

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 14th April 2008 @ 7.00pm**

Present: Mrs C Young [Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs A.James
DJ Billson
AK James
AA Bourke
S.Bott
D Fereday
AK Black

Also Present: County Councillor - RJ Marshall
District Councillor - R Moreton
Staffs CC - Simon Hobbs
Staffs CC Youth Service – Richard Coggins
Community and Learning Partnership Team Leader – Paul Woodcock
Parish Clerk – Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present : 4

211/08 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs R.Heseltine, Miss C Duffell, Mrs S.Bott, D.Heseltine, NP Caine, the Neighbourhood Police Team and Matthew Viney, Reporter Wolverhampton Chronicle.
Cllr Mrs A.James apologised in advance due to a need to depart early and subsequently left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

212/08 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

1) No matters were raised by members of the public.

213/08 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**
Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 11/03/08- 14/04/08

Rowdy / ASB behaviour	22	Note 1
ASB Vehicles	0	
Criminal Damage	3	
Burglary dwelling	3	Note 2
Burglary other building	1	
TWOC/ take vehicle	0	
Theft of M/V	0	
Theft from M/V	1	
Damage to M/V	2	Note 3
Assaults	0	Note 4
Theft Other	4	
Robbery	0	
Violence	1	

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/ nuisance reports were higher than usual. This may be due to the lighter nights and the half term Easter period, when the schools were off. Again the hotspots remain as Gainborough Drive/ The Pavilions, Anders Square, Spenser Ave and Browning Grove.
2. The burglaries included; one which involved the stealing of a car with its keys. From another break-in at a shed, a pedal cycle was recovered in the Lower Lake. There was an attempt at Sainsbury's, however offenders were disturbed and left empty handed.
3. Priority crime, such as theft of and from vehicles was good again, but another vehicle did have its rear number plate stolen. However 2 vehicles were damaged, one seemed targeted, but the other, the persons responsible paid for the damage, claiming it to be an accident.
4. There were no complaints of assault. However one lady reported being hurt trying to separate her dog from another in the Dippons Lane area. Enquiries are in hand to trace the owner of the offending dog.
5. 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

Cllr Mrs C Young commented on police report item 4 saying that dog issues were currently very topical within PPC and this report is a clear indicator of the potential problem.

Cllr A Bourke said that the matter had moved on and the name and address of the offending dog owner had been passed to the police by responsible dog owners. This comment was endorsed by two members of public that had arrived late.

b) **Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)**

The Clerk informed the Members that following the Regulatory Committee ratification of the DPPO on 11th March he had met with Maggie Quinn together with the Neighbourhood Police Team members to ascertain the numbers and locations for the area signage to be erected before the order can become effective. A list of thirty notice locations was agreed upon and Maggie will now obtain quotes for the signs which will be erected by SSSDC staff. Additionally he pointed out that the DPPO actually provided additional police powers rather than introducing a total alcohol ban.

214/08 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr A.K.James declared personal interest in cheque 103555 paid to DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal interest in agenda item 13 concerning Perton Playing Fields as a Trustee and personal interest in agenda item 16a regarding Perton Carnival as a committee member.

215/08 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th March 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 8th April 2008 together with Income Statement for March 2008 be accepted for information.

216/08

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(a) **Community & Learning Partnership – Presentation by Paul Woodcock**

Mr Woodcock delivered a presentation supported by printed chart handouts which were passed to all Council Members. Following the presentation various questions and discussions were presented as follows:

Cllr DJ Billson queried the sum of £42k as part of the general allocation of funds to Codsall asking if this was the salary for the Area Coordinator? He further stated that given the percentage of children within our C&LP Perton should be established as the main centre with satellite offices at Pattingham and Codsall rather than Codsall being viewed as the main centre. Paul said they are looking at existing properties rather than specifically going for new and the key point is that children sites need allocation of space for special services and crèche, stating that Primary schools are typically good sites. Cllr Billson replied saying we have two first schools at Perton together with nursery facilities.

Cllr RJ Marshall stated that with regard to the budget of £184k part of this is discretionary.

Paul said each C&LP has to have a business plan that meets the core offer. This will require an audit of local provision and a need to determine the number of different agencies providing services and any gaps in those services.

Cllr S Bott said that he likes joined up thinking but Staffordshire County Council are currently shutting youth facilities due to lack of cash so how is this joined up to the plans of the C&LP? Paul replied saying that money is not ring-fenced for Youth Services but is focused to delivery of 'extended schools' for services and that no additional capital exists from the external pot of money.

Cllr Mrs P Allen raised three questions, firstly Perton has many children so why do we sit in the second phase of plans, secondly why does the remit include 19 year olds who are adults, and lastly commenting on the library said that the small room was not suitable and that generally schools are not an ideal environment. In response Paul stated that Perton does not sit within the 30% band of 'most deprived areas' and that 19 year olds were included due to the DCSF requirement which goes up to A Level stream for 19 year olds. With regard to premises they are looking at County Council buildings and voluntary centre's where facilities could be provided if required.

Cllr DJ Billson asked if after school provision is flexible and fixed according to the numbers using the facilities. He said it would be a great waste if services were provided but used by very few. Paul said that the initial focus will be on sustainability and supporting what already exists.

Cllr Mrs C Young asked if existing school clubs will get support and Paul said that this should be the case.

Cllr Mrs P Allen stated that the legal requirement is to be up and running by 2010 but the budget ends in 2011, this was not logical and potentially a great waste of money.

Cllr A Black asked if the money is available up front or drawn down as required and Paul said funding was to allow agencies to effectively work together.

Cllr RJ Marshall asked if unused money was carried forward to which Paul replied that funds unspent over the year budget would not be available in the future. He also said that success will be measured using a variety of metrics including money spent and impact of service.

Cllr AK James asked who gets reports showing progress, to which Paul replied that these will be public documents and individuals could be added to the distribution list as required.

Cllr Mrs Young then terminated this session wishing Paul good luck and good progress.

(b) **Youth Club Political Speed Conference – Cllrs DJ Billson, A.Bourke & AK James**

Cllr DJ Billson said that the conference at the Youth Club on the 19th March had been a very useful exercise and in collating the top priorities the really big issue was that the kids wanted the youth club to be kept open and said they 'did not want to be put on the streets with the rest of the smack heads'. They also asked for new equipment at the youth club and additional security to protect their equipment and they would also like to see organised games at the new MUGA. Cllr RJ Marshall said that they also requested more organised events at Perton Civic Centre. Cllr Mrs P Pitt said that she had been very impressed with the kids and reiterated the issues regarding security of the premises.

Cllr AA Bourke thanked the youth service for organizing the event and for providing the hospitality. He said it was very refreshing to hear the views of the youngsters who are very switched on regarding local affairs and Perton Parish Council must not let the club close.

Cllr AK James said that he recognised problems with the plans unveiled so far tonight in so far as they did not extend to solving the youth club issues and we need a formal plan of attack. He said the kids specifically wanted a local club facility and did not want to travel to Codsall or anywhere else and they wanted security for their existing building and made various requests from regular discos to new facilities such as TV's and pool tables.

At this point the Chairman closed this session in order to give the youth service an opportunity to respond.

(c) **Youth Service – Simon Hobbs / Richard Coggins**

Simon outlined the thinking and shape of the on-going project developed in part from the two recent sessions at Perton Church and delivered the following report:

Project Brief for Perton Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS) project

1. **The purpose of this project**

The pilot project in Perton will help shed light on what IYSS will look like on the ground. Perton has a high number of young people and it is essential that their needs are understood and improvements made.

2. **Why is the project needed?**

IYSS must be in place for April 2009 and there are four key challenges to respond to:

- Providing Positive Activities
- Information Advice and Guidance
- Volunteering and Making a Positive Contribution
- Targeted Youth Support

In tandem there is a need to develop local approaches and in Perton this is made all the more urgent as the County Council has decided to rationalise the number of youth facilities it manages.

3. Project Focus and Key outcomes

Four key high level outcomes which we are all working towards:

- Positive Activities in a variety of locations and at a variety of times
- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Young People make a positive contribution
- Effective Targeted Youth Support

Two enablers which were defined during the two partnership working events

- Effective and long term resourcing
- Transport to allow travel outside the village.

Whilst a number of "quick wins" will be possible it is recognised that some issues (e.g. transport) are more complex and will take time to bottom. It is important that everyone is clear about what is realistic.

4. Project Delivery

4.1 Resources

The project will have a small steering group which will be composed of the following people:

- Simon Hobbs - Community Partnership Officer (SSC) - Project Lead
- Richard Coggins - Divisional Youth Services Manager (SCC)
- Robert Marshall - County Councillor
- David Billson - Parish Youth Champion/ District Councillor
- Youth Forum rep
- Workstream Leads
- Katie White/Mark Jenkinson - District Council
- Sgt Tim Heap - Police
- Tbc Church

4.2 Short term focus (April-May)

- A coherent plan
- Ensure all key stakeholders are signed up.
- Confirm baseline - data, service delivery, community activity and current and potential funding.

- Review against IYSS offer/ Gap Analysis and prioritisation.
- Youth engagement and ongoing consultation.
- Safeguarding the immediate future of the youth centre.
- Training and support for voluntary youth workers.
- Support for church youth club.
- Summer holiday activities.
- Evaluation of pilot phase.

4.3 Medium-long term (May-Oct)

- Outreach work with youth re alcohol and drugs.
- Development of new opportunities e.g. intergenerational activity.
- Developing children's services and family learning opportunities. through the Community & Learning Partnership.
- Improve access to information for residents about opportunities and services.
- Assess transport needs of residents and develop improvements.
- Ongoing future of the youth centre and other facilities within the village.
- ? tbc

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Mrs C Young asked how long the Youth Centre will be safe-guarded to which Simon replied it would be 12 months and the resources and plan need to be in place to find a solution from April 2009 onwards. Richard Coggins said the problem was in securing long term revenue resources bearing in mind that the youth service will not be paying future bills as a result of the 'asset management plan'.

Cllr RJ Marshall said that originally we had been told that the current building was not fit for purpose and other locations in South Staffordshire were more suitable but he had found out from Jim Brady that there is no problem to keep the facility open as long as the annual costs which average at about £7.5k per year comes from some other funding source.

Cllr D Fereday said that it was logical to tap into the C&LP for partnership funding on this but Richard said that their core offer does not include this type of facility.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said that it was evident that because the County Council had put £80k into Codsall we were to get nothing. She said it was important to move the issue of premises to the top priority and again queried vacant space at Perton Middle School which is under-utilised. Simon stated that they had recently met with the Head and were looking for further meetings to investigate and he would continue to promote our views even though key decisions had already been made.

Cllr S Bott said that it was clear that the County Council were intent on closing Perton Youth Club regardless of our views and that Perton Parish Council should step in. Cllr Mrs C Young said that it was far too premature to consider this since the County Council have the remit and the budget to provide these facilities for Perton and it was wrong to expect Perton parishioners to pay twice.

Cllr DJ Billson said that he was meeting with Simon and Richard tomorrow (15th April) in an attempt to progress some of these issues and it was important we remain positive and don't shoot the messenger. He said that the County Council were £400 million in debt and recognised that kids don't vote and are therefore an

easy target.

Cllr AA Bourke said that it was very important that Perton Parish Council do not let the Youth Club close and asked what the £7.5k per annum actually buys and queried the responsibility for maintenance bills from April 2009.

Cllr AK James said that any dealings with the County Council would require a very clear agreement and would need to be subject to terms of reference that would need to be defined by all concerned.

Cllr AK Black queried the need, stated in the report, for transport to allow travel outside the village when it was very clear that the youngsters had stated that they do not want an off village facility and will not travel.

Cllr DJ Billson said that at the Church sessions it was clear that transport and finance were red herrings to divert people away from the real issues and needs.

Cllr Mrs P Pitt said that it was clear that the County Council have no common sense since even local child minders were able to get lottery funding for their facilities.

(d) **County Councillors Report**

County Report for Perton Parish 14 – 4 – 2008

There are quite a few items to report on, both locally and county wide.

1) Speed dating with young people.

This was a great success. There were eight (I think) councillors who turned up at the youth club to listen to the varied concerns of the many Perton youngsters who turned up. For my part, the keeping open of the Youth Club has become the top priority and more organized events were also a frequent request. This will be discussed at the meeting.

2) The traffic improvement at Kingswood is progressing – more details at the meeting (M D A T M).

3) Middle school Council

I was “grilled” by eight people at the Middle School last month. The concerns ranged from the Youth club to a sports facility – not necessarily a swimming pool, when would the MUGA be ready for use, better transport to Codsall, the possibility of a “Perton Schools Council”, Why are there not more discos organized at the Perton Centre to mention a few of the things they asked – we ran out of time!

4) Community Speedwatch

This is a scheme that is becoming more and more popular across the whole country. Basically it is a scheme designed to combat speed in villages and it starts with volunteers who go on a training session (the next is 19th of April at Stafford) for about 3 hours and at the end of this the volunteers can go out with the Speed gun (usually in pairs) and can report back to the police any incidents of speeding. These do not lead directly to convictions, but a letter is sent to the “offender” and the police are better able to decide where the “speedy spots” are and will act accordingly. M D A T M

5) Perton Bus Link.

I will give an up to the minute report at the meeting.

6) Wild About Perton

An event was held on Saturday 5th of April at the Perton Library where Owls and

other wildlife was there to see. The event was very popular and even attracted a visit from our MP!

On to more general matters:

1) Job Evaluation

The three unions have all been balloted and all approved the recommendations which are based on four years of back pay and three years of pay protection. The cost is still estimated to be about £95 million which does not include all of the schools which have their own independent J E to do. The pay structure will start (have been implemented) on 1st of April 2008.

2) County Farms

The controlling Labour group has done a spectacular U-Turn on this issue. Back in September 2007, it was their intention to get rid of all of the farms or reduce the number significantly down to about 20. After lots of protest the new plan is to keep on about 75 of the farms. Some very interesting facts came out during the consultation. Some farm rents have not been increased for NINE YEARS! In spite of this, the rentals paid per acre by Staffordshire farmers is the second highest in the country with only Cheshire paying more.

3) Teachers Strike

The National Union of Teachers has voted for a one day strike on 24th of April in protest at the national pay deal. The voting numbers were 75% in favour and 25% against a strike on a turnout of 32%.

The strike was not supported by any other teaching union. It will be the first national strike for the teachers in 20 years.

4) Post Office Closures

The government is set on closing a large number of post offices across the whole country. In Staffordshire the target is approximately 10%. South Staffs District Council put forward a very strong case for keeping its post offices open and as a result only 2 out of 38 (about 5%) are down to be closed – Trysull and Seisdon and Codsall Wood.

County Councillor Robert J Marshall

Cllr RJ Marshall stated that there was a meeting on the 16th April regarding the Strategy for IYSS and a 42 page document was available via the County website.

Cllr AA Bourke commented on the County Council website saying there was no link to Perton Parish.

Cllr S Bott asked when was the target completion date for the Kingswood junction to which Cllr Marshall said there was approximately 1 weeks slippage and that around 20th May seemed likely for completion.

Cllr Mrs P Allen commented on the Community Speed Watch item saying that for the first time she had recently seen a parked Police car on Perton going in pursuit of a speeding car. She further said that she felt that training volunteers for speed monitoring was not a good idea due to potential confrontation issues and this is an incident waiting to happen. Cllr Marshall said it was up to villages to make their own decision on this and Cllr Mrs C Young asked who would be responsible for insuring volunteers and said that this was a matter of law and questioned where the Police are.

Cllr AA Bourke said there was several speeding issues by Perton schools and said a 20 MPH limit would be a good idea.

(a) **MUGA Lease**

Cllr DJ Billson stated that there had been two objections and these were now sorted. The Clerk stated that he had queried two items in the lease, the first concerning taxes but apparently the MUGA would not be liable for tax and the second was with regard to the provision of bins which he believes can be removed from the lease.

RESOLVED that the lease be accepted and that the Clerk contact the District Council to arrange final document and signing.

(b) **Parish / District Council Liaison Group Meeting – Thursday 22nd May**

Cllr DJ Billson said that these were important sessions due to issues over housing assessment and the spatial strategy which seems to vary both in geography and strategy. Cllr AK James said that much of these issues cropped up due to central government definitions of local areas such as the Black Country.

RESOLVED that Councillors wishing to attend will take responsibility for notifying the District Council.

(c) **Post Offices – Cllr DJ Billson**

Cllr DJ Billson said that Steve Winterflood at SSDC had with his support produced a comprehensive report on this subject and David Kidney MP, had said it was one of the best reports of its kind. He said that at the current time only two post offices will be lost and at least one of them will hopefully be served by a mobile post office. However, he warned that this could be subject to change and watch this space.

(d) **Councillors' Report:**

District Report Strategic Services Portfolio

On Wednesday 5th March I attended a Locality Working Group Meeting at Codsall Council Offices. I was elected District Member for this group which covers Codsall, Perton, Pattingham and Burnall Green. There is to be one main location and two pilot locations. I have made representation that Perton should be the main location based on the number of young people we have on our area more than the other locations. I have arranged for Mr Paul Woodcock to give a short presentation at the next council meeting.

On 7th March I attended a meeting which dealt with the Service Review of the Economic Development section of the council. This is ongoing.

On 11th 12th and 13th of March I attended a three day national conference on sustainability and the environment.

On 18th March I attended a seminar on carbon free housing in Birmingham. I also have a meeting with Paul Collings over the LDF.

On the same date I had a meeting with the Deputy Chief Executive following which I sent a letter outlining my opposition as portfolio holder responsible to the proposed closure of Post Offices in South Staffordshire. We have been very lucky in as much only two are being closed. I am however going to make further representation in an attempt to keep these open.

On 19th March I attended a Housing Assessment Presentation at West Bromwich where further figures were given on the number of houses required.

On 19th March I attended a seminar on Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Bill and the effect on decisions made by public bodies.

On 31st March together with the Chief Executive I attended a Summit on Substance Misuse at Stafford where I signed the Concordat on behalf of the District Council. I have details of the figures involved in both alcohol and drug abuse which will be available after the meeting.

Cllr D.J.Billson

Cllr DJ Billson also stated that there were four areas in South Staffordshire designated for the planting of wild flowers of which Perton Lower Lake is one and also there are to be 20 small nature reserves to be created and he would push for a couple of these in our area.

Cllr R Moreton provided a brief update to the Inter-Parish games and was pleased to announce that the rifle shooting team had won first prize.

Cllr D Fereday advised that commencing in the next 2-3 weeks we could expect to see verge spraying in order to kill weeds.

Cllr AK James reported that he was supporting the objection made by Steve Does regarding forestry areas and the felling of trees at Cranmoor Wood and Symonds Wood and he also stated that soil was being deposited on the wall on the A464.

218/08 **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 10th March 2008

01/03/08	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
03/03/08	103553	Lighthouse Photography Ltd	141.00
04/03/08	103554	Jill Bassett	100.00
05/03/08	BACS	Wages Week 49	1076.55
05/03/08	BACS	Inland Revenue	2358.93
05/03/08	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1169.66
10/03/08	103555	DowntoEarth Grounds Maintenance Limited	94.00
10/03/08	103556	Perton First School PTFA	150.00
11/03/08	BACS	Wages Week 50	1205.75
12/03/08	103557	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	83.66
14/03/08	103558	McNaughton Graphical Papers Ltd	81.31
17/03/08	DD	Severn Trent	53.88
17/03/08	103559	Stock Displays Ltd	643.29
17/03/08	103560	Mrs Thacker	150.00
17/03/08	103561	Welbeck Sports	166.52
18/03/08	BACS	Wages Week 51	1131.58
25/03/08	BACS	Wages Week 52	5101.20
26/03/08	DD	Unicom	61.68
26/03/08	103562	MGD Solutions	196.00

26/03/08	103563	Nobisco Ltd	74.50
26/03/08	103564	Dell Corporation Ltd	45.83
26/03/08	DD	BT Business Broadband	69.75
28/03/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	416.28
28/03/08	DD	British Gas - Gas	752.58
31/03/08	103565	Post Office Limited	236.81
TOTALS			15607.76

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

The budget figures for income and expenditure up to 31/3/2008 were noted.

219/08

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 10 March, 2008.

Application No.	Proposals
08/00174/FUL	Replacement annex/garage West Winds, County Lane, Kingswood, South Staffordshire

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals which are subject to green belt considerations and footprint.

08/00179/FUL	Conservatory 6 Adwalton Road, Perton, South Staffordshire, WV6 7SH
08/00236/FUL	Two storey extension 15 Levington Close, Perton, South Staffordshire, WV6 7NP
08/00184/FUL	Rear Extension 10 Repton Avenue, Perton, Staffordshire. WV6 7TD
08/00338/FUL	Porch 30 Livingstone Avenue, Perton, Staffordshire. WV6 7TF

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals, but it was suggested that no work be carried out on Sunday and Bank holidays.

08/00235/FUL	Replacement Dwelling The Latter House, Pattingham Road, Perton, South Staffordshire.
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposal, but it was suggested that no work be carried out on Sunday and bank holidays, that all construction vehicles to be parked on-site and development rights removed when construction is completed.

08/00287/FUL	Two storey and single storey side extensions and conservatory 31 Cornovian Close, Perton, Staffordshire. WV6 7NU
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposal subject to:

- 1) the toilet window opening inwards (not onto the adjoining property) or suggested the room be vented in other ways;
- 2) no work to be carried out on Sunday and Bank holidays.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
08/00016/FUL SS.08/01 Staffordshire County Council 08/000057/CCD South Staffs. Council	Two-storey and single-storey rear extensions – 1 Warwick Ave To replace existing boundary fencing with 2M high Triton Mesh fencing and gates (powder coated green) plus 2M High vertical bar fencing and 3 sets of double leaf gates (powder coated black) fronting Tinacre Hill and alterations to existing vehicular entrance and exit arrangements at Wightwick Hall School, Tinacre Hill	Grant of Planning Permission
08/00142/FUL	First floor extension over existing garage, new side garage and conservatory - 42 St Andrews Drive, Perton Parish Council	Refusal of Planning
08/00174/FUL	Replacement annex/garage - West Winds, County Lane, Kingswood	Permission

220/08 **CLERKS' REPORT – APRIL 2008**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 14th April 2008

- DVD & CD-Rom detailing Local Government Pension Scheme Changes available in Clerks Office.
- SSDC Locality 4 Forum – Copy of presentations delivered now available in Clerks Office.
- Harlequin Pantomime Productions have committed to make a donation of £400.00 towards the new children's Playground facility.
- £5000.00 contribution received from Bromford Housing Group for childrens Playgrounds.
- Orders for Muga & Playground placed with SMP Ltd on 1st April 2008 following SSDC Rolf Levesley verbal authorisation to Cllr D.Billson on the same day.
- Public Consultation on the Preferred Options for the Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country and associated Appendix 2 (Regeneration Corridors and Strategic Centres Spatial Options - 17th March 2008 to 28th April 2008. Documentation in Clerks office or via: <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>
- Dudley MBC. Public Consultation on the Preferred Options for the Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country and Brierley Hill Area Action Plan – 17th March 2008 to 28th April 2008. Documentation in Clerks office or via: <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/>

221/08 **PERTON PLAYING FIELDS – BYELAWS SIGNAGE**

RESOLVED that the signs, as distributed, be accepted.

222/08 **INSURANCE RENEWAL 2008-09**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will do some additional evaluation of the options and report back at the next meeting.

223/08 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE – MEMBERSHIP 2008/09**

RESOLVED that the membership be extended for the new year at a cost of £20.00.

224/08 **REQUEST FOR ROOM HIRE CONCESSION / DONATION**

(a) **Perton Carnival – Charity Event 10th May**

Cllr DJ Billson queried the fact that the proceeds from the evening will be divided between the Carnival and the Mayor of Wolverhampton's Charities. Cllr Mrs P Allen said this was because the event was being organised at no cost by the Wolverhampton Circle of Magicians who had requested that half of the proceeds go to Wolverhampton's Mayor Charities.

RESOLVED that concessionary rate be agreed.

(b) **Perton & Codsall Utd F.C.**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to this organisation to request financial account details and a breakdown of number of children from Perton playing within the teams.

(c) **Campaign to Protect Rural England.**

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be provided.

225/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Perton First School – Geese**

The correspondence was noted for information.

(b) **Landscaping Perton – Copy letter sent to SSDC**

The correspondence was noted for information.

(c) **South Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Action.**

The correspondence was noted for information.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th May 2008 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9.20 pm

Chairman
12th May 2008