

**Minutes of the meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 @ 7:00pm**

Present : Mrs. A James [Chairman]  
A.K. James [Vice Chairman]  
Mrs. P. Allen  
D.J. Billson  
A.A. Bourke  
C.J. Bromley  
Mrs. P.C. Bromley  
N.P. Caine  
Mrs. R. Heseltine  
R.J. Marshall  
Mrs. P.N. Pitt  
Mrs P.M.French  
R.French

Members of the Public present : 5  
Journalist from Wolverhampton Chronicle

178/06 **APOLOGIES**

Mrs. J.R.Williams; S.Bott

179/06 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

**A) Richmond / Gainsborough / Playing Fields**

A resident from the Richmond Drive / Gainsborough area that borders with the playing fields informed the meeting that there are regular occurrences of 'bad language' emanating from shouting during football matches. Cllr Mrs P.Allen stated that this had been a problem in the past and that spectators and players alike were responsible. Cllr N.P.Caine indicated that the referee had jurisdiction over the players and this extended to one hour after the match.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr A.K.James would take up this issue via the Perton Playing Fields Association and stress the concerns of the residents with regard to this complaint by means of a letter to all team managers. Next PPFA meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

**B) Harald Close Subway**

A resident from Harald Close provided the meeting with an update to the ongoing issues brought about by anti-social behavior in and around the underpass. The meeting was provided with several good quality photographic images to demonstrate both the nature and severity of the problem. Cllr R.J. Marshall informed the meeting that an item on the forthcoming full District Council meeting agenda may provide the

solution by an amendment to the constitution that would enable a 'Gating Order' to be proposed. Discussion on this point led to numerous questions being proffered for this meeting, including: Who will decide? How soon could it happen? Who would take control? What impact would it have on the Council budget? What alternative Crossing arrangements would be considered?

C) A Perton resident queried the meeting regarding the Playground area in respect to general appearance and the need for new equipment. This prompted sympathetic discussion concerning availability of budget and ongoing spending. Recently there have been repairs ongoing following incidents of vandalism plus new play items have been added. There was also a request to consider an 'All Weather' surface on the adjacent sports field to make the surface more available during inclement weather conditions. It was agreed that this requirement is subject to District council approval and funding.

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### **PRESENTATION BY GROUNDWORK ORGANISATION**

Groundwork is a Social Enterprise delivering environmental, social and economic renewal within the region. The presentation followed an earlier request from the organisation that is currently focusing on the geographical development zone south of M54. Perton PC is the first in the area to receive this review. The presentation was delivered by Graham Bould – Development Manager and Maxine Makin. Funding for projects may be arranged and this would be considered on the basis of need rather than area affluence. Any project could potentially be considered, an example offered was the possibility of support with the Parish Plan by 'door knocking' to ensure a higher number of responses. Groundwork left a number of brochures and descriptive leaflets which are available in the clerks office.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs A.K.James, Mrs P.C.Bromley, C.J.Bromley, Mrs.P.N.Pitt, R.French declared a non-pecuniary interest in cheque No 102954.

Cllr.N.P.Caine declared a pecuniary interest in Cheque No 102892.

Cllr. Mrs.A.James declared a pecuniary interest in Cheque Nos. 102861. 102859. 102884.

Cllr Penny Allen declared a non pecuniary interest in item 10 – Perton Carnival

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### **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the chairman of the Council duly signed them.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the chairman of the Council duly signed them.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the chairman of the Council duly signed them.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the chairman of the Council duly signed them.

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### **POLICE MATTERS**

There were no police officers in attendance for this agenda item and no written report was provided by way of alternative. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of support and apparent lack of interest a time when the council had been involved in formal representation to the Chief Constable in respect to Perton Policing issues and concerns.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Chief Constable to highlight the latest situation regarding no police show / no report at the Council meeting and no response to previous correspondence forwarded to Chief Superintendent Nick Howe. Letter to be copied to Sir Patrick Cormack MP.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to all South Staffs Parish Councils to solicit their opinions and experiences regarding local policing and to reiterate need to attend Codsall Council Offices on 27<sup>th</sup> February in respect to Police Liaison Meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Maggie Quinn to highlight the shortage of staffing levels at the CCTV Monitoring centre since this centre is regarded as a critical resource given the lack of police presence.

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### **PERTON CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Mrs. P/ Allen presented an application for grant on behalf of the Carnival Committee to cover the increased cost of Public Liability Insurance which this year is likely to exceed £350.00. The need for support this year is exacerbated due to generally increased costs and the reduced level of sponsorship, particularly from Sainsbury's who have committed to provide goods only.

**RESOLVED** that the Council would provide a grant of £350.00 in line with the request.

Cllr Allen also committed to offer a personal donation equal to one month Council Allowance and this was matched by Cllr A. Bourke and Cllr Mrs P.Pitt.

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### **FUNDING OF PARISH PLANS**

The Council considered a letter from 'Community Council of Staffordshire' offering funding towards the production of a Parish Plan. This funding has been available as a result of a Defra initiative. It was suggested that Perton Parish had previously possibly been offered a grant which had yet to be called down.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk follow up on the offer to seek grant if PPC was appropriately qualified or to establish position on previously committed grant offer.

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### **GREY BINS COLLECTION & RE CYCLING PROGRAMME**

The Council reviewed an invitation from Featherstone & Brinsford Parish to attend a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March to consider joint representation concerning the issues associated with fortnightly grey bin collections. Featherstone Parish stressed that in principle they support the re-cycling programme but have issues with the way it is administered.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr A.Bourke would attend the meeting as a representative of Perton Parish and to report back at the next Council meeting.

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### **STAFFING**

The Council was informed that Becky Hodgetts had been confirmed as the new Temporary Administration Assistant and was initially focused onto the Booking Office to relieve pressure on the Clerks Office to enable clearance of the finance / admin backlog. Additionally David Lloyd has been appointed to the role of Litter Warden.

**RESOLVED** that subject to special needs the Clerk could extend hours of the Litter Warden to cope with any arising emergency and report back to Council at first available opportunity.

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### **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

#### **a) Children's Activities**

**RESOLVED** to support Sussed 'Out & About' with three Easter sessions and six Summer sessions at a cost of £90.00 per session.

#### **b) 'Friends of Perton'**

**RESOLVED** to support the inaugural session scheduled for Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> and to make available the Council Meeting room for this first meeting.

**c) Tokens** for transport are now ready for distribution and a diary date at Perton Civic Centre is scheduled.

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**STAFFS. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

- a) **Pension Fund Annual Report 2004/05 is with Clerk for inspection as required**
- b) **Traffic Islands Maintenance Sponsorship**  
**RESOLVED** to move forward with opportunity. Clerk to request two copies of Agreement from Highways Office.
- c) **Proposed revision to Local Bus Service Operated by Codsall Cars**  
**RESOLVED** Cllr Robert Marshall nominated to attend meeting as representative of Perton Parish Council. Clerk to write to Adrian Hunt to confirm.
- d) **Street Lighting Improvements – Anders Square**  
**RESOLVED** Clerk to contact S.Poyser to confirm his receipt of lighting chart and invite him to monitor lighting levels in respect to TV picture quality at CCTV monitoring centre.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Bridgnorth District Statement of Community Involvement**  
The statement is provided for information purposes and is stored in the Clerks Office
- b) **Paving Over Front Gardens**  
The Clerk informed the meeting that the document was provided by an interested Perton resident and is available in the Clerk's office for inspection.

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**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Clerk informed the meeting that since the last Parish Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 the following proposals had been reviewed and returned to South Staffs. District Council without objections being raised

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
05/01346/FUL	68 Hawksmoor Drive 2 – Storey side extension
06/00060/FUL	14 Roundway Down Detached garage and porch

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

BACS	Wages Week 41	1,322.05
BACS	Wages Week 42	1,261.18
BACS	Wages Week 43	4,020.94
BACS	Wages Week 44	2,197.10
BACS	Wages Week 45	1,291.29
DD	SSDC - Rates January	1,302.00
DD	Severn Trent	93.52
DD	TV Licence	126.50
102900	John Ellis Associates	587.50
102951	Brisol Ltd	456.79
102952	A J Martin - Travel Expenses	16.00
102953	BT plc	12.76
102954	Perton Playing Fields Association	4,000.00
102955	IRIS Business Software	5.75
102956	IRIS Business Software	176.25
102957	Perton Wines & Spirits	43.35
102958	Post Office Counters	170.22
102959	Mrs D.Rudge - Deposit Refund (Stopped)	50.00
102960	C & S Key - Deposit Refund	50.00
102961	Live & Local	344.80
102962	D. Walker Audit Fee	144.00
102963	SLCC Membership	150.00
		17,822.00

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 @ 7:00pm

The meeting closed @ 9:25 pm

**Cllr. Mrs. A. James**  
**Chairman**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March 2006**