

Present A.A.Bourke [Chairman]  
Mrs C.M Young  
Miss C Duffell  
Mrs S.Bott  
Mrs P.Allen  
Mrs PN Pitt  
DJ Billson  
AK James  
AK Black  
NP Caine from 8:20 pm  
S.Bott

District Councillor - R Moreton  
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden  
Members of the Public present: 5  
Trainee Journalists: 2

99/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs, Mrs R Heseltine, Mrs A James, D.Fereday and D. Heseltine.

100/11 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

a) Fire Service Presentation: Keith Stubbs, Staffordshire Fire Service Area Commander

Keith provided a very interesting and thought provoking presentation which was delivered with infectious enthusiasm and provided a good overview of Staffordshire Fire Service operating with Partners across the region.

Chairman A.Bourke thanked Keith for his very interesting presentation and it was agreed that a follow up presentation will be arranged in about six months. Cllr Mrs P.Allen also acknowledged and thanked Keith for the work that is done locally with young people.

b) Questions from Members of the Public

Mr J.Nolan of Mercia Drive and Jennifer Simpson from Idonia Rd made an impassioned plea to the members for support in respect to problems with anti social behaviour that have been ongoing for in excess of two years. Mr Nolan said that both he and Jennifer have become long term targets for large groups of youths, up to thirty in some instances, and over a period of many months they have suffered attempted break-ins, intimidation, property damage and such like. He said that Jennifer has a four page log detailing forty three incidents which have occurred over the last two years and he said that disappointingly there has been little police support and almost no police attendance at the time of need. He said that on one occasion his own front door was being kicked in one evening and though he called the police they did not arrive until midday the following day. Also there has been large numbers of youths attacking the house with snowballs and he felt that the police did not have a proper perception of what is going on and just put it down to playful kids. He stated that whilst the police were happy to sideline the problems as straight forward anti-social behaviour they have actually suffered some very serious attacks and though they recently confronted about thirty youths all they got was verbal abuse. He said that they have not been calling 999 but in future they would.

Jennifer spoke saying that she has suffered anti-social behaviour over a period of seventeen years and matters have escalated over the last two years. She said that she has suffered to some degree with mental health issues and matters have been exacerbated by the issues of the last twenty four months resulting in the loss of both her long term relationship and employment. She said that she is very disappointed with the police not least because the police website says they take these sorts of issues very seriously but in reality this is not so.

Cllr Mrs P.Pitt said that snowballing is a children's activity but thirty youths targeting one or two properties is a different matter and they were creating a 'no go' area. J.Nolan agreed and said that the youths know that PCSOs were powerless to stop them. He asked that three things could happen; firstly that the police could be encouraged to take these matters seriously, secondly that a police presence could be visible in the area between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm and lastly that the police could turn up at the time an offence is reported rather than well after the event.

Cllr A.K.Black said that PPC receive a police report yet they seldom turn up to respond to matters arising. Cllr Mrs S.Bott said that any form of violent crime is a 999 call and commented that this type of intimidation is terrifying and makes people ill.

A member of the public said that policing at Perton is too soft and asked if we have to accept our NPU PC. She said most of the kids know him and see him at best as a social worker and we need a new tough PC that won't let the kids get away with it.

Cllr D.Billson said this type of issue will always provoke the same excuse from the police who will say this is a matter for Partnership working and a role for the community team. Cllr S.Bott said that nobody wants this matter to go any further and it must be stamped out and Cllr D.Billson said that possibly the members of press present could bring this matter to a head and Cllr Mrs P.Allen agreed that this would be useful and that our sympathies are very much with the victims but their personal details should be kept private. Cllr R.Moreton said that he had recently been elected Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Committee and he would bring this issue to their attention.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to Insp I.Gould at the NPU with an overview of the matters highlighted and invite him to attend the next meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and copy the letter to Gavin Williamson MP.

101/11 POLICE MATTERS

a) Police Report

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 13th December 2010  
 Period covered 04/11/2010 – 06/12/2010.

Beat areas    CF24    Mercia  
                   CF25    Richmond  
                   CF26    Central  
                   CF27    Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	10	4	16	6	36 (+19)
ASB vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-5)
Criminal Damage	3	0	1	2	6 (+3)
Damage M Vehicles	0	1	0	2	3 (-6)
Burglary Dwelling	0	1	0	0	1 (-1)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	1	4	0	5 (+4)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (-)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-)

Theft other	0	0	6	0	6 (-1)
Assault	0	0	1	0	1 (+1)
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0 (-)
Drugs	1	0	0	0	1 (+1)

### **ASB**

The reported ASB increased by 19 incidents. However there were 23 incidents related to snowballing. Unfortunately 3 of the snowballing incidents involved damage. Two windows of homes and a vehicle. The hotspots for general ASB are Mercia Drive/ Idonia Road, Stephenson Drive, Browning Grove and as usual Anders Square. Prior to the snow, the high visual patrols around the hotspot areas had reduced the ASB. There were no vehicle related ASB reports, which could be due to the poor weather.

### **Burglary Dwelling**

There was only 1 reported burglary dwelling. On this occasion though, offenders approached via rear fence and took items from kitchen during the day. Pleasingly there were no car key burglaries. In another daytime incident, a garage was broken into and tools stolen. On the negative side other burglaries involved the Premier and Martins news, where cigarettes were stolen. CCTV stills of suspects have been circulated to the West Mids and West Mercia forces.

### **Vehicle Crime**

The vehicle crime figures have improved as the phantom tyre slasher has not returned. However there was a motorcycle stolen but later recovered in another area of the village.

### **Violent Crime**

Again there were no robberies but there was a minor assault which also stemmed from snowballing. Enquiries are ongoing for this matter as the offenders are local youths.

### **Other**

The other thefts were mainly shoplifting. However there was one report of an attempted theft of pedal cycle. The offender was known, as a relative to the informant and enquiries are ongoing. This may well be the reason for the drop in theft of pedal cycles this month.

The drug matter was a minor offence of possession of cannabis.

Since the last meeting the bus lane has been well policed by the Neighbourhood team. Enquiries are ongoing into a vehicle that failed to stop for police there. However of the ones that did stop 12 received fixed penalty tickets and 10 got cautions. The cautions were for motorist that were not local and following sat nav. This may soon reduce as an area report has been sent to Tele Atlas who prepares the sat nav maps. This should stop sat nav suggesting the bus lane is a route onto Perton.

**Any information please contact Perton's Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 0300 123 2345 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PCSO Teresa Wilkes (08861), PCSO Ashley Tooth (016722).**

The Clerk advised the members that in respect to our request for 'ticket' information we have today received a reply from Insp I. Gould to our letter of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and copies were distributed to the Councillors present.

Cllr Mrs C.Young said that it was noticeable that the police are again not present at the meeting. Cllr A.K.Black said it was ironic that the police report finally includes some decent information in respect to illegal use of the bus lane but barely touches the issues at Mercia Drive and Idonia Rd that we have heard so much about tonight.

Cllr A.K.James said that it is important that we give serious thought to these issues and it is important to raise the perception of what is going on stating that Perton is a high problem area and until this is properly acknowledged things will not change. Cllr Mrs P.Pitt agreed with this and said we need to use the Chronicle which is widely read on Perton in order to get the message across.

b) Details of the next PACT Meeting

The information was noted

102/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104035 paid to David Allen – the handyman.

103/11 MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2010

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th November 2010 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

104/11 DRAFT MINUTES

a) RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010 together with income statement for November be accepted for information.

105/11 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

a) Perton Youth Club

Cllr D.Billson advised that there is no new information on this topic.

b) Flooding – Severn Drive

Cllr D.Billson advised that there is no new information on this topic.

c) Local Bus Services: South Staffordshire Area Initial Consultation

The information was noted

d) Highways Update

The information was noted

e) County Councillors Report

Cllr D.Billson reported that:

- CLP funding ceases on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and will merge with Youth Services to form 'Families First'. Our three units will reduce to one but subject to appeal we may get two.
- A Think Tank has been formed for fire service to seek ways to reduce the budget without reducing the front end service.
- He made a visit to the House of Lords (National Tree week) but found that it was a wasted day.
- Two South Staffs awards were made including 'Loose Ladies' at Featherstone
- Regarding planning there was a pre-consultation in respect to upgrade of existing Vodaphone mast at Perton First resulting from G2 / G3 service change.
- An education re-org is under review.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that the issue is sensitive but school headcounts are dropping in many places. Cllr S.Bott said there is much conjecture and speculation on this matter. Cllr Billson said that previous meetings with schools heads indicate that many kids will re-divert to Codsall where results are better.

*Cllr N.P.Caine joined the meeting at this point*

106/11 SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) Parish / District Elections & Government Referendum

The information was noted.

b) District Councillors Report

Cllr A.K.James reported that he has recently been involved in matters concerning 'Affordable Housing in Rural Areas' which included a new development at Pattingham.

Cllr Roy Moreton said he had attended numerous meetings including the Regulatory review and a Police briefing about 'cuts' where it had been stated that front line services will be maintained. Apparently the force is top heavy with seniors who cannot be made redundant but can possibly be subjected to early retirement. At the Crime and Disorder Meeting he said he was elected Chairman. He also attended the Scrutiny Panel, the Locality 4 meeting and participated in the local Ward walk.

107/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.**

Application No.	Proposals
10/00822/FUL	Alteration to ground floor and first-floor side extension - <b>68 Severn Drive, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7QL</b>
10/00887/FUL	Conversion of existing garage to garden room – <b>Headmasters Bungalow, Barn Lane, Kingswood WV7 3AW</b>

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

10/00804/COU	Change of use from retail [A1] to veterinary surgery [D1] - <b>Perton Pets &amp; Gardens, 12 Anders Square, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7QH</b>
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals but raised concerns about hazardous substances, i.e. liquid oxygen, being stored on the premises.

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

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
10/00650/FUL	Extend the existing external play area towards lake to west and resecure with 2.4m high, galvanised steel, vertical bar fencing to match existing - <b>Perton Community Centre, Church Road</b>	<b>Grant of Planning Permission</b>
10/00771/FUL	Conservatory and connecting feature pitched roof - <b>46 Idonia Road,</b>	
10/00748/FUL	(resubmission of 10/00512/FUL) Double extension - <b>71 Mercia Drive</b>	

10/00641/FUL	Extension of one new stable added to existing three stables and one hay store - <b>The Stable Barn, Hollies Lane, Pattingham</b>	<b>Refusal of Planning Permission</b>
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108/11 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 8th November 2010**

01/11/10	DD	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00
01/11/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/11/10	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1242.00
02/11/10	104031	Nobisco Limited	78.23
02/11/10	104032	Mr F.Thomas - Deposit Refund	50.00
02/11/10	104033	Mr I.Younger - Deposit Refund	165.50
03/11/10	BACS	Wages Week 31	1310.82
03/11/10	104034	Dell Incorporated	674.36
03/11/10	104035	David Allen - the handyman	35.00
04/11/10	104036	Perton Place	55.00
10/11/10	BACS	Wages Week 32	1186.88
10/11/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2508.32
10/11/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1631.65
10/11/10	104037	Post Office Limited	204.46
15/11/10	104038	Drinkmaster Ltd	63.82
16/11/10	104039	Computacenter (UK) Limited	114.56
17/11/10	BACS	Wages Week 33	1188.47
18/11/10	104040	MGD Solutions	196.00
19/11/10	104041	Stage Electrics Partnership Ltd	64.10
19/11/10	104042	ESPO	114.58
22/11/10	104043	Wombourne Printers Limited	77.55
23/11/10	DD	Unicom	50.75
24/11/10	BACS	Wages Week 34 / Month 8	4204.61
24/11/10	104044	South Staffordshire District Council	41.13
26/11/10	104045	James Mcnaughton Group Ltd	109.98
26/11/10	104046	Arts Alive	293.75
28/11/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	145.61
28/11/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	394.76
28/11/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	119.25
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16403.14</b>

b) **Budget-to-date 2010/2011**

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

109/11 **2011/2012 BUDGET OUTLINE**

The Clerk provided a brief overview of the current year end forecast and how this has been dovetailed into an outline budget for 2011 / 12.

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010

- Perton Playground Delta Basket Swing re-installed by Clerk & Caretaker on 10<sup>th</sup> November and is now fully operable.
- New Years Eve Disco cancelled without loss on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010 as only 15 tickets had been reserved.
- Civic Centre Heating failed on weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> November due to yet another heat battery burst under stage causing flood and air ingress to system which disabled all boilers until PM on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> so some customers affected. Heat battery is not repairable so RHF will try to source manufacture of a replacement unit. (See quote on main agenda (£2219.00 plus vat))
- Youth Shelter – SSDC / JOG have contracted a builder to repair/reinstate the brickwork and the work was completed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Youth workers to liaise with the youngsters who use the shelter to explain that if it gets damaged again they may lose the facility! However a month on the new walls is again under attack.
- Clerks new PC is now installed and older unit moved across to re-enable 'back-up' functions. Redundant old PC previously used for back-up is now totally 'wiped' and can be scrapped. Keyboard and Mouse will be retained as service replacements and 15 inch colour monitor can be very effectively used in conjunction with new Zero 88 Jester stage lighting console.
- Flicks in Sticks screening 'From Time to Time' on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November was attended by 50 OAPs plus one paying customer. The new black-out blinds and curtains were deployed providing a first class cinema auditorium and new sound and projector systems provided by Flicks in the Sticks aided a very successful afternoon. The exit opinions indicated that the film and presentation were very well received and more events would be welcome. In short a very good event.
- Wild about Perton: Perton Springwatch Festival 2011 will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April in Perton Library. Last year 800 people visited Perton Library during the Festival and Keith Elder would welcome any ideas you might have for improving the Festival.
- SSDC John Littleton Presentation on 'Enforcement Issues' will take place at January 2011 meeting.
- Perton Poppy appeal supported by Clive Rathbone: This year's total is £4552.65 (£108.19 Civic Centre) which beats last year's total by £264.22. Also auction raised a further £427.00
- Perton Village Nursery Phase 2 external works due to commence on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 subject to weather.
- SSDC to use Gainsborough Rd Car Park as temporary dump (just before or just after Christmas) for 'Tree Bark' for onward distribution over shrub beds.
- Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2011/2012 is set at £6.44 (2010/11 is £6.15)
- Community Games Toolkit is now available in 'soft or paper copy' in the Clerk's office. It is in 'essence' an extended form of what SSDC manage for Inter-Parish Games but having checked with SSDC they do not intend to run any form of special 2012 programme due to the organizational issues in respect to staff availability
- Big Lottery Community Buildings Grant application: Unfortunately we are in an excluded area in respect to this grant opportunity.

In respect to the youth shelter there was some discussion about whether or not it could and should be reduced due to the problems and Cllr Roy Moreton said that the JOG had wanted to reduce it and had looked at ways to improve it for better CCTV visibility. Cllr Mrs P.Pitt said that in respect to the CCTV the lighting was poor and there have been recent break-ins to the Wine Shop and the tree growth has restricted the view to the youth shelter. Cllr N.Caine said that Neil Harvey from SSDC had been looking at the lighting.

The Clerk said he would follow up with SSDC: Neil Harvey in respect to the lighting and Andy Cousins regarding the tree pruning.

Regarding the Community Games Toolkit Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that she has passed a lot of

information to PCSO Ashley Tooth with regard to him possibly providing some form of sports day utilising Perton Muga.

111/11 **QUOTATION FOR NEW STAGE HEAT COIL AND INSULATION**

**RESOLVED** that the quotation from RHF Heating Co Ltd for the provision of a new bespoke under-stage heat coil together with insulation works be accepted in the sum of £2219.00 plus vat.

112/11 **SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the Membership of SLCC for year 2011 will be renewed at a total cost of £234.00

113/11 **CHAIRMAN'S CIVIC CHAIN REFURBISHMENT**

The Clerk advised that he had already accepted the quotation from Fattorini Ltd in respect to the refurbishment of the civic chain (together with the updating of engraving) due to the relatively low value and a six weeks lead time. However there is an opportunity to provide a new storage presentation case if required.

**RESOLVED** that since the chain remains locked in the Clerk's office the majority of the time the Council will not sanction the expenditure of a new presentation case.

114/11 **DEBBIE PATTERSON DISCO AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to Mr P.Pritchard to both acknowledge and congratulate all the fundraisers associated with the Debbie Patterson memorial disco and to agree the points raised in his letter including the provision and fixing of a memorial plaque onto a Perton playground bench.

115/11 **GRANT REQUEST**

a) **1<sup>st</sup> Perton Scout Group**

Further to Minute 82/11 it was noted that the applicants letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 provided full explanation in respect to the query raised.

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £160.00 be provided.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their attendance and participation and wished them all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and invited all present to join him for a drink and mince pie.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8:45 pm

**Chairman**  
**10<sup>th</sup> January 2011**