totalling 52 reported incidents since the last report.

PC Hossack provided a map of Perton which details the boundaries of the four Neighbourhood Management Areas (NAs) titled CF24, CF25, CF26 and CF27. The Central Area CF26 is the major problem area for Anti Social behaviour; all other areas are very low. It was also highlighted that Spencer Avenue was of specific concern due to one particular problematic family. Operation 'Lakeside' was a recent specific programme to deal with these issues but such focus simply displaces the problem elsewhere.

Cllr Mrs P.Pitt said that again availability of alcohol could be part of the problem here and Cllr D.Billson stated that the 'alcohol free zone' should be implemented as a matter of urgency and with or without a ban those guilty of causing a public nuisance due to alcohol misuse should be arrested immediately.

Cllr A.K.James stated that there was still some nuisance at the Car Park at

Gainsborough Drive, and PC Hossack countered that there was possibly some new funding available to develop the central sports pitch which would help alleviate many problem areas across Perton. Cllr Mrs P.Allen added that the issues on Perton are very similar to those experienced around the surrounding areas and there is an urgent need for youth facilities to reduce the issues of bad behaviour.

PC 4259 Lampitt/ PC 3537 Hossack can be contacted for any enquiries or information on voicemail 08453 3031232 (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)

74/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs A.K.James, C.J.Bromley, Mrs P.C.Bromley, Mrs R.Heseltine, Mrs P.Pitt, Mrs J.R.Williams & Mrs P.Allen all declared personal interest in the agenda item concerning Application for Grant for Perton Playing Fields Association. Cllr Mrs A.James declared personal interest in cheque No 103152 for Perton Pets, Cllr A.K.James declared personal interest in cheque Nos 103156 & 103169 for DowntoEarth, Cllr D.Billson declared personal interest in cheque No 103175 for Promarco Media and Cllr R.J.Marshall declared personal interest in agenda item 18 relating to the Anders Square notice board in respect to Frank Mari.

75/07 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th July 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 4th September 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Council accepted them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6th July 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Council accepted them.

RESOLVED that future Finance Committee minutes will include circulation of the monthly breakdown of income between the Centre and Parish.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Parish Plan Committee meeting held on 16th August 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Council accepted them.

76/07 **LOTTERY FUNDING PRESENTATION – Cllr R.J.Marshall**

This item was linked to the following item on the agenda – this will be the subject of a Special Council meeting on Monday 25th September and Katie White SSDC Sports Development Officer will attend.

77/07 **YOUTH LEISURE SCHEMES – Cllrs D.Billson & R.J.Marshall**

Cllr D.Billson informed the meeting that there are a number of youth service groups in existence and he and Cllr R.J.Marshall had been negotiating with these to join

forces and jointly apply for funding to enable key projects in Perton. Youth services will survey children (who have to apply for the grants) in order to produce a Business Plan. Certain funds are known to be available and these need to be applied for prior to Christmas and spent before March 2007. A key identified project is to convert the central sports pitch into an all weather pitch and to fence it off and provide directional lighting and some seating. Money for this project could be generated from several sources with different groups applying for separate funds. Cllr Mrs P.Allen expressed the importance of approaching the project with caution and stated the importance of not raising expectations too high since the project may be unable to proceed. Cllr Mrs A.James expressed some concerns over the project and stated that she was concerned about a large number of complaints generated in respect to a previously proposed project from residents living near to the play area

RESOLVED to examine the opportunity in greater detail at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 25th September.

78/07 **PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Clerk provided an update on progress to date.

- A) Plan printing is now complete. 6000 copies received.
- B) Distribution has started today and will continue until completion.
- C) Delivery of deposit boxes has started
- D) Poster will be produced shortly for the Plan (and also Music Festival)
- E) Leaflets will shortly be available for the Music Festival and subject to availability these will be dropped to each household with the Plan

RESOLVED that in the event of an overwhelming response to the Plan Questionnaire the Clerk is empowered to spend on additional resources to support the input of details to the PC software.

79/07 **ACCOUNTS 2005/2006 YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2006**

- A) Internal Audit completed by Derek Walker on 6th September 06 (last audit)
 - No minutes in respect to resignation of Clerk or appointment of new Clerk.
 - Bank reconciliations should be reported and statements signed off.
- B) 6 weeks extension obtained. Accounts advertised on 1st Sept.
- C) External Audit no later than 23rd October
- D) Statement of Compliance to be 'signed off' by council at Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th October thus any queries on accounts to be submitted to Clerks office by Friday 29th September latest.

80/07 **PERTON CLINIC**

The Council received the correspondence from the Chief Executive of the NHS SW Staffs PCT but were disappointed that in spite of the positive tone of the letter no following action had taken place.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would write again to the Chief Executive requesting both the outcome of the proposed investigation and also the intended timescale for the recommended action.

81/07 **CIVIC CENTRE EXTENSION PLANS – Cllr D.J.Billson**

Cllr D.Billson explained that currently the Civic Centre was operating well at its current market position but could expand its market positioning subject to the expansion of the premises in line with the plans produced last year. A letter from 'Muscom' was used to support a customer view. The SSCVA were currently advertising the fact that the Big Lottery Fund is potentially available for financing via the Community Building Programme and that SSCVA could provide support and guidance in this area.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will request more information and an application pack for stage 1 grant request from Big Lottery Fund – Community Buildings Programme.

82/07 **TRAFFIC HAZARD – CHURCH ROAD – Cllr A.Bourke**

Cllr A.Bourke informed the meeting that in recent months the area around the recycling bins within Sainsburys car park had become particularly untidy and at one time recently a sofa had been left. Additionally and of even greater concern is the access roads on and off the car park. At the entrance there is no dedicated walk way due to access onto the Petrol forecourt. At the exit to Church Road there is reduced visibility due to hedges and recycle bins on the one side and hedges screening Church Road on the other side. Additionally some drivers use Church Road as a speed way and as such this is very dangerous.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the Manager at Sainsburys requesting lines / speed humps, stop signs and other safety measures and copy letter to Health & Safety Team at South Staffs Council.

83/07 **ADDITIONAL BUS STOP SHELTER – Cllr N.P.Caine**

Cllr N.P.Caine informed the meeting that following the refurbishment of some of the Parkway Bus Shelters it was now a glaring omission that there is no Bus Shelter at Gainsborough Drive near to the site of the new Zebra Crossing. Several of the Members were of the impression that this shelter forms part of the costed proposal owned by Staffs CC as part of 'Safer Routes' project.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Simon Cartledge to obtain confirmation and timescale for the provision of this shelter.

84/07 **GRANT APPLICATION – PERTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

RESOLVED that the grant of £2000.00 is agreed and will be paid as soon as possible.

85/07 **NOTICE BOARDS**

- A) **Civic Centre** – Replacement to Notice Boards was Resolved at the Management Committee Meeting on 8th August 05 – Minute 12/05 refers. This will be implemented with three lockable glass covered display boards which will be designated Public, Perton and External.
- B) **Anders Square – Cllr Mrs P.Allen.** The external notice board was agreed with Salinsburys for location in Anders Square during 2005. Additionally this Board was commissioned with a local company who have built but not yet erected the Board.

RESOLVED that the Clerk instruct the supplier to complete the Board and arrange appropriate erection in Anders Square ASAP. It was noted that upon completion a second board will need to be quoted for in the area by Perton Library.

86/07 **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

A) Christmas Lighting – Cllr Mrs A.James

The existing lights are the property of Perton Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Jason at Precision Metalwork to arrange meeting to include Cllrs Mrs A.James and A.K.James.

B) Christmas Market – Cllrs Mrs A.James and Mrs P.Allen

RESOLVED not to proceed this year. There is a German Market in Pattingham and the Cllrs will take the opportunity to evaluate this.

C) Christmas ‘Carols & Turkey’ Service – Cllr Mrs A.James

Cllr Mrs A.James will continue to seek support for this event which is scheduled for 1st December 2006 to co-incide with Worlds Aids Day.

D) St. Georges Night – Cllr Mrs A.James

Cllr Mrs A.James advised the meeting that she has made a preliminary booking with Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Choir in conjunction with Perton Carnival Committee. No further details were discussed at this time.

87/07 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

A) Invitation to Workshop – Youth Provision Funding

RESOLVED that Cllr R.J.Marshall would accept the invitation as Perton Parish Council representative.

B) Gambling Policy Statement. The Clerk advised the meeting that the document had been received from SSDC Head of Legal & Licensing Services and would be retained in the Clerks office for reference.

C) Path between Jedburgh Drive and Wrottesley Arms. The correspondence from Steve Poyser at South Staffs Council stating that contract vehicle drivers had been instructed to keep off when wet was noted.

D) Councillors Reports

Cllr N.P.Caine advised that no report was offered due to current workload.

Cllr C.J.Bromley reported a successful 'free of charge' concert at Baggeridge Park and also a successful 'Sussed' programme which provided reduced charge activities for children.

Cllr Mrs P.C.Bromley reported a site meeting relevant to the i54 project which is a sizeable project of considerable interest involving an access bridge over the M54 which will be moved, the Park homes will be close to M54 extended slip road. Additionally the Codsall Leisure Centre is doing well and operating above budget following due in part to Health related activities.

Cllr A.K.James reported the official opening by Professor David Bellamy of the extended Sheltered Housing complex at Corsers Court which is considered to be excellent.

Cllr A.A.Bourke commented as follows:

Any surplus on leisure budget should be diverted to Perton where expenditure is continuously well short of the money raised. He stated that the new leisure centre at Cheslyn Hay was roughly equivalent to ten years worth of investment at Perton. Finally he made reference to the latest issue of the SSDC news paper which made reference to the local availability of a service to measure radio wave emissions.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact the appropriate SSDC departments to seek measurement of radio waves in the vicinity of Shackleton Drive where there are three transmitters.

88/07 **STANDING ORDER No 79**

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

89/07 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

A) Parkway – Proposed Toucan and Zebra Crossing

Concerns were expressed with regard to the proposal for a Toucan Crossing at The Parkway junction with St Andrews Drive in respect to the existing chicane arrangement.

RESOLVED that Cllr R.J.Marshall will arrange a 'site meeting' with Staffs CC representatives to consider all implications of the plan.

B) Subway Graffiti and Re-Painting

Further to recent re-painting it was reported that the fresh paint appears to have been very thinly applied allowing old graffiti to remain visible and had been applied to a poorly prepared surface and was now, in part, peeling off, also new obscene graffiti had already appeared. This was particularly evident at the subways by the Lower Lake and Cheriton Drive.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write again to Staffs CC to advise of current position and to again request proper anti-graffiti paint job.

C) Councillors Report –Cllr R.J.Marshall

- 1) Cllr R.J.Marshall referred to a letter dated 24th July concerning the Safety Cameras operated on Bridgnorth Road. Following operation in the area of The Fox at Shipley on 5th July the results were low with just one offence recorded. The Cllr will request additional cameras and / or assurance that the cameras at Trescott are kept 'live'.
- 2) The meeting was advised of possible future strike action by the Fire Brigade Union resulting from a trade dispute over the removal of some fire pumps and general downgrade in services.
- 3) Additional information was provided concerning traffic diversions at Bilbrook. Posters are displayed in The Civic Centre together with handouts detailing times and routes.

90/07 CORRESPONDENCE

A) Perton in Bloom

The Councillors noted the residents' letter and understand the points made. Cllr Mrs P.Allen suggested that SSDC should do more though it is recognised that Staffs CC have some responsibilities and that Perton Parish already request additional services from SSDC for upkeep of key areas.

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs A.James should attempt to clarify and complete her project with respect to the Sponsorship of the Roundabouts.

Cllr A.A.Bourke produced a glossy magazine titled 'Visit South Staffordshire' produced by SSDC which covered many areas across the location but failed to mention Perton in any aspect.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact the magazine editor to advise regarding Perton attributes.

91/07 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th July 2006.

			Date Returned
40	06/00716/FUL	Single storey side extension and canopy to front - 5 Arundel Grove, Perton, WV6 7RF	18/07/06
41	06/00747/FUL	Two storey extension - 51 Melrose Drive, Perton, WV6 7XH	18/07/06
42	06/00646/FUL	AMENDED PLANS Double extension and re-alignment of fence - 12 Elmley Grove, Perton, WV6 7RW	28/07/06
43	06/00607/FUL	Two storey side and single storey rear extension - 16 Kingswear Avenue, Perton, WV6 7RJ	28/07/06 Withdrawn 31/08/06

44	06/00825/FUL	Conservatory - 11 Oatlands Way, Perton, WV6 7XW	28/07/06
45	06/00775/FUL	Demolition of detached dwelling and construction of new 4 bed house - Manesty, Pattingham Road, Perton WV6 7HD	15/08/06
46	06/00873/FUL	Erection of shed on concrete base for use as starters hut - Wrottesley Park Golf Club, Holyhead Road, Codsall, WV8 2HL	17/08/06

Cllr Mrs P.Allen noted the large number of two storey extensions.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

			£
12/07/06	BACS	Part Wages Week 15	1409.77
14/07/06	103144	The Summer Chillout Playscheme	1000.00
14/07/06	103145	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	45.00
14/07/06	103146	Wickstead Leisure Ltd	71.09
14/07/06	103147	ADT Fire and Security plc	235.00
14/07/06	103148	Veolia ES Onyx Limited	146.86
14/07/06	103149	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
14/07/06	103150	Viking Direct	107.19
14/07/06	103151	BT	18.94
14/07/06	103152	Perton Pet & Garden	25.00
14/07/06	DD	British Gas Electricity	394.05
17/07/06	DD	Severn Trent	93.52
19/07/06	BACS	Wages Week 16	2984.13
24/07/06	103153	Viking Direct	13.96
24/07/06	103154	Perton Place	55.00
24/07/06	103155	Nobisco Limited	141.90
24/07/06	103156	DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	94.00
25/07/06	BACS	Wages Week 17	1673.08
26/07/06	DD	Unicom	65.75
27/07/06	103157	Mrs N.Jones Event Refund	50.00
28/07/06	103158	Morphy Richards Ltd	6.33
28/07/06	103159	Langley Financial Services Limited	299.00
01/08/06	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1169.00
01/08/06	BACS	Wages Week 18	1183.43
08/08/06	BACS	Part Wages Week 19	1044.30
08/08/06	BACS	Staffordshire County Pension Fund	946.71
08/08/06	BACS	Inland Revenue	2417.43
14/08/06	DD	British Gas - Electricity	394.28
14/08/06	BACS	Wages Week 20	1395.19
15/08/06	103160	ADT Fire and Security plc	515.98

15/08/06	103161	Hi-Tech Security Print Ltd	79.02
15/08/06	103162	Veolia ES Onyx Limited	158.95
15/08/06	103163	Brisol Ltd	56.16
15/08/06	103164	Nobisco Ltd	49.76
15/08/06	103165	Thyssen Krupp Elevator UK Ltd	160.31
17/08/06	DD	Severn Trent	93.52
22/08/06	BACS	Wages Week 21 & Advance Week 22	4377.48
22/08/06	103166	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
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22/08/06	103166	Kalidescope Limited	1116.25
22/08/06	103167	Kantara Limited	251.46
22/08/06	103168	SSDC	411.47
22/08/06	103169	DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	94.00
22/08/06	103170	SSDC Community Safety Partnership	200.00
22/08/06	103171	Mr D.Brown Event Refund	250.00
24/08/06	103172	Mr D.Guest - Event Refund	50.00
24/08/06	103173	Mrs S.Evans - Cancelled Event	140.00
29/08/06	DD	Unicom	70.22
31/08/06	103174	Post Office Ltd	143.34
31/08/06	103175	Promarco Media Division Ltd	401.85
31/08/06	103176	Mrs Povey-Pugh Event Refund	50.00
01/09/06	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/09/06	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1169.00
05/09/06	BACS	Wages Week 23	1796.66
		Total Expenditure	29550.09

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th October 2006 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9.58 pm

Cllr. A.K.James
Chairman
9th October 2006