

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 12th January 2009 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]
AA Bourke [Vice-Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs A James
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson
AK James
SK Bott joined meeting at 7.12 pm
AK Black
NP Caine joined meeting at 8.25 pm

County Councillor - RJ Marshall
Parish Clerk – Tony Tappenden
Narinder Neehal - CLP
Graham Riley – Perton Library
Members of the Public present : 8

140/09 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs D Fereday and D Heseltine.
Cllr S.K.Bott apologized for his late arrival and additionally offered apology from Mrs S Bott which was accepted.

141/09 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) A member of public asked the members if they could request action from Sainsburys in respect to the mess in Anders Square caused by pigeons. The mess is both on the grounds around the shops and the glass canopy immediately outside Sainsburys. Following some discussion it was also agreed that the areas around Sainsburys car parks were also becoming problematic due to a large number of lights which had failed and not been repaired giving rise to security and safety issues.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Sainsburys Manager to flag the issues of pigeons and car park lighting to see if they will tackle the problems asap.
- 2) Irene Lunn spoke on behalf of a group of residents from Severn Drive who had previously complained, via petition, of speeding cars and dangerous driving near the chicane in the area from the library to The Parkway. They said that since making the original complaint nothing has changed and as there are a large number of Senior Citizens in this area there is great danger and some form of calming measures are urgently required.
County Cllr R.J.Marshall said that he had taken up the original issues with David Steptoe at the Highways office but was of the opinion that possibly no action had been taken due to money supply issues.
RESOLVED that Cllr R.J.Marshall will reinvestigate the status of this issue and write to Mrs Lunn within the week to offer an update to the situation.
- 3) A lady asked if there was any update to the Perton to Codsall school bus issue and the safety aspect of the route for walkers. The Chairman informed her that there was no

fresh news on this matter and there had been a lot of recent communication between the Parish Council and Staffs CC last month when the last action had been to refute the findings of the safety inspection and a letter had been sent to Peter Traves and Andrew Marsden at Staffs CC stating that in the event of an accident the Parish Council will hold them personally responsible.

142/09 **CLP CHILDRENS CENTRE PRESENTATION: GRAHAM RILEY & NARINDER REEHAL**

Narinder and Graham delivered a brief presentation to the members. The key point is that the Child Centre is designated at Perton Library plus satellites at Lane Green and Pattingham. A pot of funding is available and current plans include Autumn outreach sessions and other plans will develop when the library building extension is complete.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said she was interested to hear about plans developing for older children and suggested a weekend homework club.

Cllr D.Billson said that he was very disappointed with the very small number of funding applications from Perton. Narinder agreed that this was a great opportunity being wasted and that the prime purpose of the funds is to 'pilot' new ideas.

The Chairman thanked Narider and Graham for their presentation stating that she hoped this presentation would help to generate interest.

143/09 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 01/12/08- 12/01/09

Rowdy / ASB behaviour...	22
ASB Vehicles...	6
Criminal Damage...	0
Damage to M/V...	3
Burglary dwelling...	1
Burglary other building...	0
TWOC/ take vehicle...	0
Attempt/Theft of M/V...	1
Theft from M/V...	1
Theft Other...	7
Assaults...	1
Robbery...	1
Sex Offences	0
Drugs	1

1. Considering the period of time and that it's been the Xmas and New Year festivities, the crime figures for this meeting are pleasing. Anti Social Behaviour is still about around the areas of Spenser Ave, Anders Sq, Manston Drive and Browning Grove. However the numbers are lower. The ASBO involving vehicles is higher; however all but one report involves parked vehicles in the Gainsboro' Drive area, which is being look into.
2. Priority crime figures are good. Although one burglary is one too many. This burglary involved the theft of car keys and car. A reminder to all this is still a popular crime. The assault was a minor incident involving school children. The robbery occurred down Dippons Lane again. I would ask folk to be mindful of this walkway. Even with increased efforts in lighting, it is still an area where people can be isolated. The drugs matter amounted to the possession of a small amount of cannabis.

3. There were 7 reported thefts. All but two were shop theft. However one report was of theft of Christmas lights from outside an address.
4. There were 3 reported incidents of damage to vehicles, but no other damage reports. There were no reported burglary (others), i.e. sheds/garages and no incidents of a sexual nature

Any information please contact Pertons Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 08453 303132 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PC Frank Hossack (03537), PCSO Teresa Wilkes (08861) and PCSO Rachel Street (08862).

Cllr D.Billson informed the members that Inspector Shannaghan was apparently moving on to a new area.

Cllr A.K.James, commenting on the quality of the report and the lack of police attendance to comment on the report, said that the service we get is not worth the money we pay.

The Chairman said that she was not at all happy with the police response and the poor production of the report both in terms of content and timeliness.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will again write to Inspector Shannaghan stating that the members were again disappointed in the report content which is confusing and missing detail, the lack of police presence to explain the report and the late arrival of the report.

144/09 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

145/09 **(a) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th DECEMBER, 2008**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th December 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

(b) MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER, 2008

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

146/09 **DRAFT MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th January 2009 together with December income statement be accepted for information.

147/09 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **County Councillor's Report**

The Chairman reminded Cllr R.J.Marshall that no advance written report had been received.

Cllr R.J.Marshall apologized for this but said that the principal reason was that there was so little to report and he suspected this may be the ongoing case until after the County

Council elections on 4th June. He provided the following report:

- There has been no further progress regarding the recent safety audit with Mr A. Marsden in respect to Perton / Codsall 'Safer Route to School' and he said that this was probably worth a re-look after the election with a different route auditor.
- The New Year budget was to be finalized on 12th and a 3.5% increase is likely.
- In respect to the new Youth Club building he was able to say unofficially that two officers were suggesting that the existing club will be kept open until the new building becomes available.

148/09 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Local Strategic Partnership**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Sherminder Dhillon to deliver a brief presentation at the next Council meeting on 9th February.

b) **District Councillors Report**

Cllr A.K.James advised that he had made a complaint to the enforcement officer regarding the placement of a mobile home at Southfork. The owner denied use of this home and was advised of the need to submit an application for planning approval to cover the siting and use of this home.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine advised that at this time, due to personal issues, she had no report to make.

Strategic Services Portfolio December/January 2009

During December I had several meetings involving the Youth Provision in Perton. Members are I think aware of where we are now. Plans are being prepared in conjunction with the Youth Service. These will be presented to the council in the near future. Although it is intended that this building will be used as a youth club it is essential that it is capable of other uses. It needs to be used 24/7 in order to maximise the benefit for the residents of Perton.

Following an independent report by Mott MacDonald, Transport Advisors, the District Council is forming a working party into Rural Transport of which I am to chair. It is expected that this report will be presented for consultation at the end of the year.

The new Extra Care home which is to be built in Penkrigde is at the early stages of design. This is a joint partnership between South Staffs Housing Association, Staffordshire County Council and South Staffordshire District Council and it is anticipated will be open in 2010.

I held a site meeting with Sir Patrick Cormack and David Heywood (Portfolio Manager Leisure Services) over Youth Provision at Perton and outlined to him what we wanted to achieve.

David J Billson

Cllr D.Billson advised that the last item in respect the meeting with Sir Patrick Cormack had been delayed as the MP had a cold. Additionally he had met with Narinder and MAG to discuss summer activities.

In respect to the new Youth Club building he said that a £50k bid was being driven forward via Youth Bank and he believed that a further £50k was being 'ring fenced'. He advised that he needed to send a 'programme of works' to Kim Jones and had also recently had a meeting with the plans architect and Rachel Westwood where a block plan of the proposed Pavilion extension had been shown and Rachel took away a copy in order to add some details regarding the internal layout prior to submission for planning approval. Cllr D.Billson also said that he had identified a local table tennis club who were showing a possible interest in the project and may consider a cash contribution in return for regular access.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that in respect to planning approval it may be an idea to write to all local residents in the Beverston Road / Gainsborough Drive area to appraise them of what was going on and how the new extension was planned to be used.

The Chairman said that this was probably unnecessary since at the appropriate time the plans could be displayed at the Civic Centre together with a statement of intent.

Cllr S.K.Bott said that the Youth Club issue had been a topic of discussion for almost two years and that the sudden increase in speed on this matter was not consistent with the history. He said that this was a very sensitive area and advised the members to proceed with caution.

Cllr A.K.James said that the biggest issue is the use and abuse of the car park which is already busy but this is an open space area.

Cllr R.J.Marshall said that the increase in pace on the project was straight forward insofar as the County Council had already declared a timescale on this project and if they could see no effort and action to bring about a resolution then the youth club would definitely be closed at the end of March 2009.

Cllr D.Billson said that he was also working on extra lighting and tree planting for the area.

c) **SUSSED Out & About – Easter & Summer 2009**

Cllr A.Bourke said he was disappointed that the Parish Council were still being asked by SSDC to make a financial contribution to these events and said that whatever happens we should request an end to block booking arrangements which means that many people get no booking at all whilst others get all requested options but very often 'no show'.

RESOLVED that we will accept all available sessions comprising two free, three at Easter and six in Summer, but write to SSDC to state that no body be allowed to block book and a maximum of two sessions per person be allowed.

d) **Parish / District Liaison Group Meeting – 25th February, 2009**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will advise SSDC that currently there are four members wishing to attend the session: Cllrs Mrs P.Pitt, Miss C.Duffell, A.Black & A.Bourke.

149/09 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 8th December, 2008.

Application No.	Proposals
08/01114/FUL	Replacement of front boundary fence and entrance with new stone wall and entrance - Long Ridge, Pattingham Road, Perton WV6 7HD
08/01140/FUL	Two storey side extension and conservatory - 64 Leasowe Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TU
08/01158/FUL	Single storey and rear extension - 7 Gainsborough Drive, Perton WV6 7NR
08/01187/FUL	Agricultural grain store building - Wrottesley Lodge Farm, Holyhead Road, Kingswood WV7 3AP
08/01186/FUL	Two storey rear extension - 33 Beverston Road, Perton WV6 7UG

The Council raised no objections to the above applications.

08/01112/FUL	Two storey side and single storey rear extensions - 11 Cunningham Road, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7XJ
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The Council raised no objections to the above application subject to a concern on over-development.

08/01127/FUL	Two storey side and single storey rear extensions - 4 Cloverdale, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7UB
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The Council raised no objections to the above application subject to a concern on size.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
08/01072/FUL	First floor extension, new dormer window, rooflight and new garage roof - Trinity Cottage, Jenny Walkers Lane, Trescott	Refusal of Planning Permission

150/09 **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 8th December 2008

01/12/08 STO Kalidescope Limited

47.00

01/12/08	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1247.00
01/12/08	103700	Wolverhampton Flower Club - Deposit Refund	150.00
01/12/08	103701	Brisol Limited	199.20
03/12/08	BACS	Wages Week 35	1185.72
04/12/08	103702	Nobisco Limited	74.54
04/12/08	103703	Post Office Limited	154.02
08/12/08	103704	S.Bateman - Deposit Refund	50.00
08/12/08	103705	M.Wright - Deposit Refund	50.00
08/12/08	103706	South Staffordshire District Council	540.00
08/12/08	103707	Welbeck Sports	37.93
10/12/08	BACS	Wages Week 36	1128.41
10/12/08	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1824.05
10/12/08	BACS	Inland Revenue	3512.56
10/12/08	103708	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	102.93
10/12/08	103709	Penn Flower Club - Deposit Refund	150.00
11/12/08	103710	Viking Direct Limited	140.99
12/12/08	103711	Kantara Limited	133.96
12/12/08	103712	Multi-Media Entertainments	420.00
15/12/08	103713	Nobisco Limited	171.64
15/12/08	103714	South Staffordshire District Council	4545.75
15/12/08	103715	MGD Solutions	196.00
17/12/08	BACS	Wages Week 37 - Month 9	4030.02
18/12/08	BACS	Wages Weeks 38 & 39	1953.01
19/12/08	103716	South Staffordshire District Council	316.10
22/12/08	103717	C.Hathaway - Deposit Refund	50.00
22/12/08	103718	Helen Darlington - Deposit Refund	50.00
25/12/08	DD	Unicom	56.03
28/12/08	DD	British Gas - Gas	722.33
28/12/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	455.49
28/12/08	DD	BT Business Broadband	68.27
		TOTALS	23762.95

b) Budget-to-date 2008/2009

The budget report circulated with the agenda was noted.

151/09 **CLERKS REPORT – JANUARY 2009**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 12th January 2009

- Faulty lights at Sainsburys Car Park (area by petrol forecourt) reported to Manager and confirmation received that these are on the current engineering schedule for attention.
- Reported poor lighting (Sainsburys / Chip Shop / Wrottesley Arms Car Park) to Neil Harvey at SSDC requesting survey to assess and action where appropriate.
 - Response states survey to take place on 15th December and we will receive feedback on findings and actions.
- Andy Cousins confirms that Playing Fields planting area by Beverston Road entrance is now completely replanted; local fencing is to be improved.
- Michael Moore is very pleased to agree that the Civic Centre 'Bradford Room' be

Re-named the 'Madeline Moore' Room.

- SPCA December 2008 Newsletter distributed at this meeting.
- Staffs CC Winter Driving Leaflet received in Clerks office on 15/12. 'Salting routes' notice displayed in Civic Centre.
- Staffordshire Municipal Waste Strategy Project W2R - Councillors Briefing Note and Public Leaflet distributed by e-mail on 16th December. Also available in Clerks office.
- Staffordshire Compact – LAA Indicator NI 7 'An Environment for a Thriving Third Sector' consultation documentation distributed by e-mail on 17th December. Also available in Clerks office.
- Order for the Design Drawings for Planning Permission together with Building Regulation approval in respect to proposed extension to Playing Fields Pavilion was placed with K.Bradley via James Wilkes Ltd at a cost of £1750.00 plus fees.
- Inter-Parish Games 2009. Posters and flyers now received for event promotion.
- Communities in Control: Real people, real power: A consultation – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity. Documentation in Clerks Office.
- Perton Civic Centre: Sustainable Energy Feasibility Study – Project Development Study Report now received for consideration by Management Committee. Invoice also received.

Cllr N.P.Caine joined the meeting. (8.25 pm)

Cllr S.K.Bott queried the item above concerning the planting at Beverston Road stating that this work had not been and done and there seemed to be some confusion regarding location. The Clerk explained that this item related to the matter raised last month by Cllr Mrs S.Bott who had apparently agreed with Andy Cousins that the work had been done. The Clerk said he was confused by the geography of the problem but it sounded like this was a new issue!

Cllr Mrs P.Allen asked what had happened to the issue regarding 'flashing road signs' and the Clerk said that he had not been able to obtain a response from Staffs CC Highways office regarding this requirement. Cllr Mrs P.Allen asked for this item to be added to the agenda for the February meeting.

152/09 **PERTON PLAYING FIELDS ACCOUNTS – CLLR AK BLACK**

RESOLVED that the Clerks Office will now take responsibility for the administration aspects of the PPFA accounts.

153/09 **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MADELINE MOORE ROOM**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Mr Phil Pritchard to ascertain his interest in the provision of a door name plaque using funds from the schools collection. Once the plaque is available the Clerk will contact Mr Michael Moore to arrange for his availability to 'open' the room.

154/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **PHIL PRITCHARD / PERTON FIRST SCHOOL MINUTES**

The ideas from the school children were noted and discussed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the children via the Headteacher to thank them for their interest and comments and to provide feedback on a point by point basis and encourage them to maintain their interest in Perton.

(b) **PERTON BUS ROUTES**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact the Traffic Commission to better understand how their system is administered.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th February 2009 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9.50 pm

Chairman
9th February 2009