

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 14th December 2009 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]
AK Black [Vice-Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs S Bott
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson [District & County Councillor] - joined the meeting at 8.20 pm
AK James [District Councillor]
AA Bourke
N.P.Caine - joined the meeting at 8.20 pm
S Bott
D Fereday

District Councillor R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present: Three

108/10 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs RA Heseltine and D Heseltine.
Cllrs DJ Billson and NP Caine apologised for anticipated late arrival.

109/10 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mr F.O'Leary said that he wished to place on record his gratitude to Perton Civic Centre staff who recently made space available at short notice to enable completion of the counting of the proceeds from the poppy appeal which started in the church but was curtailed due to a 'double booking'.

110/10 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**

Period covered 4/11/2009 to 5/12/2009.

Beat areas CF24 Mercia
CF25 Richmond
CF26 Central
CF27 Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	totals
Anti Social Behaviour	3	2	12	3	20
ASB vehicle	2	4			6
C Damage		1	2	2	5
Damage M Vehicles	1				1
Burglary Dwelling	1	1	1		3
Burglary Other Bldg				1	1
Theft M Vehicle					
Theft from M Vehicle					

Theft other	14	14
Assault		
Robbery		
Sexual Offences		
Drugs		

ASB

On CF24 (Mercia), one of the calls for ASB relates to loud music in Levington Close. Two calls relate to youths loitering in Idonia Rd near to Dippons Lane. CF26 (Central) has the highest number of calls with a particular problem being nuisance inside and outside Sainsbury's store, including the exit foyer, involving younger teenagers running in and out of the store. There have been complaints from customers about being approached by young teenagers to buy cigarettes for them. Individuals have been identified and are subject to the ASB monitoring process. For CF27, two calls relate to domestic nuisance / unwanted visitors and one call from a resident in Winceby Road about scooters and teenagers congregating near a house.

ASB vehicles

Mini Motos are a particular problem around Idonia and Mercia CF24 early evenings. On CF25 we have the same problem along Dippons, Ayrton/Gainsborough, Beverston and a field next to Perton Middle School on Gainsborough Drive. We have information regarding a hardcore group of culprits coming over from Tettenhall

Police are responding to all calls quickly, however offenders have gone / left the area fearing seizure of their machines under Sec 59 Police Reform Act.

Criminal Damage

On Mercia Drive, repeat damage to wing mirror on 'R' reg BMW. Perton Youth Club, Gainsborough Drive; damage to school caretaker's office door and flower beds with identified offenders on CCTV after Youth Club night. On Edge Hill Drive damage to some garden ornaments and conifer trees in Lytham Road where two brothers have been identified and appropriately advised in the presence of parents.

Burglary Dwelling

Daytime afternoon offence in Stephenson Drive (CF24) on 23/11/09. 'Car key' burglary via forced entry to conservatory. Keys and a BMW X5 stolen and recovered following 'Tracker' activation. On CF25 another 'Car Key' burglary overnight into 17/11/09 in Framlingham Grove, BMW stolen. Entry believed via insecure Patio door. A third burglary involves forced entry to a flat in Milton Court 6/11/09, Bromford Housing property where the occupier had previously passed away.

Burglary Other

Shed burglary in Lytham Road 29/11/09 involving theft of a pushbike which has been returned to its owner after being handed in at Codsall Police station.

Theft other

Don't be too alarmed about the number of offences. Seven of the offences relate to an increasing number of petrol 'drive offs' from Sainsbury's filling station. Three offences relate to shoplifting from the store. However, please take extra care with Pedal cycles left insecure in back gardens. One child's mountain bike was removed from a property in Sandown Drive 415pm afternoon.

The other cycle was stolen from the rear of a property in Lingfield Grove during the day.

That's about it for 2009. If you like the presentation of the report in this 'neighbourhood/beat' format please let us know.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

PC Frank Hossack, PC Duncan Lampitt, PCSO Teresa Wilkes and PCSO Ashley Tooth and officers from Wombourne / Codsall LPU.

PC3537 Frank Hossack

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that the new format for the presentation of the police report is good and Cllr A.K.James commented on the highly visible TV advertising campaign by the police which refers to the 'Police Pledge'; he said 'I hope they mean it'.

Cllr A.Black expressed concern about the police bikes left in public areas of the Civic Centre and it was agreed that these give rise to health and safety issues and would impact building evacuation in the event of a fire.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the NPU team stating that this practice must cease.

Cllr S.Bott commented on the police report item concerning mini-motos saying that he was aware of several calls to the police regarding this issue and that police often do not turn up for an hour or so and then express surprise that the bikers are not around.

b) **Youth Shelter & Muga Lighting**

Youth Shelter: The Members considered the police request to enhance the Youth Shelter and following some discussion agreed that there is some justification for improvements but need more detail to be sure that the project meets the needs of all parishioners.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to PCSO Tooth stating that PPC agree in principle but require seeing and agreeing the plans and final specification prior to any work being started. Lighting, if provided, should take into account local homes and residents that may be affected and provide a timer to allow for automatic timed shut-off. Paint work should ideally utilise 'anti-graffiti' coatings to enable simple cleaning. And that a transparent wall section will aid visibility but selection of material is important to avoid a fire hazard and to ensure that full transparency is obtained for CCTV purposes.

Muga Lighting: The Members felt that this requirement has potentially more issues but is worth investigating.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will check with SSDC to see if our existing planning permission has any exclusions in respect to night time lighting and if not is planning permission required to add lighting? Additionally a consultation exercise may be necessary in respect to residents in Cheshire Grove and the Clerk will also check with C&LP regarding the harder issues relating to cost and management: Initial capital outlay, running costs – cost of electricity / maintenance and management of switch on / off probably by timer but this needs consideration.

- c) **Correspondence from Insp. A.Chapman:** The Members discussed this matter in depth and agreed that in principle it is a good plan to put in place but expressed reservations and caution based on the negative aspect of Staffs CC withdrawing funding for the Community Reassurance Team Youth Workers and PCSOs.

Cllr A.Bourke said that the Staffs CC budget currently pays for 39 PCSOs and 16 detached youth workers and this is a huge resource to lose across the area.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to Insp A.Chapman agreeing to his plan in principle but expressing concern that our PCSO headcount will be reduced by two thirds next April and as a result ASB 25% reduction will be quickly reversed the 'Policing Pledge' will be at risk and the Perton Plan 2010 will not be effective when key resources are being withdrawn. The Clerk will also write to Cllr Ben Adams at Staffs CC to seek clarification in respect of funding for the Community Reassurance Team Youth Workers and PCSOs.

111/10 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Mrs S.Bott and S.Bott declared personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item regarding Perton Youth Club only insofar as it relates to the proposed Pavilion extension. Cllrs Mrs P.Pitt and A.Bourke declared personal and prejudicial interest in the Concession Room Hire request from Brownies and Guides.

112/10 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER, 2009

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2009 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

113/10 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 7th December 2009 be accepted for information.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 8th December 2009 together with income statement for November be accepted for information.

114/10 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Perton Youth Club**

(1) **Planning Application**

Following some discussion regarding conditions and potential users of the proposed extension Cllr Mrs P.Allen proposed that this matter be held pending feedback from Staffs CC regarding their position, this was seconded and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Sarah Poxon at SSDC Planning and request that our application be held in abeyance pending our receipt of the information that we require from Staffs CC and to ask how long it will be before our application lapses and requires a new submission.

(2) **PPC letter to Staffs CC and response from Sharon Moore**

Following some debate it was agreed that the letter from Sharon Moore misses the point that our proposal for the Pavilion was instigated in response to the decision by Staffs CC to close Perton Youth Club which has now been put on hold.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Sharron Moore advising that our proposed Pavilion extension resulted from a Staffs CC decision that has now been suspended and as a result we have now placed our proposal in abeyance pending the new report from Staffs CC which we understand will be available to us in February / March and to state that no assumptions regarding our proposal should be included in her report to County Council Cabinet in the New Year.

(3) **IYSS News Bulletin**

The information was noted.

(4) **Staffordshire Local Community Fund**

County Cllr D.Billson had not arrived at this point but the Clerk informed the meeting that he was fairly sure that the grant request had been cancelled as we were unable to fulfill the conditions and that the funds had been re-utilised elsewhere.

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

County Cllr D.Billson had not arrived at this point so this item was postponed until the next meeting.

c) **County Councillor's Report**

County Cllr D.Billson had not arrived at this point so this item was postponed until the next meeting.

115/10 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **District Councillors' Report**

Cllr A.K.James reported that he had attended a Council Planning meeting concerning the new rules regarding gypsy encampments. Large numbers of applications have apparently been placed by the gypsy council in the knowledge that if refused they will go to appeal and be successful. For example there are requests for brick built washrooms and social facilities at mobile sites which are transient sites and there are also green-belt issues.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that there is often confusion in respect to differences between mobile home parks and caravan sites which do have brick built facilities. It was noted that generally gypsies have mobile homes not caravans.

Cllr D.Fereday said that he had attended the same meeting as above and it is a very difficult situation.

Cllr R.Moreton said that the Inter Parish Games presentation evening had gone very well but it was the last of its kind as there will be a new format next year. The new plan is likely to be formatted around ten possible events and there will be no formal presentation.

Cllr C.Duffell said that it would be a shame if the presentation event no longer takes place since the underlying purpose of IPG is to provide a community event.

116/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th November, 2009.

Application No.	Proposals
09/00814/FUL	First-floor extension over existing garage and conservatory - 19 The Wheatlands, Perton

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
09/00667/FUL	Two-storey side and ground floor extension - 30 Edge Hill Drive	Grant of Planning Permission

117/10 **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 9th November 2009

02/11/09	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1310.00
02/11/09	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
02/11/09	DD	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00
03/11/09	103876	Post Office Limited	177.85
03/11/09	103877	James McNaughton Paper Group Ltd	89.70
04/11/09	BACS	Wages Week 31	1122.67
09/11/09	103878	Nobisco Limited	137.84
11/11/09	103879	Perton Place	55.00
11/11/09	103880	Saimol Trading Company	356.50
11/11/09	BACS	Wages Week 32	1100.50
12/11/09	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1636.20
12/11/09	BACS	Inland Revenue	2694.54
17/11/09	103881	Mrs S.Baker - Deposit Refund	150.00
18/11/09	BACS	Wages Week 33	1167.15
25/11/09	DD	Unicom	50.53
25/11/09	BACS	Wages Week 34 Month 8	4206.89
30/11/09	103882	Nobisco Limited	10.35
30/11/09	103883	Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	64.81
30/11/09	103884	MGD Solutions	196.00
30/11/09	103885	NAFAS - Deposit Refund	150.00

30/11/09	103886	Drinkmaster Ltd	50.35
30/11/09	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	111.69
30/11/09	DD	British Gas - Electricity	367.57
30/11/09	DD	British Gas - Gas	276.78
TOTAL			15564.92

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

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

118/10 **CLERK'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2009**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 14th December 2009

- Steve Dores from SSDC advises that agreement has been reached with Sainsburys and that diseased trees that were cut down will be replaced.
- South Staffs Council Local Development Framework Newsletter Issue 1 is available in the Clerks office.
- Clive Rathbone advises that the Civic Centre poppy appeal (two boxes) raised a total of £132.20. The years total was £4267.73 against last years figure of £1557.00
- Information regarding the proposed federation of Wightwick Hall School & Cherry Trees School wef 1st January 2010 is available from the Clerks office.
- SPCA advise that there will be no increase in S137 next year – i.e. the limit will remain at £6.15 per elector as it is linked to the inflation index – which was negative in September!
- Letters sent on 16th November to three Perton Schools Head Teachers to request use of school facilities for summer 2010 Sussed events – No replies currently received.
- SSDC LDF Supplementary Planning Document – Village Design Guide together with Adoption Statement and Statement of Consultation is available in Clerks Office.
- Letter received via SSDC from Ian Austin MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government concerning War Memorials – available in Clerks Office.
- Perton Playground – Spinner apparatus was cut in half by Fire Service in attendance to rescue an eleven year old girl that had got stuck in the plastic loop. Repair costs being sought from SMP.
- SPCA December 2009 newsletter distributed at meeting.
- Correspondence received from Wolverhampton City Council on behalf of the four Black Country Local Authorities (Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC, Wolverhampton CC and Walsall Council) requesting comments on the Joint Core Strategy for the Black Country and Brierley Hill Area Action Plan (30th November 2009 to 15th January 2010) publication document, representation form and supporting documents are available online at <http://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk> and documentation, Appendices and CD available in Clerks office.

The Clerk advised the members that he had now ordered a replacement Spinner for Perton Playground at a cost of £89.00 plus £9.00 carriage but the installation cost quoted was £550.00 so he is hoping that the work can be done by our own staff.

119/10 **SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – 2010 MEMBERSHIP**

It was agreed that continued membership is worthwhile.

RESOLVED that the membership of SLCC for 2010 be renewed at a cost of £234.00

120/10 **REFURBISHMENT OF SUBWAYS AND BUS SHELTERS - QUOTATIONS**

RESOLVED that the quotes from MGD in the sum of £640.00 for refurbishment of Bus Shelters and £780.00 for re-painting of Browning Grove subway be accepted.

121/10 **APPLICATION FOR GRANT / CONCESSIONARY ROOM HIRE**

(a) **Church At Perton – Festival Christmas Tree**

RESOLVED that PPC will pay for a Christmas Tree that will be delivered to the Church.

(b) **Rainbows / Brownies & Guides Christmas Party**

RESOLVED that, following an unsuccessful proposal that the room hire be provided free of charge, the Concessionary room hire rate be offered to this group.

122/10 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **LU605G Alleged Public Footpath from Byway 6 to Footpath 22**

The information was noted and the Clerk will inform Brian Stockley.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th January 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.20 pm

Chairman
11th January 2010