

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 @ 7:00pm**

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

Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden  
Andrew McCready – Detached Youth Worker from Staffordshire Young Peoples Service  
Members of the Public present: 3

54/11 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P Allen, AK James, NP Caine and District Councillor, R Moreton.

55/11 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

a) **Andrew McCreeedy: Community Detached Youth Worker**

Andrew provided a brief overview of his aims and objectives, the key points include the following:

Targeting of youths is based on various criteria including Area, Groups and Individuals and may be in association with specific organisations such as the Joint Operations Group or Housing Associations.

They have now completed a summer programme which comprised various activities such as the Graffiti project and Young Peoples Summer trips which included a theatre trip to see Sound of Music.

It is recognised that the behavior of Perton young people is generally exemplary both in respect to the detached youth workers and the regular youth club.

Youth Club sessions usually attract between 25 and 35 visitors and Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights often feature detached youth worker projects around Anders Square and often involve the mobile unit although this is not available every week.

The Perton Activity Group is aimed at selected youngsters from age 13 to 19 and is funded by C&LP for six months and focuses on new skills acquisition and involves multi agency groups such as Police and Connexions.

Andrew wrapped up the session with an opportunity to ask questions and then left the meeting.

Cllr S.Bott raised an issue on behalf of Perton residents that were unable to attend asking if there has been any developments regarding proposals to install CCTV at the

Buses Only lane in order to prevent illegal access. He said that there were plenty of issues around the area caused by a small percentage of the population that regularly use the lane and it should either be closed to everybody or open to everybody. County Cllr D.Billson said that despite many attempts to solve this problem the latest frustration comes about because the CCTV has been put on hold due to spending cutbacks and the Councils need to save £120m over the next three years. However he said that the Council is proposing to install a new barrier and that as the lane is now designated as public highway the Police have full jurisdiction to issue tickets and maintain law at this location but they are not doing so and are therefore abdicating their responsibility.

Cllr Mrs A.James said that apart from this location there are also a number of people ignoring the turn prohibition on / off Perton at the Pattingham Road crossroads.

Cllr Mrs P.Pitt said that part of the issue in both locations is that SAT NAV devices take drivers to these inappropriate locations but either way we need more policing.

Cllr Mrs S.Bott said that the area at the bus lane is particularly dangerous since the trees and hedges absorb sound and make it difficult to hear oncoming traffic. She said that she has heard that Wolverhampton Council may build out the road junction to make access more difficult.

Cllr Billson said that Wolverhampton CC has significant budget issues so are not likely to do this and in any case they have historically never been interested in this area. He said that without budget and a lack of police interest this will continue to be a problem.

Cllr S.Bott said that whether a barrier or CCTV is provided we do need some form of deterrent, we don't mind which.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will provide feedback on this matter to PC Duncan Lampitt also advising that regarding the crime figures relating to Perton burglaries the bus lane gives potential thieves an easy and convenient way to come and go to and from Perton.

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**POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**

Period covered 07/07/2010 – 05/09/2010.

Beat areas    CF24    Mercia  
                   CF25    Richmond  
                   CF26    Central  
                   CF27    Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	8	7	25	5	45 (+30)
ASB vehicle	4	1	5	0	10 (+2)
Criminal Damage	0	0	1	1	2 (-2)
Damage M Vehicles	0	0	5	0	5 (+4)
Burglary Dwelling	2	1	1	0	4 (+4)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	1	0	0	1 (-)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (+1)
Theft from M Vehicle	1	0	2	0	3 (+2)
Theft other	1	1	3	0	5 (-)
Assault	0	0	5	0	5 (+3)
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1 (+1)
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)

**ASB**

General anti social behaviour appears to have rocketed for this report. However when you take into account it is for 9 weeks, which included the World Cup and the 6 weeks school holiday, the figures are understandable. The hot spots include Anders Square/ Spencer Ave, and for ASB vehicles Mercia/Idonia and Sainsburys car parks. One motorbike was seized under Section 59 powers over this period.

**Burglary Dwelling**

There was an increase in the car key burglaries across South Staffs for this period. Perton suffered 2 such burglaries and the other 2 involved garages attached to houses being entered. The burglary other involved goal posts being stolen from the secure compound at Gainsboro' Pavillions. These were later recovered lying about the village.

**Vehicle Crime**

Apart from the previously mentioned car key burglaries where 2 vehicles were taken, we also had a vehicle stolen which later turned up in a unit in Wolverhampton. There another stolen vehicle from elsewhere and a small cannabis factory was also located. The owners are helping police with their enquiries.

**Violent Crime**

There were 5 minor assaults which ranged from neighbours falling out over parking issues to an unprovoked assault during the World Cup football.

**Other**

Criminal damage never seems to go away and we had damage to plant pots and for unknown reasons an elderly lady had a brick smashed through her front window in the early hours. Mindless idiots also damaged 5 vehicles in separate incidents. One included youths jumping on a parked and unattended vehicle.

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).

There were no questions arising from the report.

b) **Scrap Collectors**

The feedback from PC Lampitt was noted. Cllr D.Billson reminded the members that these vehicles do have to be licensed and a vehicle can be reported to the District Council if there are any suspected issues.

c) **Sainsburys Car Park – Anti-Social Issues**

The feedback from PC Lampitt was noted, it was stated that the camera by the surgery has a blind spot and the offenders are likely to be aware of this.

57/11 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs A James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103989 paid to Perton Pet and Gardens.

58/11 **MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2010**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th July 2010 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 be accepted for information.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 together with income statement for July and August be accepted for information.

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**STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) **Perton Youth Club**  
Cllr D.Billson advised that there are to be seven youth clubs closed across the County but Perton Youth Club is not one of them and our stay of execution continues.
- b) **Flooding – Severn Drive**  
Cllr D.Billson reminded members that the public meeting has taken place and the current action is the ‘computer modeling’ of the drainage network which will be conducted independently and the results will be available hopefully in October or November. Both the Clerk and Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine remarked that there has been a lot of recent visibility of Severn Trent workers checking drains and suchlike.
- c) **Staffordshire Pension Fund – Policy Statements**  
The Clerk explained that Staffs County Council, as administrators of our Pension Plan, have informed us that PPC are obligated to have in place a policy statement concerning the discretions contained in four areas of the LG Pension scheme together with other discretionary powers if required but these are not obligatory.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will prepare a statement for PPC approval.
- d) **Help us set the Rules**  
The information was noted.
- e) **Strategic Plan**  
The information was noted.
- f) **LG Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Staffordshire**  
The members feel that this is an important consideration for the future and that PPC should be represented at the review.  
Cllr AA Bourke said that within Staffordshire there are probably too many Councillors particularly in consideration of the cost of ‘allowances’ given that we have coverage at all levels – Parish, District and County.  
Cllr D.Billson said that the conservatives have refused the recommended increase in allowances but also said that it is most important that South Staffs continues to be well represented as most of the focus in the County tends to be in the north where there are different issues.  
Cllr D.Heseltine agreed and said that a ‘unitary authority’ may be an option but should this happen it would adversely affect Perton.  
**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will advise Staffs CC that PPC will be represented at the review meeting by Cllrs Mrs R.Heseltine, D.Heseltine and A.Black.
- g) **Local Council Event – 4<sup>th</sup> October: Invite and Information**  
The tickets, agenda and location map were passed from the Clerk to Cllr A.Black who is to attend the event as PPC representative together with Cllrs Mrs P.Allen and Miss C.Duffell.

h) **County Councillors Report**

Cllr D.Billson reported that:

Staffs CC are focused on 5 key challenges

- Making the money go further - £120m savings over three years
- Revitalising the Staffordshire economy
- Reducing inequalities between and raising aspirations of communities
- Increasing personal and community responsibility to address issues
- Raising reputation of Staffordshire as place to live and do business

Rodbaston College has been awarded a grant of £1m from a central government fund of £50m. The money has to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March next year and will go towards a new teaching centre.

Locality 4 Draft report is now published and will be left with the Clerk. The report contains various useful pieces of information such as: Violent crime and anti-social behaviour is falling whilst acquisitive crime is rising and information regarding a Thermal Imaging Survey conducted by plane on a cold night shows that much of central Perton including the Civic Centre has low heat loss.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson will be holding a surgery at Perton Civic Centre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September and personal appointments can be arranged through his PA, following this he will be available on a casual basis in Sainsburys.

Cllr Mrs CM Young said that earlier in the year there had been a commitment that in-situ road grit bins will be filled but so far this has not happened so when will they be filled? Cllr D.Billson agreed that he would chase up this matter.

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**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **New method of consultation: My Place-My Say**

The information was noted.

b) **Revised Supplementary Planning Document**

The information was noted.

c) **District Councillors Report**

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine reported that she had attended the opening of the Library Garden where a very nice job has been done with child involvement. Additionally she said she had attended the Locality 4 meeting which was interesting and encouraged more members to attend, the Regulatory meeting recently highlighted in the Express & Star and she has contacted the District Council regarding overhanging vegetation around various Perton pathways.

Cllr Miss C.Duffell said that the traffic sign near Perton Golf Club was obliterated by overhanging shrubs and Cllr Mrs A.James said that around The Parkway there were numerous locations where rubbish had been thrown over back fences to accumulate on public areas and the Council should investigate this.

Cllr D.Billson said that in respect to the pathways there are existing issues with land ownership with many overgrown strips being in ownership of the various building contractors that developed Perton.

Cllr D.Billson reported that he has arranged a grant for Wild About Perton in order that they can provide a survey on Smiths Wood.

62/11 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.**

Application No.	Proposals
10/00512/FUL	Double extension - 71 Mercia Drive, Perton WV6 7NH
10/00539/FUL	Two-storey extension to form utility, dining room and bedroom - Stable Cottage, Perton Court Mews, Jenny Walkers Lane, Trescott, Wolverhampton WV6 7HB
10/00616/FUL	Garage and utility room and new porch - 19 Brunel Grove, Perton WV6 7YD

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
10/00134/FUL	Conversion of existing detached garage block into ancillary self-contained annexe – 5 Deepmere Cottages, Wrottesley Road West	Grant of Planning Permission
10/00370/FUL	Two storey side extension - 7 Corfe Close	
10/00539/FUL	Two-storey extension to form utility, dining room and bedroom - Stable Cottage, Perton Court Mews	
10/00466/FUL	Kitchen, utility, bedroom, bathroom and en-suite extension - 1 Moor Park	
10/00342/FUL	First-floor side extension, conservatory to rear and resiting of boundary fence – 19 Rockingham Drive	Refusal of Planning Permission

63/11 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 12th July 2010**

01/07/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/07/10	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1242.00
06/07/10	103976	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.87
06/07/10	103977	Perton Place	55.00
06/07/10	103978	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
07/07/10	BACS	Wages Week 14	1291.36
07/07/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2852.78

07/07/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1848.58
08/07/10	103979	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	36.98
14/07/10	103980	M.J.Richards - Piano Tuning	62.00
14/07/10	103981	Perton & Codsall Utd FC	250.00
14/07/10	103982	Perton Village Nursery - PPC Grant	360.00
16/07/10	BACS	Wages Week 15	1133.20
19/07/10	103983	MGD Solutions	196.00
19/07/10	103984	Kim Brown - Deposit Refund	200.00
21/07/10	103985	Ricoh UK Ltd	222.31
21/07/10	103985	Ricoh UK Ltd	227.14
21/07/10	103985	Ricoh UK Ltd	56.16
21/07/10	103985	Ricoh UK Ltd	59.67
21/07/10	103985	Ricoh UK Ltd	50.62
21/07/10	103985	Ricoh UK Ltd	53.58
21/07/10	103986	Nobisco Limited	84.37
23/07/10	BACS	Wages Week 16	1175.98
26/07/10	DD	Unicom	53.20
26/07/10	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
28/07/10	BACS	Wages Week 17 / Month 4	4238.38
28/07/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	149.97
28/07/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	291.26
28/07/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	65.28
29/07/10	103987	Post Office Limited	217.31
29/07/10	103988	Besam Limited	236.18
29/07/10	103989	Perton Pet & Garden	264.37
30/07/10	103990	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.87
02/08/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
02/08/10	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1242.00
03/08/10	BACS	Wages Week 18	1109.11
05/08/10	103991	Perton Place	55.00
05/08/10	103992	ESPO	189.64
10/08/10	103993	Audit Commission	1028.13
11/08/10	BACS	Wages Week 19	1082.81
11/08/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2444.53

11/08/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1631.65
11/08/10	103994	South Staffordshire District Council	521.63
13/08/10	DD	Severn Trent Water	828.82
16/08/10	103995	ThyssenKrupp Elevator UK Limited	196.77
17/08/10	BACS	Wages Week 20	1082.21
20/08/10	103996	MGD Solutions	196.00
23/08/10	DD	Unicom	52.65
24/08/10	103997	Mr O'Sharma - Deposit Refund	200.00
24/08/10	103998	PRS for Music	543.93
25/08/10	BACS	Wages Week 21 / Month 5	4308.07
28/08/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	313.96
28/08/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	31.31
28/07/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	88.54
31/08/10	103999	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.87
		<b>Total</b>	<b>34975.52</b>

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

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

64/11 **CLERK'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2010**

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

- Land Registry Enquiry: Perton Civic Centre is registered to Perton Parish Council as a leasehold interest from South Staffordshire District Council: Title number SF 259653
- E-mail received from Brian Griffiths of Perton & Codsall Utd FC offering thanks and gratitude to PPC for recent grant of £250.00
- Two benches to be supplied and installed at Perton Playing Fields following request from two disabled parishioners to MP Gavin Williamson: thanks to Andy Cousins at SSDC
- Audit Commission Fee scale charge for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 reduced to £875 from £1450 in previous year due to reduced Income / Expenditure levels.
- £1500.00 grant received from Cllr D.Billson via Staffs CC Local Community Fund plus additional £1000.00 grant from Harlequin Pantomime Productions, both sums in respect to provision of Lakeside Hall new blackout blinds and curtains.
- Community Council of Staffordshire: Annual Report 2009-2010 available in Clerks office together with invitation to attend their AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 at 7:00 pm at Haling Dene Centre if anyone interested in attending.
- Playground auto closing gate mechanism again replaced free of charge this month following damage / failure.
- Staffordshire Playing Fields Association: Annual Report and Accounts 2009/2010 available via Clerks office – Also Invite to attend AGM at Stafford on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 @ 2:00 pm together with Minutes from last year AGM.
- Shropshire Council: Statement of Community Involvement for Shropshire: Draft Document for Consultation via [www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning.nsf)
- Shropshire Council: Core Strategy Development Plan Document Notification of Submissio

to the Secretary of State. Details available on CD from Clerks Office.

- Dudley Council consultation on: A Development Strategy for Dudley Borough (Scoping & Issues) & The Halesowen Area Action Plan (Options Stage) Invite to submit representation on both documents by 10<sup>th</sup> September via: <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/environment--planning/planning/local-development-framework/devstrat>

65/11 **PARISH ACCOUNTS: AUDIT COMMISSION – CERTIFIED ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010**

The information showing 'no issues' was noted.

66/11 **PROCUREMENT OF SCAFFOLD TOWER FOR PERTON CIVIC CENTRE**

**RESOLVED** that the provision of a scaffold tower would be a good idea but as they can be very expensive a maximum figure of £1000.00 was agreed in the hope that we can obtain a second hand tower via EBay or similar.

67/11 **RENOVATION OF THE PARKWAY NOTICE BOARDS (4)**

**RESOLVED** that the quotation from MGD Solutions in the sum of £435.00 be accepted and the work put in hand as soon as possible.

68/11 **GRANT REQUEST**

**a) Charity Night – 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 – Cllr DJ Billson**

Cllr D.Billson explained that the Chairman of South Staffs District Council wishes to run a non-political charity night which will be for the benefit of Troop Aid which provides help packs for our badly injured troops. Additionally Cllr D.Billson will himself be rowing on a simulator a distance of 6.5 miles (10,000 metres) at maximum friction setting for the same cause.

**RESOLVED** that the Lakeside Hall be provided for the charity night at the concessionary rate of hire.

**b) Perton Playing Fields Association**

**RESOLVED** that first half year grant of £2000.00 be provided.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.20 pm

**Chairman**  
**11<sup>th</sup> October 2010**