

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]  
AK Black [Vice-Chairman]  
Mrs P Allen  
Mrs PN Pitt  
Mrs A. James  
Miss C Duffell  
DJ Billson [District & County Councillor] (from 8:20pm)  
AK James [District Councillor]  
D Fereday [District Councillor]  
AA Bourke  
NP Caine

District Councillor R. Moreton  
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden  
Neighbourhood Police Unit - Not in attendance  
Express & Star – Catherine Dalton (late arrival)  
Members of the Public present: Seven

171/10 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs RA Heseltine, Mrs S Bott, D Heseltine S Bott and D. Billson in anticipation of late arrival.

172/10 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mr David Allen explained to the members that he is very concerned about the apparent lack of visible support for our troops in Afghanistan and to help address this he has written a song called 'Glory to the boys!' which has been recorded by rock band Dementia at their own expense. The song is getting some airplay and was performed by the band at Molineux very recently to the crowd attending the match and was very well received. Mr Allen said his son James from Perton is a Royal Marine Commando and he would like to generate some support and profile for the troops and for the song both of which are featured on Facebook and the intent is for proceeds to go to help with equipment supplies for the soldiers fighting now unlike 'Help for Heroes' which is focused on returning troops.  
The members made various comments of support and it was noted that there are no longer any specific military hospitals to deal with wounded troops on their return.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will place an advert within the next copy of Perton Place stating that Perton Parish Council support our troops in Afghanistan and are very proud to do so and the Facebook page will be featured with a message to parishioners inviting them to visit the page and send a message of support to our troops, the same information will be placed on the PPC website.
- 2) Mrs Jean Brown and a neighbour from Severn Drive said they were disappointed that there was not yet a solution to the flooding problems and matters had deteriorated because it was now apparent that homes in this area are uninsurable. Mrs Brown has just received her renewal notification and her excess has risen from £50 to £2500 together with a doubling of the premium so she has cancelled the policy. The insurance company has now said that they will only revisit the terms (excess) once evidence has been provided indicating that works have been carried out to prevent further occurrences

of flooding.

Cllr A.K.James said that he has been involved with Perton Parish Council since its inception and that he was sure that there had been no flooding incidents prior to Sainsburys construction of the Severn Drive car park. Additionally he said that there had been no assessment of consequences and that Perton has a high water table anyway and thus the risk was even higher.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that the fall of the car park was towards Severn Drive but that Sainsburys did not own the land at the outset but that Cllr D.Billson, on his arrival, may have ideas of evidence that could be utilised for insurance purposes. The Clerk said that as the insurance company is only involved in risk they would only be interested in evidence showing that the cause had been corrected rather than who was at fault and what was the issue.

Cllr A.Bourke said that prior to Christmas a public meeting had been promised but this has not yet happened and it needs to happen as soon as possible to highlight the issues and secure a resolution.

**RESOLVED** that a public meeting should take place as soon as possible to attempt to progress the issues and additionally the Clerk will contact South Staffs Council Planning Dept to see if any records exist in connection with the drainage associated with Sainsburys Severn Drive car park.

- 3) Cllr Mrs A.James informed the members that Mr Bill Firmstone, a previous Councillor of Perton Parish Council, had recently lost his wife. Date, time and location details for the funeral were provided.
- 4) The Chairman, Cllr Mrs C.Young read aloud a letter received by post on 8<sup>th</sup> April from 'Perton Residents' concerning dog walkers who have now found a previously open path to be closed and signs stating 'No Entry Shooting in Progress'. The letter did not identify the location referred to and similarly carried no name, address or contact number in respect to a reply.

Cllr A.Bourke said he had received similar reports and had checked out the area concerned which is off Dippons Lane where there has been a gent with a gun who has apparently been somewhat intimidating according to some parishioners.

Cllr N.P.Caine said that there was a public footpath in this area but subject to having a gun permit it is allowable to discharge a gun near a footpath.

District Cllr R.Moreton said that as a 'shooter' he is aware that an individual is allowed to shoot a licensed gun within fifty feet of a public highway subject to the landowner's permission and that advice could be sought from the police.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that as a permit is required to own and fire a gun then the police would be able to confirm legal gun owners in the area.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr N.P.Caine will take this matter up with both South Staffordshire Council and the local police and report back.

## 173/10 **POLICE MATTERS**

### (a) **Police Report**

Period covered 04/03/2010 to 06/04/2010.

Beat areas	CF24	Mercia
	CF25	Richmond
	CF26	Central
	CF27	Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	2	4	7	1	14(-)
ASB vehicle	0	0	0	1	1(-5)
Criminal Damage	0	0	3	0	3(-7)
Damage M Vehicles	0	1	2	0	3(-2)
Burglary Dwelling	1	1	1	2	5 (+4)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	1	0	1(+1)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	1	1	2(-)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1(-5)
Theft other	0	1	4	0	5(-)
Assault	0	0	2	0	2(+1)
Robbery	0	1	1	0	2(+1)
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0	0(-)
Drugs	1	0	0	0	1(+1)

### **ASB**

The Anti social behaviour wasn't too bad. However issues of moving garden ornaments occurred in the Mercia area again. Hot spots still include Gainsboro' and Anders Square. The issues of mini motorbikes were well reduced due to high visual patrol by neighbourhood team.

### **Burglary Dwelling**

The burglary dwellings were up for this period with all areas of the village being targeted. One of the burglaries included a theft of high performance vehicle with keys. Two reports were of the bogus official type burglary where the victims were elderly.

### **Vehicle Crime**

Vehicle crime was well reduced however one of the robberies included the car jacking of an Audi sports. This was later recovered in Wolverhampton, and CID are continuing the enquiries. This type of crime has been occurring also on the West Mids area. It would appear the offenders followed their victim from Sainsburys car park. Also in vehicle crime were two reports of fuel lines being cut and the petrol being stolen. This type of crime was recently covered on the news due to the high prices of fuel.

### **Violent Crime**

Along with the car jacking there was another reported robbery. This involved a pizza delivery driver having his money taken.

### **Other**

The drugs offence was a minor offence of possession.

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).

As there were no police in attendance there was no further discussion beyond the report.

## 174/10 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr N.P.Caine declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103931 paid to Ricoh UK Ltd and Cllr AK James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103933 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

175/10 **MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March 2010 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

176/10 **DRAFT MINUTES**

a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 9th April 2010 together with income statement for March be accepted for information.

177/10 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*This item was partly taken out of agenda sequence due to the late arrival of Cllr. D.Billson*

a) **Perton Youth Club**

It was noted that SSDC have now granted permission in respect to the planning application for Perton Pavilion. This is subject to a number of conditions.

Cllr D.Billson advised that the new Area Youth Manager was starting imminently.

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

Further to the discussion in the public open session prior to Cllr D.Billsons arrival he said that a joint letter from Staffs County Council, South Staffordshire Council and Severn Trent had been sent to all affected residents fairly recently to keep them informed, and that now Easter has passed he is hoping that a meeting can be set very soon. He said that there appears to be issues with the dimensions of the Severn Trent holding tank, one significant concern being that the combined total water inputs to the tank are greater than the output volume. Additionally he pointed out that the Penk from Gainsborough Drive to the Upper Lake is culverted and a recent investigation showed this to be silted up. To clean this would normally incur a cost to Sainsburys and local householders where it runs under their land but in this instance he felt that it was likely that the cost for this work may be met by the three organisations currently investigating the flooding.

c) **Community Paths Initiative**

There was some discussion in respect to the quotes obtained and Cllr Mrs P.Allen maintained that it would be a good idea to develop the existing PPC map of paths to show some circular walks.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will make an application via the Community Paths Initiative to cover the printing costs of 2000 maps and should the grant be awarded we will use local walkers groups to determine the information content in respect to the circular walks. Additionally, as suggested by Cllr A.K.James, the Clerk will obtain a copy of the map showing definitive rights of way around Perton.

d) **County Councillor's Report**

Cllr D.Billson reported the following items:

- The new Chief Executive starts in the near future.
- In regard to previous concerns regarding the gritting of Sainsburys Car Park it transpires that Sainsburys have a private contract with the same company that provides gritting services to the Highways Division.

- There are problems nationwide in respect to highway potholes but Staffs CC has an additional £30m in the budget to help improve matters in this area.
- Directorships have been reduced from 12 to 8. The Directorate for 'Children, Young People & Families' incorporates Integrated Youth Support Service.

178/10 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Allotment Strategy**

Following some discussion it was generally agreed that the focused strategy is a step in the right direction but that the process of obtaining actual allotments for parishioners is very slow.

**RESOLVED** that a strategy statement be posted on the PPC website to keep parishioners informed.

b) **Playing Fields – Grounds Maintenance Recharge Costs**

There were concerns expressed regarding the proposed costs to be transferred to the Parish Council both in terms of the amount and the justification. It was noted that the land concerned is owned by SSDC and leased to PPC and then leased on to PPFA. If the lease is the trigger for the charges then the ultimate responsibility for cost sits with PPFA who do not have the resources to pay.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will invite Howard Medicot to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the options which should include the legality of the proposed charges in respect to maintenance of land owned by SSDC and the possibility of PPC handing back the lease.

c) **Geese Peace Evaluation**

Howard Medicot's response to our comments and queries were noted, and additionally concern was expressed insofar as the fencing around the island in Upper Lake has been down for a long while giving easy access to the geese to lay their eggs.

**RESOLVED** that this matter will be reviewed with Howard Medicot in conjunction with the Ground Maintenance charge referred to above.

d) **District Councillors' Report**

*Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine though not present sent the following report which was distributed at the meeting:*

Since the last Parish Council meeting I have attended the following at District Council: On March 9<sup>th</sup> a Regulatory meeting and on 16<sup>th</sup> March two meetings – the first being a Community and Environmental Services Scrutiny Panel meeting and the second an Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople interim policy. The final Regulatory meeting before the Easter break took place on March 30<sup>th</sup> and it was at this meeting that the re-submitted planning application for the Pavilion at Gainsborough Drive was approved. However, those of us who represent Perton at Parish and are also District Councillors left the Chamber and took no part in the proceedings. On April 1<sup>st</sup> I attended another Community and Environmental Services Scrutiny Panel.

Cllr AK. James reported that the application to fell protected trees at Silver Poplars has been refused.

Cllr D.Fereday reported that he attended the Regulatory meeting.

Cllr R.Moreton reported that he had attended the Regulatory meeting and also the Licensing meeting where an application from The Dartmouth Arms was approved.

Additionally he informed the members that once again a new but reduced programme of Inter Parish Games was starting very soon with the Sports Quiz on 14<sup>th</sup> April followed by Table Tennis and Rifle Shooting on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April respectively.

179/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

Application No.	Proposals
10/00103/ADV	Retention of site identification boards and modifications to include lighting and changeable advertisements - Perton Park Golf Club, Wrottesley Park Road, Perton

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to complying with size and lighting conditions.

10/00191/FUL	Realignment of existing fence to provide clear views of site identification boards Perton Park Golf Club, Wrottesley Park Road, Perton
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The Council raised no objections to the alignment change subject to a condition to maintain an open visual area at the entrance is included.

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
10/00059/FUL	Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling - Beverley House, Pattingham Road, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission

180/10 **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 8th March 2010**

01/03/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/03/10	103922	Miss C.Hathaway - Deposit Refund	50.00
03/03/10	BACS	Wages Week 48	1162.21
08/03/10	103923	Perton Place	55.00
08/03/10	103924	ThyssenKrupp Elevator UK Limited	193.88
08/03/10	103925	South Staffordshire District Council	107.99
10/03/10	BACS	Wages Week 49	1175.06
10/03/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1517.08
10/03/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2329.75
11/03/10	103926	Nobisco Limited	36.05
11/03/10	103927	ESPO	141.52

11/03/10	103928	Edge Designs Ltd	352.50
15/03/10	103929	Music & Worship Foundation - Deposit Refund	150.00
16/03/10	BACS	Wages Week 50	1266.88
23/03/10	BACS	Wages Week 51 Month 12	4166.11
24/03/10	103930	MGD Solutions	196.00
25/03/10	DD	Unicom	48.08
25/03/10	103931	Ricoh UK Ltd	227.14
29/03/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	386.34
29/03/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	916.54
29/03/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	114.12
29/03/10	DD	BT Business Broadband	69.76
29/03/10	103932	Mrs Finney - Deposit Refund	150.00
29/03/10	103933	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.87
30/03/10	BACS	Wages Week 52	1260.34
31/03/10	103934	Post Office Limited	173.77
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16392.99</b>

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

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

181/10 **CLERK'S REPORT – APRIL 2010**

**Matters ongoing / resolved as at 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

- Ian Glynne has replaced Bert Loader as Perton Litter warden on Rota 2.
- Contracted to Advantage Edge for 5 years to replace current 'Onsite' Accounts software package with improved 'Online' version of product which has numerous advantages including cost reduction and daily backup of data.
- Under stage heat battery failed overnight on 8<sup>th</sup> March – Andy Cox again to the rescue. RHF Heating has again removed the battery which is probably beyond repair and will try to cost a replacement.
- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 Heater Battery has been returned and refitted today – Repair was done on a 'no charge' warranty basis. We have been told that the unit is fragile and may fail again, however a replacement unit can be fabricated in thicker grade (stronger) copper for approx £1500.00 fitted.
- Plyvine Bar review with MD Phil Matthews. Phil will introduce Guinness in the very near future using 'surger' cans with ultrasound plinth. Very good quality.
- Harlequin Pantomimes Management Committee has agreed payment of £812.00 to PPC as contribution towards additional 63amp stage electrical sockets, payment is imminent.
- Harlequin Pantomimes have received £500 grant from South Staffordshire Council as contribution to blackout blinds in Lakeside Hall. I have advised them to 'hold' pending PPC Management Committee decision on possible false ceiling.
- SSDC Summer Sussed will provide five additional days that will be made available to PPC and end users free of charge. All dates agreed with SSDC and venues will be either Perton Civic Centre or Perton Muga starting from Civic Centre.
- Potholes on Richmond Drive / Parkway (Peverill Rd end) reported to Clarence, acknowledged on 18<sup>th</sup> March ref: 1054305
- WMRSS Phase Two Revision Secretary of State's Proposed Changes: To access the letter please view the Government Office West Midlands (GOWMs) website: <http://www.gos.gov.uk/gowm/Planning/515750/863204/>

- SPCA Newsletter March 2010 distributed at meeting.
- Consultation on SSDC LDF Core Strategy Policy H4 – Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Documentation via Clerks office, [www.sstaffs.gov.uk](http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk) or online consultation <http://sstaffs-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>
- Black Country Core Strategy: Submission documents together with additional documents available on CD in Clerks office or via <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk>

Cllr N.P.Caine said that he had also reported the potholes several times and that temporary repairs were being done but they do not last long.

182/10 **MUGA FLOODLIGHTS – ELECTRICAL SUPPLY QUOTATION**

The quotation was noted.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be held over and reviewed at the next precept meeting.

183/10 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE-MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2010/11**

**RESOLVED** that the membership be renewed at a cost of £22.00

184/10 **SPCA-MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2010/11**

**RESOLVED** that the membership be renewed at a cost of £715.00

185/10 **LAKESIDE DOG CONTROL – CLLR MRS A.JAMES**

Cllr Mrs A.James said that she was concerned about a number of attacks recently by uncontrolled unleashed dogs both on people and other dogs and animals and said that signs should be erected stating that dogs should be controlled and on a lead.

Cllr AK James said that signs were already in place at the Playing Fields and Playground where the Parish has a direct interest and we know the byelaws where we have previously seen the interpretation and only a court case could test the matter.

Cllr A.Bourke asked if the byelaws covered the whole local area and the Clerk said he thought the byelaw was specific to the play areas but the District Council land owners would have powers to erect signs if they could be convinced. Cllr A.K.James reminded the members that we do not have the ability to enforce dog related issues.

**RESOLVED** that this matter will be reviewed with Howard Medicot in conjunction with the Ground Maintenance charge referred to above.

186/10 **GRANT REQUEST**

a) **Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £100.00 be made.

187/10 **510 TEMPORARY BUS STOP LOCATION – CLLR A.BOURKE**

There was considerable discussion regarding the unsuitability of the location of the 510 route temporary start and finish point whilst the Bus Station was under reconstruction. The location at the Chapel Ash end of Darlington Street is not good enough as it is very difficult for Perton people, particularly the aged and infirm, to access the railway station, town centre and connecting services. It was noted that a petition has been started and that there has been a lot of adverse press on this matter in the local papers.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the appropriate authority to outline our concerns

regarding this matter and request an improvement to the stop location as soon as possible. Additionally Fred O'Leary will attend a meeting in Wolverhampton regarding transport issues with the remit to speak on behalf of Perton residents that are experiencing problems with the temporary arrangements.

188/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Wolverhampton Airport Action Group**

The information was noted.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8:50 pm

**Chairman  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2010**