

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]  
Mrs P Allen  
Mrs PN Pitt  
Mrs RA Heseltine [District Councillor]  
Miss C Duffell  
DJ Billson [District & County Councillor]  
AK James [District Councillor]  
AA Bourke  
D Fereday [District Councillor]  
N.P.Caine  
D Heseltine

District Councillor R Moreton  
Neighbourhood Police Team – PC Duncan Lampitt & PCSO Tim Woodall  
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden  
Members of the Public present: Five

68/10 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs A James, Mrs S Bott, AK Black and S Bott.

69/10 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mr F. O'Leary raised two concerns:
  - a) Firstly he expressed disappointment that whilst Sainsburys had made considerable efforts to tidy up their car parks with shrub pruning and suchlike they had in fact also cut down a number of apparently healthy trees particularly along the paved stretch running towards Severn Drive. Cllr N.P.Caine said that Steve Dores from SSDC was involved in this matter and has said that none of the trees were subject to preservation orders but had been cut down due to disease and several are to be replaced.
  - b) Secondly he also said that a lot of existing car park spaces was now re-designated as parent and child spaces which in fact now outnumbered the official spaces for disabled drivers. After some discussion opinion was divided about this but it was recognised that a very large number of shoppers are parents with children where there is a requirement for wider bays. Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine said that the request from months previously regarding the painting of kerbs at the Severn Drive car park disabled bays has still not been done.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact Sainsburys to offer positive feedback in respect to the improved appearance of the car parks, particularly in respect to improved visibility and safety in the Church Road area. Additionally the Clerk will request information on the rationale behind the tree cutting and again request that the kerbs on disabled parking bays are painted to aid visibility.
- 2) Mrs Revell of Lytham Road raised an issue concerning footpath 22 and associated pathways in the area around the Cranmoor Lodge development. Apparently a pathway that should be accessible to walkers has been blocked off by a locked gate topped off with barbed wire. Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that this was a known footpath that has been in

use for many years providing access to the Staffordshire Way and Cllr N.P.Caine said he was aware of the issue and was working to resolve the matter.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to South Staffs Council to advise them of the issue with a view to having access restored.

70/10 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs Perton: - 04/09/09 – 06/10/2009

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Rowdy / ASB behaviour...	17
ASB Vehicles...	2
Criminal Damage...	3
Damage to M/V...	1
Burglary dwelling...	1
Burglary other building...	0
Theft of M/V...	2
Theft from M/V...	1
Theft Other...	9
Assaults...	1
Robbery...	1
Drugs...	1

1. The figures for this period make better reading. Of the 17 ASBO/Nuisance reports 4 were in fact neighbours disputes. The hot spots for this period were Anders Square and Gainsborough Drive. There were 4 acts of minor mindless damage, one of which was to a vehicle.
2. There was only one reported burglary, which included the theft of a motor vehicle. However the persons responsible are helping police with their enquiries. The other stolen vehicle report was of a motor cycle, which was recovered in Wolverhampton.
3. There was only 1 reported assault, which involved juveniles. However there was a report of street robbery along Dippons Lane. No violence was used only the threat. It is believed the gang of offenders used the bus service to get to the location from Wolverhampton.
4. Again there were several reports of theft for this period. The majority being shop thefts again. Three shoplifters were detained in separate incidents. One of which was a local girl who will be helping out Sainsbury's in their charity day later this month. Another theft included a hand bag snatch from a vehicle late one evening, where the offender ran off making good their escape.
5. The drugs matter was a minor offence. The offender was dealt with by way of street caution for possession of a small amount of cannabis.
6. The Perton police team would also like to welcome PCSO Tim Woodley to the village. Tim has joined us from Wombourne and is looking forward to helping out the community.

Any information please contact Perton's 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).

PC Duncan Lampitt introduced PCSO Tim Woodley to the members stating that Tim had been moved across to Perton from Wombourne where he had been the victim of a vicious attack some while ago from which he has only recently recovered. He went on to provide an overview of the report saying that whilst anti-social behaviour can take many

forms in Pertons case it is the usual issues of youths around Gainsborough Drive and Anders Square.

Cllr D.Fereday said that he had received reports of poaching around lower lake to which PC Lampitt replied that he has received similar reports from Andy Cousins at SSDC and is looking in to it. Cllr D.Billson said that he was aware of an issue of eastern Europeans stealing fish from the lakes near the Bell at Tong and it could be the same group.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that the Perton Bus link was still causing problems due to the faulty barrier and illegal access by speeding motorists. PC Lampitt said that they are aware of this and are dealing with individuals by cautions and fixed penalty notices but he said that part of the problem was SATNAV systems directing drivers on to the route. Cllr D.Billson added that taxi drivers offer a reduced rate from town when using the route. Cllr A.Bourke said that he had seen a document stating that a camera was to be installed at the location and will use number plate recognition to tackle illegal access.

b) **Police Review / Survey**

The information was noted and the Chairman urged all Councillors to make an effort to access the survey and provide their opinion.

71/10 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal interest in agenda item seventeen in her capacity as a Trustee of PPFA.

Cllr A.K.James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheques 103837 and 103855 payable to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

Cllr N.PCaine declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheques 103838 and 103853 payable respectively to Ricoh UK Ltd and A.C.Design and Construction Ltd.

72/10 **MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2009**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th September 2009 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

73/10 **DRAFT MINUTES**

a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 together with income statement for September be accepted for information.

74/10 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Referring to the letter distributed to members and also the affected homes Cllr D.Billson said that he personally felt that the flooding issue could be caused by the Severn Trent holding tank which may fill too fast under heavy rain conditions causing water to back up and overflow, Severn Trent are looking at the modeling data for the tank. He said that Steve Winterflood, Chief Executive at SSDC, had written to Severn Trent asking for an explanation of the points raised and requesting a public meeting.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen asked if it would be possible to obtain dimensions of the tank as she may be able to get the capacity data modeled elsewhere. Cllr Billson said that this may be hard to obtain but would attempt to do so.

b) **Perton Youth Club**

Cllr Billson confirmed that a grant of £50k had been offered by the Youth Bank subject to certain conditions. For example all the money must be in place and it must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Cllr A.Bourke said that we should have a meeting as soon as the tenders were received and we are able to quantify full costs. Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that if possible we should proceed regardless of the County Council position but Cllr A.K.James asked when will the County Council publish the outcome of the re-evaluation of the original decision to close the club and what will happen in terms of partnership. Cllr A.Bourke queried our remit in this matter and Cllr Billson said that there is currently a great deal of confusion and conflict on the matter at Staffs CC.

**RESOLVED** that a special meeting shall be convened at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 to consider the full implications of this matter. Meanwhile the Clerk will e-mail the SPCA to see if any other local parish has the same issue and if so seek feedback.

c) **County / District Councillor's Report**

Strategic Services District report October 2009.

You may or may not be aware but the Local Members Fund has been re-named 'The Staffordshire Community Fund'. It will be managed in the same manner as the original fund. Moves are afoot to give elected members access to how certain monies are spent in three 'Portfolios', they are Health, Young People and Roads. There is a difficulty however where these budgets are agreed extra spend by members would mean cuts in other projects already proposed. A way round this and a proposal being discussed with officers is that prior to budgets being agreed members would have an input at that stage.

I have had a further meeting with Seven Trent over the flooding incidents in Severn Drive. The tank which was installed a few years ago has an inlet pipe of 900cm and an outlet of 900cm. I have since found out that there are a further two inlets of 225cm making a total of 1350cm of water going in at maximum level. The tank is constructed to hold the extra water during storms and then let it out at a rate of 900cm. It is my opinion that the size of the tank is not large enough and does not hold enough water during exceptional storms. This I think is then backing up and preventing the water getting away. Seven Trent have agreed to revisit the model and re calculate the tare of water dispersal.

You may have seen in the press the Speed Indicator Devices which have been sited outside St Chads School in Pattingham. These will be in place until half term when they will be removed and sited elsewhere in the district.

The service challenge meetings have been held at District Council which has resulted in all budgets being examined and trimmed. It is hoped by this action there will be no job losses.

As part of my county responsibilities I have made a visit to a children's home in Newcastle. I am glad to report that the standard of care was first class.

I have visited the County Council Outward Activities Centre at Standon Bowers. It is my intention to send thirty-six young people for a weekend course at the centre, 18 from Perton and 18 from Pattingham which I hope will enable them to respect one another.

Finally I am glad to report that we have secured the £50,000 from the Youth Bank but this is on condition that we can raise the remainder of the costs.

Additionally Cllr Billson was able to advise that a camera will be fitted at Perton Buses only link road and this will deploy number plate ID to deter offenders, He said that the 'back office' functions are being finalized at Stoke.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen asked how the 18 young people from Perton would be selected in respect to attending the Outward Activities Centre. Cllr Billson advised that nominees would be put forward by the Youth Service.

In closing Cllr Billson introduced the event focused on Rural Transport which will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Cllr AK James requested that during this event consideration should be given to bus routes affecting Kingswood.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs Christine Young will attend the event as Chairman and representative of Perton Parish Council.

75/10 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Summer SUSSED Children's Activities 2010**

In reviewing the new options for Sussed Activities for Summer 2010 Cllr A.Bourke said that many Councils provide more facilities at no charge but nonetheless felt that Package One should be provided.

Cllr Mrs Christine Young said that it was important that access be available at the Civic Centre during the summer holiday period to carry out maintenance tasks that are not possible at other times.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that this is a summertime activity and therefore we should look to negotiate with Staffs Council to have half of the events at the Civic Centre with the other half taking place outdoors utilising our Muga or possibly the Playing Fields.

There was some additional discussion regarding costs and the merits of raising a small charge per child / per event.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will check with South Staffs Council regarding a mix of activities and venues and aspects regarding charging for places. Additionally the Clerk will see if funding may be available from C&LP.

b) **Inter-Parish Games – Winners Poster**

Cllr A.Bourke said that whilst he had not been directly involved it was an excellent performance by the Perton participants and he thanked District Cllr Roy Moreton for his not inconsiderable efforts in making this win possible and also thanked all competitors.

District Cllr Roy Moreton said that the presentation will take place at Perton Civic Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and requested that, as in past years, the competitors will have their tickets paid for by Perton Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that competitors' tickets will be paid for by Perton Parish Council.

c) **Public Footpath No. 22 (part) Diversion Order**

The information was noted

d) **Locality 4 – Member Forum Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**RESOLVED** that this meeting will be attended by Cllrs Mrs Christine Young and Mrs Rita Heseltine.

e) **Additional Litter Bins**

The information was noted

f) **District Councillors' Report**

Cllr AK James reported that that South Staffs Council is to conduct a sites review in respect to Gypsies and Travellers.

Cllr D.Fereday said that he had been away on holiday but did attend a regulatory meeting and was involved in the closed footpath issue.

Cllr R.Moreton reported that he recently become a new member of the Crime & Disorder Committee.

Cllr D.Billson reported on the consultation document in respect to Gypsy and Traveller sites stating that in some areas these people are seen as the most racially abused group and any planning applications rejected locally will be granted on appeal to Central Government. Additionally he said that in answer to a previous concern expressed by a member of public the temporary Surgery at the Clinic site a temporary building enforcement notice has been issued which must be complied with or they must submit a new planning application.

76/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.

Application No.	Proposals
09/00667/FUL	Two-storey side extension 30 Edge Hill Drive, Perton WV6 7SW

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to no neighbours objections.

**DECISIONS** - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
09/00453/FUL	Extension to existing double garage - Hollies Farm, Hollies Lane, Pattingham	Grant of Planning Permission
09/00479/FUL	Proposed single storey extension to side and rear - 47 Melrose Drive	
09/00510/FUL	Two-storey side extension - 9 Cornovian Close	Permission
09/00517/FUL	Single storey rear extension, pitch roof to side and canopy to front - 2 Harald Close	

77/10 **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 14th September 2009**

01/09/09	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1310.00
01/09/09	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
02/09/09	BACS	Wages Week 22	1180.95
02/09/09	103830	MGD Solutions	196.00
02/09/09	103831	ThyssenKrupp Elevator UK Limited	189.75
02/09/09	103832	Mrs B.James - Deposit Refund	150.00
02/09/09	103833	James Wilkes Ltd	2012.50
02/09/09	103834	Performing Right Society Ltd	461.02
02/09/09	103835	(Miss N.Bennett) S.Bennett - Deposit Refund	50.00
02/09/09	103836	D.Thomas - Deposit Refund	250.00
02/09/09	103837	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	92.00
04/09/09	103838	Ricoh UK Ltd	227.14
07/09/09	103839	Perton Pet & Garden	220.00
07/09/09	103840	V.Mitchell - Deposit Refund	50.00
07/09/09	103841	Lindis Humphreys (Sainsburys) - Deposit Refund	135.00
07/09/09	103842	Mrs A.James - Deposit Refund	125.00
09/09/09	BACS	Wages Week 23	1092.22
09/09/09	BACS	Inland Revenue	2258.52
09/09/09	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1438.27
14/09/09	DD	British Gas - Gas	11.49
14/09/09	103843	Mr P.Evans - Deposit Refund	300.00
15/09/09	103844	Brisol Limited	373.93
16/09/09	BACS	Wages Week 24	1293.41
16/09/09	103845	MGD Solutions	196.00
17/09/09	103846	Nobisco Limited	15.79
17/09/09	103847	South Staffordshire Council	570.00
19/09/09	103848	Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	86.94
21/09/09	103849	Mr M.Reed - Deposit Refund	200.00
21/09/09	103850	Drinkmaster Ltd	54.47
21/09/09	103851	Screwfix Direct	57.04
22/09/09	BACS	SMP Playgrounds Ltd	33.58
23/09/09	BACS	Wages Week 25 / Month 6	4322.38
24/09/09	103852	South Staffordshire District Council	180.00
24/09/09	103853	A.C.Design and Construction (UK) Ltd	2666.85
24/09/09	103853	A.C.Design and Construction (UK) Ltd	1840.00
25/09/09	DD	Unicom	48.15
28/09/09	DD	BT Business Broadband	68.27
28/09/09	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	111.69
28/09/09	DD	British Gas - Electricity	316.32
28/09/09	103854	Mr I.Younger - Deposit Refund	150.00

29/09/09	103855	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	92.00
29/09/09	BACS	Wages Week 26	1388.94
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>25862.62</b>

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

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

78/10 **CLERK'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2009**

**Matters ongoing / resolved as at 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

- Playground 'Wetpour' surfaces repaired under warranty on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.
- Playground SMP warranty items due for completion on 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- Youth Club - Perton Pavilion Extension Project
  - SSDC Planning Re-Application: Strong concerns still seem to exist regarding 'Inappropriate Development'
  - Invite to Tender for building work sent on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to:
    - Three Pines Builders
    - James Wilkes Builders
    - Paul Birch Builders
    - Response date is 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009
- South Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau AGM will be held at 7.30 pm in the Brook Room on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Wombourne Civic Centre, all welcome. Annual Report 2008/09 available from Clerk.
- South Staffordshire NHS PCT Annual Report 2008/09 available from Clerk.
- Report received by phone that a six year old child tripped over in the playground and broke collar bone – logged.
- South Staffordshire Council Parish Summit (full day) arranged for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – currently restricted to two delegates per parish.
- Draft Interim Policy Statement 'Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople' available in Clerks office. Comments are invited by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 via <http://sstaffs-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

79/10 **ALLOTMENTS' COMMITTEE**

The information was noted.

80/10 **SPEED CUSHIONS, THE PARKWAY – CLLR ALAN BLACK**

Due to Cllr A.K.Black being absent this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

81/10 **STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION AGM – 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

The information was noted.

82/10 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – INSTALLATION QUOTE**

**RESOLVED** that the quote be accepted in the sum of £1700.00 excluding VAT.

83/10 **PRECEPT INCLUSIONS FOR 2010 / 2011**

The information was noted.

84/10 **GRANT REQUEST – PERTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLVED** that the 1<sup>st</sup> half year grant of £2000.00 be paid.

85/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Perton & Codsall Utd FC**

Cllr A.K.James said that it was good to see the teams doing well and that they had recently been the subject of a feature in the Express & Star.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will send a suitable letter of encouragement and a brief message of support for inclusion on the P&C Utd FC website.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.50 pm

**Chairman**  
**9<sup>th</sup> November 2009**