

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 12th May 2008 @ 7:00pm**

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

District Councillor - R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present : 4
Neighbourhood Police Team: PC Frank Hossack and PCSO Teresa Wilkes

01/09 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from County Councillor RJ Marshall.

02/09 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mr T Harding thanked the Council for taking up the issue of Perton Paths with SSDC and hopes that this will reach a satisfactory conclusion. Cllr AK James offered thanks to Mr Harding for providing a good video tape showing the path issues which he said were most useful.
- 2) Mr F O'Leary brought to the attention of the Council an area where trees require cut-back and trimming since they are impacting the footpaths in the area. In describing the location Cllr NP Caine said that he knew of this problem but that the trees concerned were on private property.
- 3) Mr P Pritchard informed the Council of details concerning the sponsored Bag Pack at Sainsburys on the 7th June, the proceeds of which will go towards the opening event of the MUGA and Playground. Additionally, he stated that he had applied to JOG (Joint Operations Group) for funding based on building safer communities, in order to provide 'taster' coaching sessions once the MUGA is opened.
- 4) Cllr Mrs A James stated that she was very concerned about fly-tipping in the area and asked what was happening in terms of this problem. Cllr DJ Billson said that a recent prosecution had taken place of a driver found dumping tarmac and Cllr AK James said that a Mr Nedic had recently been fined following complaints via Police and SSDC; He said it was vital to catch these people in the act.

Cllr Mrs P Allen asked if it was permissible to do covert filming of these acts and could such information be used in court. Cllr Billson said that SSDC do this and the information is admissible in court.

- 5) Cllr S Bott said that a parcel of land off Dippons Lane had recently been put up for sale and as a result a local path has been blocked off to pedestrians. Cllr Mrs R Heseltine said that she had recently received a letter from a parishioner and would be investigating, and Cllr AK James said that this had been used as an apparent 'Right of Way' for many years which was confirmed by Mr T Harding.
- 6) Cllr AA Bourke raised a query on behalf of a parishioner who was concerned about a letter received from Perton Sandown First School stating that there had been a reduction of time allocated for swimming lessons at Codsall Leisure Centre. Cllr AK James asked if the reduction was at the request of the school or if it was being imposed by the Leisure Centre or the County Council. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that to her knowledge the schools had to pay £130 per hour plus the cost of the swimming instructor so the problem could be a budget cut back at the school.
RESOLVED that Cllr Bourke will supply a copy of the letter to the Clerk who will then check out with the appropriate authorities to uncover the root of the problem.

03/09 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mrs R Heseltine nominated Mrs CM Young which was seconded by Cllr DJ Billson.
RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs CM Young be elected Chairman for the year 2008 / 09.

04/09 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr Mrs CM Young read and then signed the Declaration of Office and then took the chair.

05/09 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr AK Black requested permission to speak and stated that he was unhappy with regard to the nature of recent requests to nominate him as Vice-Chairman and as a result said that he was unable to be nominated for this position by any individual.

Cllr AA Bourke was nominated by Cllr Mrs P Allen and this was seconded by Cllr S Bott. Cllr D Heseltine was nominated by Cllr AK James and seconded by D Fereday.

A secret ballot was requested and the ballot produced eight votes for Cllr AA Bourke and seven votes for Cllr D Heseltine.

RESOLVED that Cllr AA Bourke be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2008 / 09.

06/09 **POLICE MATTERS**

- a) **Police Report**
Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 14/04/08- 12/05/08

Rowdy / ASB behaviour	15	Note 1
ASB Vehicles	1	
Criminal Damage	1	Note 2
Burglary dwelling	2	Note 3
Burglary other building	1	Note 4
TWOC/ take vehicle	0	
Theft of M/V	0	

Theft from M/V	0	
Damage to M/V	1	
Assaults	0	
Theft Other	4	Note 5
Robbery	0	
Violence	0	

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/ nuisance reports were lower than previous month. Again the hotspots remain as Gainsborough Drive/ The Pavilions and Dippons Lane towards The Bird in Hand PH, Anders Square, Spenser Ave and Browning Grove.
Police are aware of a complaint from a resident in Cheshire Grove about early morning nuisance along the footpath leading to the Youth shelter. This will be incorporated into our patrol strategy Friday and Saturday nights.
Alcohol designation update.....
Signs are on order and Maggie at Codsall will now be looking to Highways and Sainsbury's for permissions to place the signs.
2. The criminal damage incidents relates to a vehicle having its door damaged at Pear & Partridge PH on 19 April and a builders porta- loo being pushed into the garage of a property being renovated in Bowen –Cooke Ave overnight 27th / 28th April
3. Two burglary dwelling (attempts) to report within close proximity of each other. Both believed to have occurred on Friday afternoon 9th May 2008. At approx 1315hrs in Bowen- Cook Avenue a man was disturbed attempting the rear kitchen window.
Described as White male mid twenties,5'10", beige jacket – ran off towards Pear & Partridge.
Nearby, a soft wood kitchen window of a detached house in Brunel Grove was attempted. Entry was prevented by a window lock.
No entry was gained at either property.
Both houses have alleyway /car parks at the rear in Dean Court.
All householders are reminded to be extra vigilant and ensure that adequate security is paid to doors and windows in accordance with the 'BS' kite mark British Standard for door and window locks.
4. Burglary other building- shed in Mere Oak Rd 3 bikes were stolen 8th May.
5. Theft other relates to two properties having lead stolen. One from a front porch in Sandown Drive 5th May and another from a toilet roof of a house in Lingfield Grove 6th May.
A bicycle was stolen which was left unattended and unsecured from outside Lloyds Pharmacy Anders Square 28th April.
Perton Middle school was targeted for the 3rd time this year overnight 7th/ 8th May 2008. £2,000 worth of lead was stolen at approximately 02.30hrs.CCTV at the school only shows the rear of an offender wearing a distinctive 'target' patch on the right leg of his jeans.

6. **Note of thanks**

Teresa and Rachael would like to offer thanks to Councillor Pitt and Councillor Bourke for their help in funding a police bike for Teresa to use whilst on duty, unfortunately there were no police funds available to purchase a new bike. Councillor Pitt has liaised with the traders in Anders Square and has successfully raised over £100.00. Some shops declined whilst others including The Learning Ladder toy shop and the Dudley Building Society were among the main contributors, however, we do thank all traders who contributed. Hopefully the bike will be 'on the streets' in the next couple of weeks.

7. Information can be left for Perton Neighbourhood Police team on our voicemails: - 08453 303132. (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)(08861 PCSO Wilkes)(08862 PCSO Street). The Staffordshire Police control number is 08453 302010, and Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

PCSO STREET 8862 & PCSO WILKES 8861.

PCSO 8862 Rachael Street

Perton Beat Area

Wombourne NPT

Cllr Mrs S Bott raised two issues with PC Hossack stating that most evenings there were large crowds of youths in the area around Gainsborough Drive near the playing fields and this was a constant worry to old folk in the area. Secondly, she provided information about a speeding van in the area for which they have the number.

Cllr A Black informed PC Hossack of a burnt out car in the middle of Milton Court which he believed had recently been removed but stated there was additional local damage caused by the fire. PC Hossack replied saying that he was not aware of this which is why it was not shown on the report and he will check out and inform the Clerks office.

Cllr AK James raised issues at the Playing Fields Pavilion saying that the whole area was littered with bottles and other debris stating that some receipts had been found in the area indicating that the original source of many of the bottles was the Co-Op at Tettenhall. PC Frank Hossack said that in the recent audit associated with the DPPO licensees in both Tettenhall and Claregate had been included and they will follow-up on this.

Cllr Mrs A James said that issues continue regarding misuse of the bus lane saying that a white van was constantly driving on the lane although she had no registration details. She further stated that taxis use this lane on a regular basis. Additionally, there is continued abuse of the left hand turn from Wrottesley Park Road onto Perton Road.

PC Hossack said that the PCSO powers to issue tickets had recently been withdrawn and therefore these areas will be targeted by the PC's. Cllr DJ Billson stated that with regard to alcohol sales he has recently discussed the out of area issues with the SSDC Solicitor who will liaise with his opposite number in Wolverhampton.

Cllr Miss C Duffell said that the ideal time to target the drinkers would be to monitor the 8 o'clock bus out in the evening and the return service at a similar time which was often full of youths going to purchase alcohol at off Perton locations. Cllr Mrs P Allen queried the withdrawal of PCSO powers and PCSO Teresa Wilkes said that they had recently been told not to target the bus lane or the Jenny Walkers Lane left turn but

wasn't totally sure of the reasons behind this.

Cllr D Fereday said that he had often seen regulars coming to Perton using Codsall Cabs and they leave the taxis with drinks in their hands. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that with regard to item 6 of the Police report she was delighted to see the report concerning the local shop keepers but stated that Perton Parish Council had helped in the past and would be likely to do so again in the future.

Cllr DJ Billson said in response that a previous request was in fact submitted to Perton Parish Council but was refused since the Police have their own budget and should take care of these matters themselves. Cllr A Bourke said that when the original request was received he had suggested that it go to PPC but events moved very quickly. Cllr Mrs P Pitt said that she wished to record her gratitude to the PCSO's for their efforts and said they had greatly improved the area.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk will write to Inspector Pat Shannaghan to request details of the reduction in PCSO's powers and asked if they be reinstated if possible.

b) **Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)**

PC Hossack stated that SSDC Community Office was still dealing with the procurement of the appropriate signage and he was expecting the DPPO order to be implemented early in June and this was confirmed by the Clerk.

07/09 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr AA Bourke declared personal and prejudicial interest in Cheque Nos 103566 & 103583 paid to Perton Place. Cllr Mrs A James declared personal interest in item 22 concerning the litter warden and Cllr Mrs CM Young declared personal interest in item 28c regarding Perton First School.

08/09 **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (7+2)**

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Management Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, DJ Billson, SK Bott, NP Caine, D Fereday and Mrs A James.
- b) The named substitutes be Mrs PN Pitt and A Black.

09/09 **ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE (8)**

RESOLVED that:

The Planning Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs P Allen, DJ Billson, A. Black, NP Caine, Mrs RA Heseltine and AK James.

10/09 **ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE (5)**

RESOLVED that the Finance Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, A Black, D Heseltine and AK James.

11/09 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SIGN CHEQUE (6)**

RESOLVED that the following members be authorised to sign cheques: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, DJ Billson, Mrs RA Heseltine, AK James and Mrs A James.

12/09 **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

- a) Perton Playing Fields Association (8)
RESOLVED that the Councils' representatives be Mrs RA Heseltine, AK James, Mrs PN Pitt, Mrs S Bott, Miss C Duffell, D Fereday, S Bott and A Black.
- b) County Council – Transport (1)
RESOLVED that the Councils' representative be AK James
- c) County Council – Youth (1)
RESOLVED that the Councils' representatives be DJ Billson and this role is now expanded to incorporate Children & Young People Member Champion.

13/09 **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th APRIL,2008**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th April 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

14/09 **DRAFT MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16th April 2008 be accepted for information.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 28th April 2008 be accepted for information.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 29th April 2008 be accepted for information.

15/09 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Proposed Diversion of Public Bridleway No 7**

This information was noted.

b) **County Councillors Report**

County Report for Perton Parish Council 12-5-2008

The main issue at the moment is all based on the Local Area Agreement (LAA). This is now a legal necessity and at first, the County Council decided to delegate the "governance" of this new document to the County Leader (John Taylor) and the Chief Executive (Ron Hilton).

Numerous representations were then sent in by the various District Councils and although none of these were even acknowledged, the County (eventually) came round to the view that Consultation would be necessary and the Leader even apologised for not agreeing to the document not being consulted on earlier! There is a small bit of good news to report on this subject: The Government Office of the West Midlands (GOWM) have agreed to pay 50% of the consultancy costs to ensure that all goes well from now on. This is a half of about £10,000).

To conclude this part, there will be a full debate on all aspects of the LAA at the Annual Council meeting on Thursday 15th May.

A carers seminar will take place at the District Council Offices on Wednesday 4th of

June from 10.00 until about 12.00 with a buffet to follow. Anyone who wants to go – or get information on the event can either ring on 01902 696114 or E-Mail f.cozens@sstaffs.gov.uk.

There has been a recent county by-election in the Staffordshire Moorlands. It was won by the Conservative candidate, but will not alter the political make-up of the council which will remain

Labour	32
Conservative	28
Liberal Democrat	2

The election was triggered by a resignation on the grounds of (very) ill health.

A boxing club has been launched at Codsall. It is the result of much partnership working between the local Parish Councils, the District Councils Leisure section, the County Council, in particular the Youth Service, the High School, the Police and the Community Safety Partnership, the Wolverhampton Amateur Boxing Club AND the local young people. It was opened by Ritchie Woodhall, an ex-world champion. It is a facility which is available to Perton Youngsters and, assuming that it is successful, it could (and in my opinion should) be expanded into the Perton area. Funding can be made available from various “pots” and the Boxing Club would welcome more local clubs.

I investigated the strange omission of the word “Perton” from the County web site. It is a bit of a chicken and egg situation because I was told that if we have a parish web site and forward the details to the County IT section, then they will put it on theirs! I will speak to Tony to update the meeting.

The latest meeting regarding the Youth provision in Perton was held on the 6th of May. I felt that we are getting somewhere and I along with Cllr D. Billson made it 100% clear that whatever else the Youth service did for us, the Youth club MUST remain open until a suitable alternative is available – however long that may take. I feel that the Parish must stand 100% behind this point of view.

Finally, I have asked about the costs that would result from 20 mph zones outside every school. So far no firm figures, but These will be available at the June meeting.

MY sincere apologies for not being able to deliver this report in person.

Robert J Marshall

Cllr Mrs CM Young complained about not receiving reports prior to the meeting and Cllr Mrs P.Allen agreed that this is a problem to which the Clerk explained that despite all efforts reports were not always made available in time to distribute with the agendas.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will communicate with the Police and other parties to request provision of reports in advance.

16/09

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) **Post Office Network Change Proposals**

The Members noted the information and following a short discussion Cllr DJ Billson was able to state that this matter was part of the agenda of the Scrutiny meeting the

following night and though he was doubtful that the decision on closure could be reversed they would try to do so.

b) **Premises Licence Holders**

The information was noted.

c) **Engineering Works Programme – Footpath/MUGA & Childrens Play Area**

The information was noted with a little concern that the completion of the MUGA and playground was potentially during the school summer holidays. The Clerk explained that the delays had been caused by objections from the public in respect to the lease which meant the work had to follow the Lakeside development, where as it was previously expected to precede this work. However, the completion for this work includes an additional week to allow for bad weather or for as yet unseen obstacles so with some luck the project could complete one week early.

d) **Perton Paths**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Howard Medicott, to arrange a site visit in conjunction with Cllr DJ Billson who also needs to oversee some tree planting arrangements near the MUGA. This will be scheduled during the first week of June, if possible, in order to fit in with Cllr Billson's diary.

e) **District Councillors Report**

9th April 2008. Destination Management Partnership Meeting Alton Towers
The web site is now up and running 'Enjoy Staffordshire' and many of the members are enjoying an increase in business. Three or four foreign languages are to be included in the near future.

11th April 2008. The review of the Economic Vibrancy has been commenced with particular attention being given to the Districts Industrial Units, Tourism and inward investment particularly i54.

14th & 15th I had meetings with representatives of Codsall and Trysull and Seisdon Parish Councils over the closure of Post Offices. I have made representation on behalf of the District to keep them open.

16th April 2008. I held a meeting with West Midlands Business Link at Acton Trussell in which increased investment was discussed.

18th April 2008. I held a meeting with the management of the Cannock Trekking Centre concerning tourism and the Rural Economy.

22nd April 2008. Regulatory meeting. There were no issues involving Perton. The application by Sainsburys to build a supermarket in Wombourn was refused on amongst others traffic grounds and the effect on local traders.

24th April 2008. I attended a meeting of the Regional Planning Partnership at the Midland Institute in Birmingham. Amongst the issues raised were Housing Numbers, Eco Towns, Gypsy Sites and Rural Tranquility. GOWM have now appointed consultants to carry out a further study on the housing numbers. This will not be out for consultation until the end of the year.

24th April 2008. I attended a meeting of the Black Country Consortium in West Bromwich.

25th April 2008. Meeting at the Cannock Hockey Club dealing with the opportunities for business as a result of the Olympic's.

28th April 2008. Attended the launch of Safety Campaign for Guest and Lodging Accommodation.

29th April 2008 Presentation of the findings of the residents panel.

29th April 2008. Presented a Seminar on RSS Phase 2, Rural Exception Sites and Alternative Power in new build.

1st May 2008. Signed contract for the MUGA.

1st May 2008. Appeared before the Strategic Services Scrutiny Panel.

6th May 2008. Took part in the discussion on Youth Provision in Perton.

David Billson

Cllr Billson also stated that in respect to the Youth Provision Meeting on the 6th May he had argued that IYSS is a smoke screen enabling the closure of the youth clubs and he said Simon Hobbs, the Connexions team and the Youth Offence teams had all agreed that a meeting place for the kids was essential and that kids on the fringe of getting into trouble should have available resources used to keep them out of trouble.

Cllr Billson additionally referenced a recent research report stating that South Staffordshire was perceived as a well managed authority with only 7% disagreeing from a total of 55% of respondents.

In closing Cllr Billson said that the premises called Southfork, previously known as the Khyber, had received an enforcement notice from the District Council in respect to the 6ft wall. He said that a tractor had recently dumped soil on the front face of the wall to create the illusion that the wall was lower than it is.

- Cllr AK James said that he had recently sent a letter to the Secretary of State at the Planning Inspectorate regarding the wall issues at Southfork but stated that fines in the past seem to be no problem and the tree preservation issues were never resolved.

RESOLVED that Cllr AK James will pass a copy of his letter to the Clerk who will use as a basis of a similar letter which will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate in the name of Perton Parish Council.

- Cllr Mrs R Heseltine stated that she had attended a recent Regulatory Meeting concerning Sainsburys at Wombourne .
- Cllr R Moreton informed the Members that we are currently leading the Inter-Parish Games but said there was still a need for more Runners and Crown Green Bowlers.

Cllr NP Caine informed the Members that with regard to fly-tipping he had recently contacted John Middleton by phone concerning the dumping of 200 copies of the Shropshire Star and that he had been informed that each paper was traceable back to

the person responsible for delivery.

17/09 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th April 2008.

Application No.	Proposals
08/00336/FUL	Double extension 11 Paxton Avenue, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7SG

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

08/00317/FUL	Garage conversion, front extension and detached garage 15 Guthrum Close, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7NN
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to permitted rights on garages.

08/00370/FUL	Two storey side extension 19 Mercia Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7NE
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to space about dwellings.

08/00397/LUP	Rear single storey extension 35 Leasowe Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TX
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The Council raised no objections to the above application.

08/00373/FUL	Erection of four stables and one hay store The Stable Barn, Hollies Lane, Pattingham WV6 7HJ
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals provided the building is for agricultural use only.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
08/00061/FUL	Ground and first floor extensions – 28 Edward Road, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
08/00184/FUL	Rear extension - 10 Repton Avenue, Perton	
08/00179/FUL	Conservatory - 6 Adwalton Road, Perton	
08/00235/FUL	Replacement dwelling - The Latter House, Pattingham Road, Perton	

18/09 **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 April 2008

01/04/08	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/04/08	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1251.00
01/04/08	103566	Perton Place	55.00
02/04/08	BACS	Wages Week 53	950.25
03/04/08	103567	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
03/04/08	103568	South Staffordshire District Council	270.00
04/04/08	103569	Mrs Bennett	50.00
04/04/08	103570	OCS Group UK Limited	32.68
04/04/08	103571	Perton Carnival	350.00
04/04/08	103572	SSCVA	200.00
09/04/08	103573	Robert Acton Product Developments	35.25
09/04/08	BACS	Wages Week 01	989.71
09/04/08	BACS	Inland Revenue	3045.74
09/04/08	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1790.33
09/04/08	103574	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	92.65
11/04/08	103575	Post Office Limited	75.00
15/05/08	103576	Mr N.Keech	291.00
15/05/08	103577	Campaign to Protect Rural England	100.00
15/05/08	103578	Community Council of Staffordshire	20.00
16/04/08	103579	MGD Solutions	2211.00
16/05/08	BACS	Wages Week 2	1141.89
17/04/08	DD	Severn Trent	53.88
21/04/08	103580	R.Weatherington	330.00
21/04/08	103581	Mrs Bowen	50.00
21/04/08	103582	Nobisco Limited	37.25
22/04/08	103583	Perton Place	55.00
23/04/08	BACS	Wages Week 3	3938.44
24/04/08	DD	Unicom	57.21
25/04/08	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
28/04/08	103584	Mr Ian Jones T/A CPS	200.00
28/04/08	103585	South Staffordshire District Council	54.79
28/04/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	363.93
28/04/08	DD	British Gas - Gas	682.80
30/04/08	BACS	Wages Week 4	1145.14
		TOTALS	20428.41

Cllr NP Caine queried Cheque numbers 103576, 103579, 103580 and 103584, and the Clerk was able to provide satisfactory explanation regarding these expenses.

b) Budget-to-date 2008/2009

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

19/09

CLERKS REPORT – MAY 2008

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 12th May 2008

- £2000.00 contribution received from South Staffordshire Housing Association Ltd for

childrens playground.

- Staffordshire CC Community Paths Initiative - £1000 awarded towards production of Perton Walkers Map. Received by cheque.
- Inland Revenue Payment of £572.53 received by way of 2007/08 tax rebate. (Closure of Portman B/Soc Accounts: Interest of £569.21 + £3.32 Interest on balance).
- 'Charity Bag Pack' at Sainsburys on 7th June – Perton Village Nursery supporting Perton Childrens Playground. Muga training taster days.
- 24th April – Contract meeting with Operations Director – SMP. Start date Monday 16th June - 5/6 weeks install – Completion by 25th July.
- JCT contract for Playground & Muga agreed and signed by PPC and SMP Ltd on 1st May 2008.
- Staffordshire County Council Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011 available in Clerks office or via: <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/yourcouncil/strategicplan/>
- A464 junction improvement on schedule for completion by 13th May subject to weather.
- 24th April – Visit by Sarah Rivers C&LP to Perton Civic Centre to assess suitability for 'under fives' service.
- Audit Return for Year Ending 31st March 2008 to be returned by 30th June 2008.
- South Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Action - CAN (Community Action Network) Meeting to be held on Thursday 15th May at Trinity Methodist Church, Histons Hill, Codsall, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm.

20/09 **INSURANCE RENEWAL 2008 - 09**

The Clerk informed the Members that he had discussed the price differential with Allianz in comparison with the additional quote from Norwich Union and in consideration of our historic business relationship Allianz had agreed to match the lower price.

RESOLVED that the Insurance for 2008-2009 will be placed with Allianz at the newly agreed rate of £5,255.00. The Clerk will negotiate with Allianz direct in order to increase the value of the Civic Centre contents and also the additional values associated with the playground uplift and the new MUGA.

21/09 **STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**

RESOLVED to renew the Annual subscription to Staffordshire Parish Councils Association – SPCA at a total cost of £673.00.

22/09 **LITTER WARDEN – 3 MONTH REVIEW**

Cllr AA Bourke said that it would probably be a good idea to review this matter again in three months time. Cllr Mrs A James said that she felt that the litter warden was too quick in dealing with the central areas and more time should be spent to do a thorough job. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that she was concerned about broken glass in the vicinity of the passageway between the Off-license and the Wrottesley Arms, and Cllr Mrs S Bott said there are often litter issues at the playing fields and she had not realised this was not part of the daily routine. Cllr Miss C Duffell thanked Cllr A Black for his help clearing up after the recent Carnival.

RESOLVED that this matter be reviewed again at the September 2008 Parish Council meeting.

Cllr A Black, having made apologies, left the meeting.

23/09 **LIBRARY NOTICE BOARD**

RESOLVED that the provision of an additional notice board outside of the library will not now be pursued following feedback from the library manager. The Clerk will send the listing of Parish Councillors and Parish Meetings to the three Perton schools with a request that this information is displayed on the school notice boards.

24/09 **PARISH PLAQUES**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will order 25 new plaques utilising the screen-print format at a total cost of £13.10 per shield excluding carriage and VAT.

25/09 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2009 – CLLR A.A.BOURKE**

Following some discussion it was agreed that having the Annual Parish Meeting in the same week as the Parish monthly meeting was not conducive to good attendance, therefore, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will provide a list of alternate dates for the next meeting to allow the Annual Meeting to be rescheduled to a suitable Monday.

26/09 **DOG CONTROL / ISSUES: ANDERS SQ & UPPER LAKE – CLLR A.K.BLACK**

Cllr AA Bourke spoke on behalf of Cllr AA Black stating that there was general concern regarding dog fouling at the schools and a lack of dog bins in the area by the Civic Centre and Anders Square.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to SSDC to request improvements to this matter.

27/09 **PERTON FIRST SCHOOL**

a) Headteacher – Cllr Mrs P.Allen

Cllr Mrs P Allen informed the Members that Benita Toth would be retiring in the summer and given her long term service to the school and to Perton she felt that it was appropriate that Perton Parish Council acknowledge this. Cllr Mrs CM Young queried if a similar acknowledgment had been made to Val Yeomans in the past.

RESOLVED that the Clerk invite Benita Toth to attend the Public Session of the July Parish Meeting and receive a presentation of a PPC Plaque together with a Certificate of Achievement.

b) Nomination for LEA Governor

RESOLVED that the Clerk will review the nomination paper-work with Cllr Miss C Duffell with a view to presenting her as a nominee.

28/09 **GRANT APPLICATION / REQUEST FOR ROOM HIRE CONCESSION**

a) Perton & Codsall Utd F.C.

Since the application for Grant form has not been received this request was not considered.

b) Neighbourhood Watch – Leasowe Drive

RESOLVED that a grant of £55 be allowed for the provision of Neighbourhood Watch signage.

c) Perton First School

RESOLVED that the request for the Concessionary rate for a fund-raising event on 3rd

April, 2009 be allowed.

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CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Campaign to Protect Rural England**

- **Request for Volunteer Committee Member**

Cllr Mrs S Bott said that she would contact this organisation to find out exactly what was involved.

- **Donation Acknowledgement**

The correspondence was noted.

- **Skills Seminar**

RESOLVED that Cllr NP Caine will attend this event on behalf of PPC at a total cost of £30.

b) **Wolverhampton Airport Action Group**

RESOLVED that following a show of hands, from which Cllrs Mrs P.Allen and Mrs A.James abstained, PPC will write to the District Council to support the objection to Certificate of Lawful Use (CLEUD) in respect to jet propelled aircraft.

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STANDING ORDER NO 66.

Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public - to RESOLVE that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph(s) Section 1[2] Public Bodies/Admission to meetings Act 1960.

PRIVATE SESSION: CLLR DJ BILLSON

a) **Funding for new Facilities**

Cllr DJ Billson informed the Members of the availability of a Charity fund of up to £50k available via SITA Trust for new build or extensions to existing premises. He said that he felt this would be a possible way of raising funds to enable the Civic Centre to be extended in order to provide Youth facilities on Perton.

RESOLVED that Cllr Billson and the Parish Clerk pursue this matter in a general way to seek to establish the likelihood of what financial support may be available.

b) **Parish Clerk**

The Parish Clerk left the room for these discussions.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th June 2008 @ 7.00 pm
The meeting closed @ 9.40pm

Chairman
9th June 2008