

**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**PERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the Perton Civic Centre on**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 @ 7:00pm**

Present A.K.James [Chairman]  
A.A. Bourke  
Mrs A.James  
Mrs J.R.Williams  
S.Bott  
N.P.Caine (from 8.35pm)

Members of the Public present : Twelve  
Journalist from Wolverhampton Chronicle – Katy Swann  
Neighbourhood Police – Unable to attend.

185/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P.Allen, Mrs.R.Heseltine, Mrs. P.N. Pitt, Mrs P.C.Bromley, Mrs P.M.French C.J.Bromley, R.J.Marshall, D.Billson and R.French.

186/07 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Mr Paul Davis opened the session with a series of comments concerning the rise of Anti-Social Behaviour in and around Perton Centre. He stated that the problems were increasing around Sainsburys and the Post Office where large gatherings of youths were often intimidating and impeding access to the respective premises. Similar problems are also often experienced around the Youth Shelter and aggressive football games by the shops were now the 'norm'. His comments were endorsed by most of the members of public present.

Cllr A.A.Bourke stated that both he and Cllr Mrs A.James were shop keepers at Perton Centre locations and as such were able to confirm that this type of behaviour is now a daily occurrence.

Cllr A.K.James requested that Mr Davis document this feedback in writing together with his contact details and pass to the Clerk ASAP in order that these matters can be escalated at a forthcoming meeting for Parish Chairman with Sir Patrick Cormack M.P. and the new Police Chief Constable. Mr Davis confirmed that he would comply with the request.

The Clerk advised all members of the public that Neighbourhood PC Duncan Lampitt and PCSO Teresa Wilkes had arranged to conduct the first of a proposed regular series of Police Community Surgeries at Perton Civic Centre on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007 from 09.45 to 11.15.

Mr Fred O'Leary raised a query concerning salting of the roads at the Raglan Avenue end of Richmond Drive / The Parkway. Apparently there is no grit bin at this location.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact Staffs CC Highways to flag this issue.

Mr Alan Bickley from Portrush Road raised concerns regarding the recent traffic

calming project at The Parkway junction with St Andrews Rd where the northern half of the existing 'chicane' feature has been replaced with a 'Toucan' crossing. He stated that these measures had made a bad situation worse since the calming measures with the Toucan crossing and the southern chicane are now in conflict with each other and he suggested a possible solution may be to remove the southern chicane so that all traffic control is handled by the Toucan crossing. He further stated that the original and now redundant 'Give Way' sign on the northern side relating to the removed chicane had been removed as requested but the pole and 'white light' illumination for the sign still remained and was a hazard to drivers. Cllr S.Bott pointed out that The Parkway seemed to deploy a two tier approach with traffic calming since the chicane and crossing are on one side whilst 'sleeping policemen' were in use on the opposite side.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr A.K.James will seek to set up a meeting at the site of the crossing / chicane and involve Cllrs Mrs R.Heseltine and R.Marshall. Additionally the Clerk will contact Staffs CC Highways to raise the concern regarding the redundant signage.

Charlene Duffell of Sandown Drive requested the provision of an additional drain / soak away in the area of 20/22 Sandown Drive where there is often excess water on the road surface and also stated that there was a blocked drain in Auden Court which often caused excess surface water.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will raise these issues with Staffs CC Highways office.

Tina Davies requested an update to the issue of re-painting the Subways particularly that at Harald Close following the site visit by Cllr R.J.Marshall and David Wright of Staffs CC Highways office.

Cllr A.A. Bourke advised that the landscaping requirements in the area of Livingstone Avenue also reviewed at the same site meeting were still outstanding. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will chase up and seek to get a response from Staffs CC Highways office.

187/07 **POLICE MATTERS**

**A) Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs- Police Report 07/01/2007 to 12/02/2007

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Rowdy / ASB behaviour...	30 #1
ASB Vehicles...	2
Criminal Damage...	10 #2
Damage to M/V...	7 #2
Burglary dwelling...	1 #3
Burglary other building...	1 #4
TWOC/ take vehicle...	0
Theft of M/V...	1 #5
Theft from M/V...	1
Theft Other...	0
Shop theft...	1
Assaults...	3
Robbery...	0

1. There were a high number of Rowdy and Anti-Social Behaviour reports for this period. Hot spot areas include Hamble Grove, Cheriton Grove and Anders Sq areas. However, 6 reports of ASB (anti-social behaviour) and 1 assault report stem from snowballing incidents. Football in Anders Square continues to be a source of ASB, and this would suggest an all weather area for football, previously discussed, would improve matters.
2. The problem of mindless vandalism/ damage has not gone away. Higher levels of damage, both to vehicles and property were reported. Cars being jumped on and fences being pulled down feature. Any information into these incidents should be reported. One elderly lady, having her fence destroyed, has left her feeling very distressed.
3. There was a burglary dwelling reported, where offenders kicked in the front door to steal a 42" LCD TV. Offenders carrying out such burglaries in South Staffs and W Mids areas were detained, carrying out a similar burglary just across the border.
4. The burglary other buildings was reduced this month. However 8 local youths are helping police with enquiries with the one reported.
5. There was an M/V stolen, where the injured party had left his vehicle running on the driveway while it defrosted. Returning half an hour later it had gone.
6. Also, Perton's Neighbourhood police team has now doubled, with the introduction of PCSO's Teresa Wilkes and Rachel Street. Any information can be left on our voicemails, in confidence, on 08453 303132. (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)(08861 PCSO Wilkes)(08862 PCSO Street).
7. PC Lampitt and PCSO Wilkes will be holding a Community Surgery, at Perton Civic Building on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007, between 9.45am and 11.15 am. Anyone wishing to discuss local issues is very welcome.

## **B) Use of Civic Centre**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will inform Inspector Pat Shannaghan that in principle the Council agree that it is acceptable and desirable for the PCSOs to be based at the Civic Centre but that it will be necessary to establish police controlled access outside of normal opening hours.

## **C) Police Conference – Doorstep Crime**

The members noted the details of the conference to be held at Perton Civic Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April and will advise the Clerk by the cut-off date of 12<sup>th</sup> March if it is their intention to attend.

## **D) Meeting with the Chief Constable and Sir Patrick Cormack**

The members noted the details of the pending meeting of Sir Patrick Cormack / Parish Chairmen and the new Chief Constable on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Codsall Parish rooms at 6.30 pm. The Clerk will provide Cllr A.K.James with a list of key policing issues at Perton by the end of February.

### 188/07 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr A.A.Bourke declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item concerning Perton Brownies request for financial support in respect of the camp outing and personal interest in the request from Perton Village Nursery for Educational Software.

Cllr Mrs A.James declared personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item concerning 'Not Yet Known'.

### 189/07 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

**RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007 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 15th January 2007 be confirmed as a true record and the Council accepted them.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9th January 2007 and the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2007 together with the Income Statement from April to January 2007 be confirmed as a true record and the Council accepted them.

### 190/07 **REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONARY ROOM HIRE RATE / FUNDING**

#### **A) Police Conference on Doorstep Crime – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**RESOLVED** that this conference may be charged at the concessionary rate.

#### **B) Central Orchid Society**

**RESOLVED** that future bookings from this society can be charged at the concessionary rate.

**C) 'Not Yet Known'**

Cllr Mrs A.James sat out this session.

**RESOLVED** that the Council will be unable to support the request for free access to the Civic Centre for band practice since virtually all users are required to pay the concessionary rate as a minimum and additionally this type of use would almost certainly be intrusive to other users due to the noise levels. Cllr A.K.James stated that if the band leader would like to contact him it may be possible to allow access to the Pavilion via PPFA.

**D) Codsall Community Arts Festival 2008**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to Codsall Community Arts Festival organisers and state that Perton Parish Council will sponsor an event (yet to be determined) in the 2008 Arts Festival and will donate £100.00 to the festival fund raising committee.

191/07 **WILD ABOUT PERTON – DRAFT CONSTITUTION**

**RESOLVED** that PPC are agreed that it is acceptable for the Parish Councils name to be referenced in the 'Wild about Perton' constitution document.

192/07 **NEW YEARS EVE – CHARITY/COMMUNITY BENEFICIARIES**

**A) 3<sup>rd</sup> Perton Brownie Pack – Request for Camp Support**

Cllr A.A.Bourke left the meeting during discussions on this item.

**RESOLVED** that the Brownie pack will be awarded £250.00 from the New Years Eve Charity Disco proceeds as contribution towards the pack Camp.

**B) Perton Village Nursery – Request for Educational Software**

**RESOLVED** that Perton Village Nursery will be awarded £215.90 (cost + VAT) from the New Years Eve Charity Disco proceeds to purchase three 'Educational CD-ROMs'.

193/07 **TRAFFIC ISLAND RE-PLANTING**

The Clerk advised that SSDC had suggested that the traffic island / roundabout at Stephenson Drive could be re-planted to make a far more attractive 'first impression' as people approach Perton Village. 'Wild about Perton' had agreed in principal to carry out the planting and SSDC had agreed in principal to share the cost of shrubs / trees with the Parish Council. The Clerk expects to have a planting layout and full costing available for the next meeting and suggested that since the New Years Eve Disco proceeds still contained approximately £535.00 then expense on this project could be viewed as a 'worthwhile cause' to benefit all of Perton.

194/07 **BTCV DAYS - UPDATE**

It was previously agreed that PPC would purchase two days of labour from BTCV to provide an extensive 'litter pick' at Perton Playing Fields and also to have them cut back and clear overgrown shrubs from numerous pathways around Perton. However following discussions with BTCV it transpires that at least two days would be required for cutting back at the pathways and then only a small percentage would get done, however the real issue would be what happens to the shrub trimmings since BTCV have no facility to remove these thus co-ordination with a third party would be required at additional expense.

Cllr Mrs A.James stated that PCF still performed a regular monthly litter pick and Cllr A.K.James stated that it would be potentially possible to utilise the 'unpaid work group' available via Staffs Probationary Service.

**RESOLVED** to defer the work via BTCV and consider alternative methods of dealing with the issues.

195/07 **PLAYGROUND ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk has invited Record Playground Equipment Ltd to visit the childrens playground and to provide a written assessment regarding the quality and suitability of the existing play items and to make suggestions regarding improvements and possible costs. The representative visited on 30<sup>th</sup> January and it is hoped that the appraisal document will be available for the next Parish Council meeting in March.

196/07 **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS**

**A) Talon and other concerts**

**RESOLVED** that Talon will be contracted to appear at Perton Civic Centre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007 as part of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour. The fee will be £3000.00 and tickets will be priced at £13.00 each.

Cllr D.Billson has an opportunity to book a UB40 tribute band at £1200.00 towards the end of the year. The band have a USA tour this summer and since the band already have sold out at a number of venues it is anticipated that their fee will rise considerably after this tour.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Billson seeks to book this band for the Civic Centre on an available Friday / Saturday towards the end of November. The Clerk advised that Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December was pencilled in the diary for a possible event.

**B) St Georges Night – Cllr Mrs A.James**

Details for this event are yet to be confirmed, though it is noted that Perton Carnival have secured Cannock Orpheus Choir to perform.

**RESOLVED** that the event, which is committed in the bookings diary, should proceed subject to the details being ratified at the next Management Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

197/07 **SOUTH STAFFS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

*Cllr N.P.Caine joined the meeting.*

**A) MUGA Update**

The Clerk advised the meeting that a BACS transfer of £10,000.00 had been received on 5<sup>th</sup> February from Staffordshire County Council - YCF Grant. This was assumed to be a contribution towards the MUGA.

**B) Parish / District Council Liaison Meetings**

The schedule of meetings was noted.

**C) LDF – Housing Allocations and Policies Development Plan**

The development plan was noted.

**D) LDF – Wolverhampton Airport Policy Area Development Plan**

The development plan was noted.

**E) Councillors Report**

Cllr N.P.Caine advised that on this occasion he had no report to make.

Cllr A.K.James reported a meeting at SSD regarding policing strategy and advised that he would be attending additional meetings concerning policing in the community.

198/07 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**A) Safely Around Staffordshire Booklets**

**RESOLVED** that the booklets, which are available free of charge, are likely to be of value for distribution to the general public and the Clerk will order fifty units.

**B) Social Care & Health**

This information was noted by PPC.

**C) County Councillors' Report**

Cllr R.J.Marshall has offered apologies for non-attendance and therefore no report was offered.

199/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**A) South Staffordshire First Responders**

The correspondence concerning successful defibrillator training was noted.

**B) Contingency Plan – Bus Lane**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will chase this item since no response from Staffs CC Highways office has yet been received and will also contact Staffs Police to seek their support on this issue.

**C) Feedback on Bus Shelter Refurb / Road Maps**

The positive comments in the correspondence from Geraldine Smith concerning both the road maps and the Bus Shelters were noted.

**D) Youth Provision**

**RESOLVED** that the comments from Melanie Kelly concerning youth activities on Perton were valid but that the Parish Council has no facilities to deliver youth club activities as requested. Accordingly the Clerk will respond to Melanie with contact details for the Staffs CC Youth Services Manager – Richard Coggins.

200/07 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 8 January 2007.**

Application No.	Proposals	Date Returned
07/00014/FUL	Conservatory - 27 Wentworth Grove, Perton, South Staffordshire. WV6 7RD	23/01/07
07/00036/FUL	Ground floor bedroom extension - 12 The Cartway, Perton, South Staffordshire. WV6 7RD	23/01/07
07/00040/FUL	Single storey rear extension - 27 Brunel Grove, Perton, South Staffordshire. WV6 7YD	23/01/07

The Council raised no objections to the above applications.

07/00055/FUL	Conservatory - 19 Wentworth Grove, Perton, South Staffordshire. WV6 7RD	07/02/07
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The Council raised no objections to the above application subject to brickwork matching existing building.

6/01411/FUL	Erection of dog boarding kennels following the demolition of agricultural buildings and stable - Symmond Syde, Holyhead Road, Kingswood WV7 3AP	23/01/07
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The Council raised no objections to the above application subject to no objections from the neighbourhood and if planning permission for a business is in place/required.

Cllr A.K.James advised that he has been in contact with SSDC concerning concerns of residents in the proximity of the above proposal but no decision has yet been taken.

07/00063/FUL	Proposed Garage - 30 Gleneagles, Perton, South Staffordshire. WV6 7YN	09/02/07
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One District Councillor has requested the above application be referred to the Regulatory Committee.

Cllr N.P.Caine explained his objection to the meeting.

**Appeal Decision - 53 St Andrews Drive, Perton (06/00268/FUL)**

Notification from South Staffordshire Council that planning permission has been granted for a first floor side extension above existing garage.

201/07 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

			£
09/01/07	BACS	Wages Week 41	1060.41
09/01/07	BACS	Inland Revenue	2260.51
09/01/07	BACS	Staffordshire County Pension Fund	1081.21
15/01/07	103291	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
15/01/07	103292	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	135.24
15/01/07	103293	Mr V.Kaushal- Event Deposit Refund	270.00
15/01/07	103294	F1 Metal Fabrications Ltd	1521.16
15/01/07	103295	BT	18.94
15/01/07	103296	SSDC - Inter Parish Games Donation	35.00
16/01/07	BACS	Wages Week 42	1071.10
17/01/07	DD	Severn Trent	125.11
17/01/07	103297	Viking Direct Limited	88.28
17/01/07	103298	Audit Commission	1057.50
17/01/07	103299	Edge Designs Ltd	235.00
22/01/07	103300	Signs Now 270	1320.84
22/01/07	103301	PJB Midlands Ltd	1111.55
24/01/07	BACS	Wages Week 43	3517.57
25/01/07	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	118.83
26/01/07	DD	Unicom	57.45

29/01/07	DD	British Gas - Electricity	555.32
29/01/07	DD	British Gas - Gas	486.71
30/01/07	BACS	Wages Week 44	1171.07
01/02/07	DD	TV Licence	131.50
01/02/07	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/02/07	103302	Harlequin Pantomime Productions	250.00
01/02/07	103303	SSDC - Grounds Maintenance 3rd Qtr	93.73
01/02/07	103304	Brisol Limited	169.84
01/02/07	103305	Nobisco Ltd	149.40
01/02/07	103306	Screwfix Direct Ltd	48.36
01/02/07	103307	MGD Solutions	2940.00
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21422.38</b>

Cllr N.P.Caine queried cheque 103301, 103305 and 103307 and the Clerk was able to provide satisfactory explanation.

### **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9.00 pm

**Cllr. A.K.James**  
**Chairman**  
**12th March 2007**