

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 12th July 2010 @ 7:00pm**

Present AA Bourke [Chairman]
Mrs C.M Young
Mrs P Allen
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs A James
Mrs PN Pitt
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson
AK Black
AK James
D Heseltine
NP Caine

Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present: 3

40/11 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs S Bott, D.Fereday and District Councillor, R Moreton.

41/11 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- a) A resident from Browning Grove informed the members that since the last meeting not only had her shed been broken into but since a week last Sunday there have been constant problems with erratic driving on Sainsburys car park. Police were called on Wednesday night and she had captured registration numbers of the cars involved. She said that there had been more trouble again last night and whilst the police had again been called it took fifty seven minutes for them to attend. She said that alcoholic drink was also involved but not necessarily by the drivers.

Cllr Mrs A.M.James said that this sort of problem was something of a new fad and is area wide with youngsters revving cars to the extreme; however people are fed up with calling the police as they sometimes don't attend or arrive late and either way nothing changes if and when they do attend.

The resident asked if the CCTV cameras are still used and monitored and Cllr D.Billson said that they are monitored in a multi-screen set up at Codsall Police Station.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that this activity occurs on Sainsburys land and that they have their own security force and queried if they knew of this activity and if so are they concerned about it?

Cllr A.K.James said he was curious to know what the police can do on private land and Cllr D.Billson said that this is clearly an issue for the police and whilst Sainsburys have two car parks locally it would not be in our interest for them to be closed off by barriers in the evenings.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will inform both Sainsburys and the police of this matter and ask if the CCTV cameras covering this area are in fact regularly monitored.

POLICE MATTERSa) **Police Response to June Meeting Queries**

Cllr A.K.Black, in reference to the response concerning scrap collectors, said that it would be useful to receive some feedback on the police action day targeting these traders.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will request feedback on this item.

b) **Police Report**

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 12th July 2010
Period covered 06/06/2010 to 06/07/2010.

Beat areas CF24 Mercia
 CF25 Richmond
 CF26 Central
 CF27 Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	2	4	3	6	15 (-6)
ASB vehicle	3	2	3	0	8 (+5)
Criminal Damage	0	0	4	0	4 (+4)
Damage M Vehicles	0	0	1	0	1 (+1)
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0 (-8)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	1	0	1 (+1)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-3)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (-2)
Theft other	0	2	3	0	5 (-)
Assault	0	1	1	0	2 (+1)
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0	0 (-)
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)

ASB

General anti social behavior was reduced. The new hot spot for anti social behaviour is The Greens, Edge Hill Drive. Youths are congregating playing football and causing noise nuisance. The vehicle ASB increased, with loud music from cars being an issue in areas, and also mini motos. Again another motor cycle was seized. This rise may be due to the good weather.

Burglary Dwelling

The ongoing operation re car key burglaries seems to be working. There were no burglaries, car key or otherwise. However there was a shed broken into in this period.

Vehicle Crime

No vehicles stolen, but there was damage to a vehicle, and in another incident registration numbers were stolen.

Violent Crime

The two assaults both were minor and involved juveniles. One youth was reprimanded and the other was given advice at the injured party's request.

Other

Criminal damage raised its ugly head again. 4 reports of needless damage, one of the incidents resulted in 3 local youths taking a trip to the station to be dealt with.

Once again shooting over the fields adjacent Sloppy Lane occurred, to the dismay of

dog walkers. The council are looking to fence off the public right of way for the dog walkers, as the person are shooting legally and soon the land there will be used for grazing animals, so the dog walkers do need to keep off the private field.

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).

Cllr A.K.James asked what had happened to the definitive path mentioned above and had any signs been erected to indicate the formal path.

Cllr N.P.Caine informed the members that in follow up to the earlier issue concerning the legal discharge of a firearm in a field adjacent to Dippons Lane, as referred to above, he had received a call from Richard Collins of County Council Rights of Way department informing him that the situation regarding footpath 26 will shortly be resolved and the land owner is being very helpful and co-operative. Dog walkers are trespassing on private land where they have no right to be and this is partly because at certain times of the year the footpath floods but partly also due to the fact that they choose to enter the field for recreation of their dogs. Two issues currently exist, the surface of the path which is being address by the County Council and the drainage issue which is being addressed by the private land owner. A new fence will be erected by the land owner once the private ownership boundary has been agreed and then walkers will have to adhere to the repaired footpath and any encroachment onto the private land will be treated as trespass.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen informed the members that she had recently had involvement with the local police resulting from her daughters coloured boyfriend being assaulted in the Wrottesley Arms which caused 'actual bodily harm', she outlined how difficult and time consuming it had been to provide statements to the police and that the local police are clearly struggling with manpower issues.

There were various negative comments regarding police activity on Perton and it was stated several times that these are organisational and headcount issues not aimed at individuals although there was further discussion about the value of PCSOs and Cllr Mrs A.James said that the local youths refer to them as 'chocolate coppers' in the knowledge that they have little or no powers of authority. Cllr D.Billson said that from a cost perspective you could get nine PCs for the price of ten PCSOs, however he had been told more than once by senior police officers that if this trade were made the PCs would go to places other than Perton.

c) **Perton Fun Day – Friday 6th August – Request for free use of Lakeside Hall & Kitchen**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will confirm that both The Lakeside Hall and Kitchen be made available free of charge in line with the details contained in the request from PCSO Ashley Tooth.

43/11

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr A.A.Bourke declared personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13a relating to Perton Village Nursery.

Cllr A.K.James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103966 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

Cllrs N.P.Caine and A.K.Black both declared personal interest in agenda item 12

regarding Lakeside Community Church.
Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal interest in agenda item 8a2 regarding Gainsborough Drive Car Park in respect to her position as a PPFA trustee.

44/11 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th JUNE, 2010

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th June 2010 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

45/11 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 21st June 2010 be accepted for information.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th July 2010 together with income statement for June be accepted for information.

46/11 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) **Perton Youth Club**
Cllr D.Billson said there was little new to report other than to confirm that the club is still open and the intent is to keep it that way although such matters are continuously under review due to budget pressures.
Cllr A.A.Bourke said that he had recently met with a couple of the 'detached youth workers' and recognised that they do a valuable job in Perton and it would be useful for the members to gain a better understanding of what they do.
RESOLVED that, via Cllr A.Bourke, the Detached Youth Worker Manager will be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) **Flooding – Severn Drive**
Cllr D.Billson said that a public meeting has now taken place and the affected people have been updated. Severn Trent Water will be doing some evaluation and have received a grant from Ofwat to cover the cost of a computer analysis modeling tool. He added that he had heard that the designer of the holding tank didn't know that oil traps were in use and apparently some of these had collapsed.
The Clerk added that last Friday a number of Severn Trent and contractor vehicles were in the area between the playground and upper lake inspecting, cleaning and pumping in the manhole which is some form of interceptor.
Cllr A.A.Bourke said that he attended the public meeting and he thanked Cllr D.Billson for arranging this saying it had been a good and thorough meeting attended by all the right groups and people.
- c) **Local Council Day – 4th October, 2010**
RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to the invitation stating that the Parish Council would like to receive three invitations to the event. The three initially designated members are Cllrs Mrs P.Allen, Miss C.Duffell and A.Black.
- d) **County Councillors Report**
Cllr D.Billson reported:
 - Four Ashes Waste Processing Site – Invitation to view
 - Attending Locality 4 forum at Perton on 26th July
 - Attended three day housing conference at Harrogate

- Instigated and chaired public meeting regarding local flooding issues with Severn Trent, County Council and District Council at Perton Civic Centre.
- District Council has introduced new methods of consultation utilising access to social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Initial consultation is with regard to Rural Transport via www.myplacemysay.co.uk
- Due to PFI cutbacks ten local fire stations, including new Codsall site, may not be built.
- Owner of land off A41 has received a license to operate up to fourteen car boot sales per year.
- In his absence District Cllr R.Moreton was congratulated for his efforts in winning the Inter Parish Games with Perton for the second year running this year by the slender margin of just half a point.

There were several comments, all negative, from members concerned about the car boot sales to be operated from the A41 site just outside Perton. It is believed that this will cause serious delays for people trying to leave Perton and Cllr A.K.James said that on occasions these fields are very wet and overall it is a bad location for such activity.

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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) **South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership**

1) **South Staffordshire – a safe place to be**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to the request stating that the Community Safety Partnership should consider the police report for Perton in respect to their statement that 'South Staffordshire is a safe place to be' and that if they wish to provide poster display cabinets they can consider the outside wall of Perton Civic Centre and also the various Bus Shelter locations around The Parkway.

2) **Gainsborough Drive Car Park Barrier**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to the query stating that the Parish Council do not support the provision of a barrier if only because it would seem to create more problems than solutions and in any event we do not have anyone that could open and close the barrier and it is believed that such a role could become confrontational on occasions.

Cllr N.P.Caine advised that a new street lamp has now been provided at Dippons Lane at the end near to the Bird in Hand public house, bringing the total to seven.

b) **South Staffordshire Parish Summit – 12th November 2010**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will suggest that the summit should also include a topic on local policing.

c) **South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership**

The information was noted and Cllr D.Billson urged attendance by Perton members to ensure that our needs and concerns are considered.

d) **District Councillors Report**

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine reported that she had attended the regulatory meeting together with a meeting on tourism which produced some good statistics. Apparently we don't promote ourselves very well yet in 2008 tourism contributed £79 million to the local economy as a result of 1.6 million visitors to the area.

Cllr D.Heseltine reminded members that the planning rules are changing from next Tuesday.

Cllr D.Billson said that he had nothing to report beyond his previous report other than to stress the importance of Parish Champions to promote the area which is good for generating new jobs. He added that the District Council is working in partnership with Rodbaston College to aid training sessions to improve and increase trade skills.

48/11 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th June, 2010.

Application No.	Proposals
10/00342/FUL	First-floor side extension, conservatory to rear and re-siting of boundary fence - 19 Rockingham Drive, Perton WV6 7SJ
10/00466/FUL	Kitchen, utility, bedroom, bathroom and en-suite extension - 1 Moor Park, Perton WV6 7YP
10/00470/FUL	Side ground floor extension - 32 Wren Avenue, Perton WV6 7TS
10/00504/FUL	First-floor side extension - 53 St Andrews Drive, Perton WV6 7YL

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
10/00168/FUL 10/00229/COU 10/00295/FUL 10/00327/FUL	First-floor bedroom extension over garage - 17 Brunel Grove Change of use to café (A3) and hot food take-away(A5) - Party Time, 29 Anders Square Rear Conservatory - 7 Fowler Close, Perton First-floor extensions over existing garage - 15 Rockingham Drive, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission

49/11 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 14th June 2010**

01/06/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/06/10	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1242.00
01/06/10	103965	S.G.S. Systems Limited	82.20
01/06/10	103966	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.80
02/06/10	BACS	Wages Week 9	1160.00
07/06/10	103967	Steve Greenway	475.00

09/06/10	BACS	Wages Week 10	1195.30
14/06/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2447.40
14/06/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1631.60
16/06/10	BACS	Wages Week 11	1321.90
17/06/10	103968	Aircover (Homecheck Nationwide Limited)	293.70
17/06/10	103969	ESPO	128.40
21/06/10	103970	Nobisco Limited	98.40
21/06/10	103971	Mr P.Pritchard - Deposit Refund	150.00
21/06/10	103972	G.L.Hoult - Deposit Refund	249.00
23/06/10	103973	MGD Solutions	196.00
23/06/10	BACS	Wages Week 12 / Month 3	4445.20
24/06/10	103974	S.G.S. Systems Limited	668.50
25/06/10	DD	Unicom	51.60
28/06/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	323.00
28/06/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	229.60
28/06/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	134.60
28/06/10	DD	BT Business Broadband	69.70
28/06/10	103975	Mrs Pye - Deposit Refund	150.00
30/06/10	BACS	Wages Week 13	1288.50
		TOTALS	18179.10

b) Budget-to-date 2010/2011

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

50/11 CLERK'S REPORT – JULY 2010

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 12th July 2010

- John Dockery (Collett Road, Perton) commenced duty as Parish Litter Warden Rota Two (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) on 18th June.
- Soon to expire four year Gas Contact has been re-negotiated with British Gas for a period of two years from 13th October 2010 at 8.9p/per day (current 0.0p/per day) and 2.74p/per unit (current 2.301 p/per unit). Increase in cost will be approx £910.00 per year @ 200000 units.
- Two new gates fitted at playground free of charge by Record Ltd on 23rd June. Design fault on previous gates allowed gates to be opened by any amount placing undue strain on the self closing mechanism. The new gates are fitted with a limiter to prevent them being opened beyond 90 degrees.
- Lakeside Hall Refurbishment: Progressing opportunity to close hall for a week or so in late August or early September to install new stage lighting and suspended ceiling.

- SPCA Newsletter June 2010 distributed at meeting.

Cllr A.K.Black said that on an organised litter pick on Saturday the area was seen to be very clean so the new warden is clearly making a difference.

51/11 **LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH – BUILDING ALTERATIONS:CONCEPTUAL**

The Clerk aided by Cllrs A.A.Bourke and N.P.Caine provided a brief overview of various thoughts and ideas that had been received from LCC for PPC consideration in any plans that may be considered in the future in respect to alterations to the Civic Centre.

52/11 **GRANT REQUEST**

Cllr A.A.Bourke having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 13a relating to Perton Village Nursery left the meeting for the duration of this matter.

a) Perton Village Nursery

Cllr A.K.James asked if the radiator covers should not automatically be provided by PPC but the clerk explained that whilst we take responsibility for the standard room layouts and services any requirement deemed pertinent to the hirers specific business needs has to be provided by the hirer. Cllr D.Billson said that PVN now have to cope with a reduction in normal funding.

RESOLVED that a grant of £360.00 be provided as per PVN grant application request.

b) Perton & Codsall Utd F.C.

RESOLVED that a grant of £250.00 be provided.

53/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Gavin Williamson MP

The information was noted and the members said they would be interested to see a date set for a Perton clinic.

b) Land Registry

Cllr D.Heseltine said that the Land Registry was contacting all public service organisations with a view to standardising registrations which helps greatly when land is sold in the future.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Land Registry to attempt to find out if the Civic Centre premises are registered and if not what it will cost to cover this and to proceed with registration if the cost is thought to be reasonable.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th September 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.46 pm

Chairman
13th September 2010