

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 12th November 2007 @ 7.00pm**

Present: Mrs R Heseltine [Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs S.Bott
Mrs A James
Mrs PN Pitt
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson
AK James
AK Black
S Bott
AA Bourke
D Fereday
NP Caine – From 8.40 pm to close

Also Present: Parish Clerk – Tony Tappenden
RJ Marshall – County Councillor
R Moreton – District Councillor
Members of the Public present : 23
PC Duncan Lampitt
Sainsbury's Representative
Simon Hobbs and Richard Coggins, Staffordshire County Council
Express & Star – 9 Trainee Reporters & 2 Trainers

111/08 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Mrs CM Young (Vice Chairman) and D Heseltine.

112/08 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mrs B Brownhill advised the Parish Council that she had heard nothing from her request at the July meeting concerning the provision of a PayPoint in Perton. The Clerk advised that he had written at the time but had received no response or acknowledgement.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will write again to PayPoint with a view to seeing if the Civic Centre could be used as a site and Cllr RJ Marshall will also continue his investigations.
- 2) Mr P Pritchard advised the meeting that we had officially been notified of our win in the Playground competition but it was currently not yet known as to what form the £10,000 would take. He and fellow residents are aware that this sum is not enough for a complete makeover but requested that the council consider utilising next year's precept to bring about a complete solution to the problem. He also stated that he had a group of local people hoping to assist via a committee if formed. Cllr Mrs P Pitt was supported with a vote of thanks to Mr Pritchard for his considerable endeavours to date.
- 3) Mrs K Terry-Short raised the issue of the new beacon crossing in the area of the Parkway and St Andrews Drive and she stated that the one chicane now remaining is causing problems for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, and she was very concerned for the safety of all and proved a letter to the Clerk relating to a specific recent incident. Cllr RJ Marshall said that following recent site visits they had now installed louvers to the green lights but, that aside, the County Council had stated that it has passed all safety audits but will attempt to re-open the matter.

Cllr Mrs P Allen encouraged the public to email the Clerks office to inform of incidents and enable a record of problems to be kept.

RESOLVED that Cllr DJ Billson will arrange another site visit which he hopes local residents will be able to attend.

- 4) Mrs Holt asked for an update concerning the issues of anti-social behaviour at Spenser Avenue previously raised at the October meeting. The Clerk advised that he had written to Bromford Housing on this matter and had received a response stating that Trish Webb, Team Leader for Perton, will be responding in full to these issues as soon as possible.
- 5) Rachael Landen, a youth worker at Perton Church, advised that the Church now had a Youth drop-in centre available on Friday nights for the use of Perton youngsters. The first night was very successful and the Police are very supportive of this venture. This session is currently self-funding but it is too soon to know if it can remain so. Cllr Mrs P Allen advised that Church adults are taking supervisory roles on a rota basis.

113/08 **POLICE MATTERS**

a **Police Report**

) **Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 09/10/07- 12/11/07**

Rowdy / ASB behaviour	34	Note 1
ASB Vehicles	2	
Criminal Damage	2	
Burglary dwelling	3	Note 2
Burglary other building	3	
TWOC/ take vehicle	0	Note 3
Theft of M/V	0	
Theft from M/V	0	
Damage to M/V	4	
Theft Other	0	
Assaults	1	Note 4
Robbery	0	

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/ Nuisance figs are again high. However this period consisted of Halloween and Bonfire night. Hot spots remain Anders Sq/ Lakeside and Gainsborough Drive for nuisance youths. Once again the kicking of footballs was a problem. The mini moto's were reported at Dippons Lane. To help reduce this anti social behaviour the church now opens its doors to the youth section on Friday evenings, and on first viewing incidents were greatly reduced.
2. There were 3 reported burglary dwellings. These involved theft of items such as LCD TV at one and a Saddle at another, and at one they were disturbed before making good their escape. These are now being dealt with by the Burglary unit. The burglary other buildings included the youth club and Army Cadets unit at Gainsborough Drive. However as little is left at these premises, little was stolen.
3. Priority crime such as theft of and from vehicles was excellent. I would continue to ask for items such as 'sat navs/laptops' not to be left on show, as this is still a major problem around the surrounding area. Disappointingly there were 4 vehicles damaged, however the general criminal damage was low. Albeit every time the subways are cleaned, graffiti seems to re appear. I would urge anyone seen defacing the subways are reported.
4. Pleasingly only one assault was reported and the offender was apprehended, and

again no robberies.

5. Regarding complaints of use of the bus lane, PCSO's have set up an action plan and several fixed penalty have been issued.
6. The alcohol ban is moving in the right direction. Information has been given to Maggie Quinn, at SSDC and 68 incidents have been plotted onto a map of Perton. It shows problem is not confined to central areas. Also there is a meeting being this week, between the Perton area officers, Tettenhall Police and several local off-licences regarding the problems of under-age drinking over both areas.
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

PC 4259 Lampitt 12.11.2007

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Cllr DJ Billson requested that the Neighbourhood Police Team put pressure on their Police Licensing Officer to get involved in the alcohol issues since they act as consultants to the Licensing Act. PC Lampitt stated that Perton alcohol outlets were generally good but would follow up with Wolverhampton Police.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said that young people often obtained alcohol supplies from home and issued a general request to parents to be more vigilant and always know where their children are and who they are with.

Cllr AA Bourke said it was known that over 18's were legally buying alcohol and then reselling to under-age drinkers. He further stated that previous comments regarding the reluctance of South Staffordshire Council to implement a ban following large amounts of Police work, came about due to the fact that the Police themselves had suggested that it was the Council that was blocking the ban implementation.

Cllr DJ Billson closed the matter by stating that in a recent targeting of alcohol issues large numbers of under-age drinkers had alcohol confiscated and the follow-up with their parents by the Police resulted in a number of parents complaining about the confiscation of the alcohol.

Alcohol Ban

The correspondence between PC Frank Hossack and Maggie Quinn was noted.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllrs AK James declared a personal interest in cheque nos 103458 and 103474 relating to DowntoEarth. Cllrs Mrs A James, Mrs P Pitt and AA Bourke all declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13 in respect to litter issues in Anders Square.

Cllrs Mrs A James, A Black and NP Caine all declared a personal interest in agenda item 21(a) relating to Perton Anglers Club.

115/08 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2007 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th September 2007, modified on pages 3 & 10 as requested, be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 5th November 2007 be accepted for information.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th November 2007 be accepted for information.

116/08 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

(a) **Youth Provision – Richard Coggins & Simon Hobbs:**

Richard Coggins, Divisional Manager, Staffordshire Youth Service, stated that they were now approaching the end of the restructuring programme which is financially driven and means that the youth service will end up smaller than previously. They now know their staffing programme and via the Asset Management Plan they are looking to reduce from 53 buildings county-wide down to 24 which will be provided at three per district. The buildings closure rationalisation is determined by buildings either in the wrong place or not being fit for purpose. However, this presents an opportunity to reinvest since the capital receipts derived from closures will be ploughed back into the youth service. Specifically, the Perton Youth Centre is almost unfit for purpose due to health and safety issues and is therefore on the list for disposal. The proposal is to get together with some council members to discuss what should happen next. Simon Hobbs, DPO (District Partnership Office) is able to focus across council units to solve issues such as this. It is expected that some money will be available from the programme to work out a partnership based solution.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said this is destructing not restructuring and that no forward plan appears to exist and questioned where money will be spent. She stated that Perton children are greater in numbers than Codsall where it is known that large expenditure is planned.

Cllr RJ Marshall requested assurance that all of the capital revenue from sold buildings will be ploughed back and Richard Coggins confirmed that this was the case regarding the full county-wide receipts. Cllr Marshall also enquired as to how soon a meeting could take place and Richard Coggins was keen for this to take place as soon as possible ideally prior to Christmas.

Cllr AK James stated that the meeting was to discuss how money could be used at Perton but questioned, if the Perton building is closed, how can Perton be served where no other building exists. Richard Coggins replied stating this was an opportunity to use financial resource to find a solution. Cllr James accepted the intent but further stated without a building how can we move forward. He said a large proportion of youths lived at Perton and a huge council tax revenue was generated from the village and that Perton youth deserves more.

Cllr S Bott said that with the Church starting a youth club session is there not scope for the Church and Staffordshire County Council to work in collaboration, Richard answered that partnership is certainly the way forward.

Cllr Mrs P Allen provided a point of information, stated that the Church is used almost ever evening and generally is not available and this is compounded by a general lack of availability of rented space.

Cllr AA Bourke said that Richard's comments had a very positive spin but reminded the members that historic comments were based on the fact that the youth operational centre would move from Codsall to Perton, why has this not happened? Richard Coggins stated that this has happened in terms of hard cash, however, Staffordshire County Council are in partnership with the MOD for taking space in the new building, Perton will continue to get more money but they need to explore all options taking note of the fact that Perton has no High School or available land.

Cllr DJ Billson said that regardless of any other consideration this provision needs a building and aside from the Church and the Civic Centre, which are not realistic options, this leaves new build which is again not realistic due to land constraints. Richard Coggins answered by saying that a room was available in the Library and we would need to look at all options creatively.

Cllr Mrs A James asked why the existing youth club cannot be replaced. Richard's response was that the policy is now three buildings per District as a result Perton does not now get a dedicated building.

Cllr A Black asked if we had a building would we have a guarantee regarding staff availability, Richard stated yes and recognised that a huge need exists on Perton.

Cllr RJ Marshall asked for clarification as to where the three County owned buildings would be within our district and Richard replied, Codsall, Wheaton Aston and Littleton or Great Wyrley. Cllr Marshall responded by stating that Codsall is an MOD/ATC financed building so in reality Codsall should be excluded from the three, which would leave one further site to be nominated and he said he would raise this point at the County Council meeting and Richard also agreed to check on this point.

Cllr DJ Billson stated that at a recent young advisors seminar it was stated that £67 million had been earmarked for youth services for the next 10 years which at £6.7 million per year is peanuts for a national provision and shows what Central Government thinks of Britain's' youth. Richard Coggins agreed and said that Central Government had previously pledged a youth centre in every community.

RESOLVED that Simon Hobbs will set a meeting date via the Clerk's office.

Traffic Calming Measure – Severn Drive:

- (b) The correspondence was noted.

Cllr RJ Marshall stated that David Steptoe from the County Highways Department has asked residents for the prime areas of crossing with a view to trying to solve the issue by the provision of red tarmac.

RESOLVED that Cllr RJ Marshall will continue to progress with David Steptoe.

- (c) **Proposed Conversion of Footway – Gainsborough Drive:**

The information was noted.

County Councillors Report:

- (d) **Compulsory Spending Review:**
The settlement for Local Government is 1% up in real terms, but when you look a bit deeper the settlement is not as good as first thought. Basically it can be summed up by the official comment of the Local Government Association:
"This is the worst settlement for councils in a decade. The 1% real terms funding increase will NOT enable the councils to deliver the new services promised by Central Government, or meet the increasing cost of waste management or meet the increasing cost of providing services for older people without above inflation Council Tax increases."

Residential Care Homes:

There are 'whispers' of a possible 'u-turn'. More details at the Parish meeting.

Cllr Marshall stated that in fact this is a right angle turn in so far as the original intent was to close all 22 units this has now been changed to enable five homes to be refurbished to cater for elderly, mentally ill patients with the possible inclusion of two other units.

County Farms Review:

The consultation period ends on December 14th.

Youth Matters:

The County are reducing the number of youth clubs from 50 to 24. Perton is one of the ones that will go. More details at the meeting - Richard Coggins and our DPO Simon Hobbs will be at the meeting.

New Cycle Track:

The county intend to install a cycle track from the zebra crossing at Gainsborough Drive (South) up to the Middle School.

I will give an update on the Bus lane at the meeting.

I attended a three day conference on Children and Social Care at Bournemouth from 17th to 19th October. (Two days too long in my opinion). Six(!) Labour Councillors and three officers also attended. Rather profligate in view of our financial position...

Duke of Edinburgh:

In South Staffordshire the number of awards were 9 Gold, 26 Silver and 89 Bronze. The number of enrolments were 22 Gold, 70 Silver and 167 Bronze.

Direct Payments:

The four conferences held at Newcastle, Stafford, Cannock and Alrewas were attended by approximately 50, 70, 80 and 120. Very successful and well received. Staffordshire is the fastest growing authority in the whole country - a lot of the credit goes to the project manager Mike Poutney who is absolutely first class. He is NOT being kept on and leaves at Christmas!

Finally, I have got a sufficiently big petition for a crossing at Coleridge Drive. The County Officer is supportive and I am reasonably confident of a positive outcome. Also, we may get some joy in Severn Drive. This one is not quite so clear cut but hopeful none the less.

Cllr Robert J. Marshall

Cllr RJ Marshall added to his report:

- Stating that Judith Rusen had arranged a youth barbeque at Codsall for Bilbrook and Codsall youths but he had been able to extend this to cater for a few Perton youths.
- In respect to the bus lane the new key fobs had now arrived however it was found that the barrier was now jammed in the up position. He is still waiting for information but was aware of a meeting taking place at 9.00 am on the 13th November. Another idea put forward was to consider a fixed camera to record traffic coming and going. Cllr DJ Billson said this had been considered before but this solution apparently does not comply with Central Government camera policy.
- With regard to the A41/A464 junction there had been genuine progress. The Highways Division are now finalising the design taking into consideration the feedback from Perton Councillors. This is on target for completion by April 2008.
- Cllr Mrs P Allen asked Cllr RJ Marshall if he felt he had any conflict of interest with regard to youth provision in respect to both Perton and Codsall. Cllr Marshall replied stating that he was striving to do his very best for both stating that he will take further advice.

Cllr Billson reminded the members that Cllr Marshall represents Perton as a County Councillor.

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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

(a) **MUGA**

Cllr DJ Billson stated that this project was progressing well but it was now recognised that planning permission would be required due to one of the fenced sides being in excess of 2 metres high, additionally we are still waiting advice regarding the Big Lottery Funding.

(b) **Children's Playground - Correspondence**

The correspondence was noted.

Cllr Mrs P Allen stated that funding for the playground was a key requirement and Cllr D Fereday said that it was important to understand the actual form of the Goodyear £10,000 makeover.

(c) **Councillors' Report:**

- Cllr AK James said that he was following up on the A41/A464 situation and had additionally been communicating with District Councillors and the Chief Executives office regarding the lack of action at Silver Poplars. He stated that enforcement notices would be served and actioned in the near future.
- Cllr DJ Billson reported that the Regional Housing Strategy was on target for 3,500 houses over the next twenty years based on the provision of a few houses in each parish.

Safer Routes had determined the provision of a cycle path at Gainsborough Drive.
The Regional Planning Infrastructure Report is now subject to a twelve week consultation.

Attended a meeting at the Science Park regarding flooding in the Midlands. This will go to Scrutiny.

Attended Black Country Consultation and also Young Advisors Panel in Birmingham which featured three prime Councils; Dudley, Bristol and Lewisham.

In closing he appealed for more participation in respect to the Inter-Parish Games via Roy Moreton.

- Cllr R Moreton also stated that he had attended the Housing Seminar and the key issues arising are the need for low cost housing and care for the elderly both of which are national issues.

118/08 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

Application No.	Proposals
07/01030/FUL	Replacement Conservatory 3 St Andrews Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire.
07/01077/FUL	Two storey side and rear extension 3 Stanley Court, Perton, South Staffordshire
07/01095/FUL	Two-storey side and single-storey front extensions 43 Melrose Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire. WV6 7XH

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to no external building or construction work being carried out on a Sunday.

07/01120/FUL	First floor side extension 5 Berkeley Close, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7RX
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

07/01121/FUL	Extend garage, new pitched roof and front garden wall 6 Dunster Grove, Perton, South Staffordshire. WV6 7RU
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

07/01133/ADV 07/01134/FUL	Installation of illuminated sign Installation of an Automated Teller Machine 7 Anders Square, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7QH
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to security arrangements on the ATM being satisfactory.

119/08 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **List of Payments:**

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 October 2007

			£
01/10/07	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/10/07	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1199.00
03/10/07	BACS	Wages Week 27	1215.77
03/10/07	BACS	Inland Revenue	2561.22
03/10/07	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1285.13
03/10/07	103450	Perton Place	55.00

03/10/07	103451	SSDC Inter Parish Games	35.00
03/10/07	103452	Mrs T.Stephenson - Deposit Refund	50.00
03/10/07	103453	Harlequin Pantomime Productions	312.26
03/10/07	103454	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
03/10/07	103455	Paul Gilbert	70.00
03/10/07	103456	Robannas	117.50
04/10/07	103457	Talon Music Ltd	3525.00
04/10/07	103458	DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Limited	94.00
09/10/07	BACS	Wages Week 28	1218.43
09/10/07	103459	MGD Solutions	196.00
15/10/07	103460	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	144.63
15/10/07	103461	Quantum Leap Consultants Ltd	102.22
15/10/07	103462	Staffordshire Pension Fund	696.15
15/10/07	103463	Steve Greenway	1230.00
15/10/07	103464	Mrs V.A.O'Leary - Deposit Refund	330.00
16/10/07	103465	Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	77.22
16/10/07	BACS	Wages Week 29	1140.50
17/10/07	DD	Severn Trent	125.06
19/10/07	103466	Perton Parish Council A&L Deposit (£70,000.00)	
22/10/07	103467	Brisol Limited	120.68
22/10/07	103468	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	25.00
24/10/07	BACS	Wages Week 30	3656.21
24/10/07	DD	Unicom	61.73
24/10/07	XFER	Perton Parish Council A&L Deposit (£10,000.00)	
25/10/07	103469	McNaughton Graphical Papers Ltd	81.54
25/10/07	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
25/10/07	103470	Post Office Limited	215.96
25/10/07	103471	Friends of Perton First School-Deposit Refund	195.00
25/10/07	103472	Melanie Hunter - Deposit Refund	50.00
29/10/07	DD	British Gas - Gas	92.82
29/10/07	DD	British Gas - Electricity	409.72
30/10/07	103473	Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	26.97
30/10/07	103474	DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Limited	94.00
30/10/07	103475	Nobisco Limited	60.87
30/10/07	103476	Progressive Safety Footwear and Clothing Ltd	42.42
30/10/07	103477	N.Staffs Fire Extinguisher Maintenance Service	198.70
30/10/07	103478	Mrs S.Green - Deposit Refund	150.00
30/10/07	BACS	Inland Revenue	2437.93
		TOTALS	24208.11

b) **2007 / 2008 Budget-to-date:**

The budget figures for income and expenditure up to 31/10/2007 were noted.

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CLERKS' REPORT – NOVEMBER 2007

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 12th November 2007

- Cheque for £1620.00 received on 23rd October 2007 from OnLine Contractors UK Ltd in respect to Anders Sq Christmas Lights.
- Subway Anti-Graffiti Coatings – Cheriton Grove and Lower Lake ceiling to be re-painted / glazed.
- Codsall Community Arts Festival 28th Feb to 15th March. Sponsors package with

- Clerk.
- SPCA 2006 / 07 Annual Report and Accounts in Clerks office together with Training Events Programme for Autumn 07 and Spring 08.
- Perton Un-adopted Land Areas and Paths – SSDC have responded to Clerks letter stating that they have no records of ownership for unadopted sites but have supplied copy plans of records that relate to sites adopted by SSDC.
- West Midlands Regional Assembly – Phase three Draft Project Plan – Launch Event on Tuesday 27th November 9.30 to 1.00 pm. To attend call 0121-678-1042 or e-mail wmrss@wmra.gov.uk by 16th November 07.
- Bridgnorth District Local Development Framework – Core Strategy and Options Report in Clerks Office.
- SSCVA Community Action Meeting on 15th November 10.00 am to 1.15 pm at Trinity Church, Codsall.
- S.Staffs NHS PCT Patient & Public Involvement Strategy 2007 – 2010. Consultation Document in Clerks office or via www.southstaffordshirepct.nhs.uk feedback by 30th November 2007.
- Spring bulbs now available from Clerks office FOC.
- Notification from NALC on the 2007 National Salary Award.
- SPCA - One vacancy on Executive Committee – Nominations by 1/12/07
- New Drain Request – Sandown Drive. Agreed by Staffs CC Highways Division & Landscaping @ Livingstone Avenue – Staffs CC (David Wright)

121/08 **LITTER WARDEN – ANDERS SQUARE / JOHAL DAIRIES**

Cllrs Mrs A James, Mrs P Pitt and A Bourke left the room for the duration of this session.

Cllr Mrs P Allen stated that the litter issues around Anders Square are as bad as ever and hoped for budgeting provision for additional hours in the future.

Cllr D Fereday stated that there was an open skip near to Spenser Avenue that had been there for a long time and appeared to be the cause of additional litter being blown around the area. The Clerk stated that he was in communication with First City as Agents for Johal Dairies and was hopeful that they would agree to pay for additional hours cleaning at Anders Square.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will continue to negotiate with First City to seek a satisfactory outcome.

122/08 **GOOD CITIZEN AWARD – NOMINATION FORM**

RESOLVED that the new nomination form, as presented, be adopted immediately.

123/08 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Clerk provided the members with an update and demonstration of the lights to be erected around the Civic Centre which would also be complimented by the moving stars that would be erected in Anders Square, but no additional lights would be provided at Sainsbury's. This was well received.

124/08 **PARISH PLAN - DRAFT REPORT AND ACTION PLAN**

Cllr Mrs P Allen said that following the overview at last month's meeting she felt it was relevant to look now at the Leisure aspects of the plan. She stated that Alliance Leisure run three centres in Wolverhampton and we should take the opportunity to look at these and consider the opportunity for Perton via a Leisure Sub-committee to consider the long term view.

Cllr DJ Billson said this was a good idea and that he'd had contact with this organisation two years ago.

Cllr Mrs R Heseltine informed the members that she has requested South Staffordshire

Council to conduct a leisure scrutiny meeting. This was well received.
Cllr AK James said that it would be essential for the District Councillors to sit on a Leisure Sub-committee since the need to have land and constant liaison with the District Council was vital for this to move forward.

Cllr Billson stated that he hopes to have a proposal to present to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

RESOLVED that the initial meeting of Perton Parish Council Leisure Committee will take place on Monday 21st January at 7.00 pm and Cllr Mrs P Allen will invite an appropriate contact from Alliance Leisure.

125/08 **PRECEPT INCLUSIONS**

Items offered for consideration in the next Precept include:

Playground facilities
Extended Litter Warden hours
Additional Playing fields Maintenance
Street Lighting
Bus Shelter on the A41

126/08 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2007**

RESOLVED that the members will review the half year financial statement with a view to signing off at the next meeting.

127/08 **REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

RESOLVED that the members will review both Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and bring required amendments to the next meeting.

128/08 **REQUEST FOR GRANT**

(a) **Spring Concerts**

RESOLVED that in preference to a financial grant Perton Parish Council will offer free use of the Lakeside Hall in respect to a Spring Concert.

129/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Perton Angling Club – Lower Lake Issues**

The members discussed aspects concerning the occasional flooding of Lower Lake and Cllr Mrs R Heseltine invited Mr T Harding to speak given that he had recently met with Rolf Levesley and Pat Davis from the District Council to discuss these issues. Mr Harding advised the members of a number of fallen trees in this area and said that a choke-weir was needed to resolve these problems; he said that Pat Davis will be looking into this weir.

(b) **Park Home Residents Action Alliance – News / Petition**

Cllr AK James had recently spoken to Ron Joyce on this issue. Whilst he was happy to sign a petition he felt that it was more appropriate that we should write to our local MP stating that we support a change in law to give the same protection to people living in park homes as those afforded to people living in normal homes.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk will write to Sir Patrick Cormack, MP on this matter and also look into the possibility of starting a new petition at the 10 Downing Street website to propose a new Act of Parliament to protect Park Home Owners.

*It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Order No.79 (length of meeting) be suspended.*

Bromford Housing – Anti-Social Behaviour Issues

The correspondence was duly noted.

PRIVATE SESSION – PLAYGROUND CONTRACT BUDGET

Cllr DJ Billson informed the members that he had recently spent some time with the Clerk in order to consider the current year budget with a view to funding the short-fall of the MUGA and a new children's playground without the need to resort to a loan. He was delighted to say that by careful budgeting they had found the appropriate money required to enable both projects to proceed simultaneously before the end of the year, subject only to the successful provision of the grants from the Big Lottery and the District Council. He asked the Clerk to explain the numbers in more detail which the Clerk was able to do.

RESOLVED that the budget amendments were unanimously accepted and that this would be an early item on the next meeting agenda, and an emergency meeting would be called in the event that the Big Lottery funding did not materialise.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th December 2007 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 10.15 pm

Chairman
10th December 2007