

Present D.Fereday [Chairman]
A.A.Bourke [Vice Chairman]
Mrs C.M Young
Mrs R Heseltine
Miss C Duffell
Mrs S.Bott
DJ Billson
AK James (from 7.25pm)
AK Black
D Heseltine
NP Caine
S.Bott

Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Neighbourhood Police Unit: PC Duncan Lampitt
Members of the Public present: 4

83/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P.Allen, Mrs A James, Mrs PN Pitt and District Councillor, R Moreton. Cllr A.K.James apologised in advance advising that he would be arriving late.

84/11 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

a) There were no matters raised by the members of public.

85/11 POLICE MATTERS

a) Police Report

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 8th November 2010
Period covered 05/10/2010 – 04/11/2010.

Beat areas CF24 Mercia
CF25 Richmond
CF26 Central
CF27 Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	7	4	6	0	17 (+3)
ASB vehicle	3	0	0	2	5 (+3)
Criminal Damage	1	0	2	0	3 (+1)
Damage M Vehicles	0	0	9	0	9 (+8)
Burglary Dwelling	1	0	0	1	2(+1)
Burglary Other Bldg	1	0	0	0	1 (+1)
Theft M Vehicle	1	0	0	0	1 (+1)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-3)
Theft other	1	0	6	0	7 (-)
Assault	0	0	0	0	0 (-)
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0 (-)
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0(-1)

ASB

The reported ASB was about the norm for this period which is in one way is good news. This is because this period included Halloween, which generated 7 calls, ranging from eggs being thrown at houses, to knock and run. The hotspots for general ASB are Mercia Drive/ Idonia road, Gainsborough Drive and Anders Square. Of the several ASB vehicle reports one bike was seized and the rider issued fixed penalty ticket.

Burglary Dwelling

There were 2 reported burglary dwellings. One was an attempted burglary, where no entry was gained, however damage has been found to window casement and a screwdriver recovered. The other involves an intruder entering an open attached garage and stealing a pedal cycle. This links to a shed burglary and in total 3 pedal cycles being stolen in this period.

Vehicle Crime

The vehicle crime figures were far from excellent. A vehicle was stolen where the keys had been left with it. 4 separate vehicles were broken into and another 9 were damaged. The damaged vehicles included; one night where mindless idiot(s) slashed 7 vehicles tyres in and around the Severn Drive area.

Violent Crime

Again there were no assaults or robberies during this period. However one lady did have her ear phones grabbed from her person whilst wearing them. CCTV has been circulated of the offender who is not thought to be local.

Other

Of the other reported thefts, 2 involved thefts from homes where guests have been invited in or a party has been held.

With regard to the issues with the bus lane. Checks have been made and tickets have been issued. Also steps have been made to look into the possibility of a Community Bus Lane Watch scheme. This would involve volunteers recording offending vehicles details and the police following up the matter.

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 D.Heseltine said that in respect to the buses only lane he was coming back from Wolverhampton last week and saw a black Peugeot travelling at speed which nearly collided with the bus.

Cllr A.Black asked how many penalty tickets had been issued in respect to the bus lane and PC Lampitt replied that a number had been issued but could not be specific. Cllr Black further asked if it was correct that a PCSO could take notes in respect to parking issues but could not actually issue a ticket. PC Lampitt said that parking offences in most cases are now decriminalised and the police are not the prime enforcers with this duty now resting with the Council, PCSO can discuss the issues with offenders and pass details to the enforcement team if necessary.

Cllr A.A.Bourke said that there is a good deal of frustration regarding 'communication' in respect to crimes that are reported but then ongoing feedback is very slow or poor, he said that Insp' Ian Gould had told the PACT meeting that feedback would be timely but this is often not the case. PC Lampitt said that when calls are received they are prioritised and allocated a response time of immediate, priority (up to 1 hour) or standard. He added that delays are due to issues around resourcing but if nothing is to be gained within one hour then the call is scheduled. Cllr A.Bourke said that as a general principle it would be best to not over commit and then fail to meet set expectations.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine said in respect to the numerous tyre slashing incidents that there had been little response from the police until all seven reports were phoned in and the

call centre staff had been very unsympathetic to the callers. Cllr Heseltine added that she had recently seen an elderly gentleman riding a 'Vespa' type scooter on the cycle footpath. PC Lampitt said he was aware of this individual and had recently had a word with him but said the vehicle is in fact an electric mobility scooter.

86/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Miss C.Duffell declared personal interest in the police report as a victim of one of the included incidents. Cllr N.P.Caine declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104012 paid to Ricoh UK Ltd and Cllr A.K. James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104029 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

87/11 MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th OCTOBER, 2010

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2010 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

88/11 DRAFT MINUTES

- a) RESOLVED that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 1st November 2010 be accepted for information.
- b) RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 2nd November 2010 together with income statement for October be accepted for information.

89/11 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) Perton Youth Club
Cllr D.Billson advised that there is no new information on this topic.
- b) Flooding – Severn Drive
Cllr D.Billson advised that there is no new information on this topic.
- c) Community Focus for Ice Busters
Cllr S.Bott said that there have been historic issues with gritting of The Parkway (Cat C) and there has been a suggestion that it would be re-classified and also issues with the gritting boxes near Richmond Drive. Cllr D.Billson said that the two grit boxes are being sorted out and the project to reclassify several bus routes including The Parkway is ongoing.
- d) County Councillors Report
Cllr D.Billson reported that:
 - He has attended several meetings including:
 - Yarnfield Conference Centre at Stone in respect to the rural economy and stated that many farmers want to build on their land.
 - A meeting to discuss various problems associated with the disbandment of Advantage West Midlands where one of the key issues relates to pensions.
 - Local Democracy week for school children involving six year olds.
 - Codsall High School Democracy Week had been very successful dealing with Economic issues where the pupils had to make several decisions based on key economic factors and trade-offs.
 - The County Council are going through a major revamp in order to make savings amounting to several million pounds.

90/11 SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- a) South Staffordshire Local Strategic Partnership
The information was noted.

RESOLVED that our representative for the Locality 4 meeting at Pattingham on 29th November will be Cllr Mrs CM Young, Cllr Miss CM Duffell and Cllr A.K.Black

- b) Older Persons Locality Forum Agenda
The information was noted.
- c) Waste Collections, dog fouling etc: Offer of presentation in New Year
The Clerk explained that he had received an offer from the District Council Enforcement Officer- John Littleton to deliver a presentation in the new year in respect to the various aspects of 'Enforcement'.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will arrange for this presentation to be delivered to PPC in the new year.
- d) Canada Geese – Upper Lake
It was noted that the letter from Howard Medicott contained a number of points but primarily requested representation from PPC to attend a meeting to discuss all aspects.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Mr Medicott to inform him that PPC Cllrs Mrs R.Heseltine, Mrs C.Young, D.Fereday, D.Billson and A.Black are our nominated representatives to attend a meeting but attendance of some or all will be dependent on time and location of meeting.
- e) District Councillors Report

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine provided the following report:

It has been rather a quiet period since the last Parish Council meeting.

Prior to the Regulatory Committee meeting on October 19th 2010 there was a member training session re: Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS5) relating to "Planning for the Historic Environment". The Regulatory Committee meeting was rather interesting as one of the applications was a retrospective one to continue to build a section of the new prison facilities a whole storey higher than permission had originally been granted for. The fact that members of the public are now allowed to speak at the Regulatory meetings gives a new dimension to the applications proposed and there were impassioned and informative speakers from both sides of this particular argument. The Committee complained at the way the Council's planning rules had been treated with utter contempt by the Applicants. The application was refused.

Cllr Billson reported that aside from the points in his earlier report he had also attended a Greenshoots Conference regarding climate change and it was interesting to hear that certain buildings are being targeted for the possible provision of solar panels for electricity generation.

Cllr A.K.James reported that he is chasing up with SSDC Planning Department for the removal of illegal advertisements that are appearing around local highways.

91/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th October, 2010.

Application No.	Proposals
10/00650/FUL	Extend the existing external play area towards lake to west and resecure with 2.4m high, galvanised steel, vertical bar fencing to match existing - Perton Community Centre, Church Road, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7PD

10/00771/FUL	Conservatory and connecting feature pitched roof - 46 Idonia Road, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7NQ
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

10/00748/FUL	(resubmission of 10/00512/FUL) Double extension - 71 Mercia Drive, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7NH
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to adequate parking provision.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
10/00616/FUL 10/00642/FUL	Garage and utility room and new porch - 19 Brunel Grove Installation and use of low level lighting bollards on either side of the access road - Perton Park Golf Club	Grant of Planning Permission
10/00644/FUL	First-floor side extension and three dormer windows on Pattingham Road elevation - Ridge Acre, Pattingham Road	
10/00659/FUL	Front and rear first-floor extensions - 4 Rockingham Drive	

92/11 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 11th October 2010**

01/10/10	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/10/10	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1242.00
03/10/10	104012	Ricoh UK Ltd	272.18
03/10/10	104013	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
06/10/10	BACS	Wages Week 27	1193.15
07/10/10	104014	MGD Solutions	435.00
08/10/10	104015	Perton Place	55.00
08/10/10	104016	A.C.Design and Construction (UK) Ltd	20309.88
11/10/10	104017	Trinity Operatic Society - Deposit Refund	26.00
11/10/10	104018	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	36.98
12/10/10	104019	Clive Rathbone (British Legion Poppy Appeal)	40.00
12/10/10	104020	Nobisco Limited	28.40
13/10/10	BACS	Wages Week 28	1248.64
13/10/10	BACS	Inland Revenue	2871.38
13/10/10	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1830.37
15/10/10	104021	ESPO	16.33
18/10/10	104022	MGD Solutions	196.00
18/10/10	104023	Mrs Calderwood - Deposit Refund	150.00
20/10/10	BACS	Wages Week 29	1160.42
22/10/10	DD	Unicom	52.33

25/10/10	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
27/10/10	BACS	Wages Week 30 / Month 7	4362.77
27/10/10	104024	Mr P.Consterdine - Deposit Refund	250.00
27/10/10	104025	Cancelled	0.00
27/10/10	104026	North Staffs Fire Limited	131.48
27/10/10	104027	Staffordshire Pension Fund	1006.11
27/10/10	104028	SMP (Playgrounds) Ltd	277.37
28/10/10	DD	British Gas - Electricity	290.42
28/10/10	DD	British Gas - Gas	66.61
28/10/10	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	88.54
28/10/10	104029	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	99.87
28/10/10	104030	A.C.Design and Construction (UK) Ltd	628.63
TOTALS			38874.33

b) Budget-to-date 2010/2011

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

93/11 **CLERK'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2010**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 8th November 2010

- 4 x Parkway Notice Boards now fully refurbished and back in use.
- Britvic cold drinks machine now removed (28th Oct) by Britvic as they feel its retention is not economical to them.
- Perton Playground Delta Basket Swing was removed by Clerk / Caretaker on 8th October due to excessively worn steel rope which could suffer 100% failure at anytime. Product has now been redesigned and improved eliminating steel rope and utilising steel link chain throughout. Spares costing £236.06 plus vat are on order.
- Youth Shelter is being systematically dismantled 'brick by brick' by vandals. SSDC involved via Andy Cousins and Steve Poyser.
- South Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau AGM to be held at Wombourne Civic Centre on Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm, all welcome. Their Annual Report for 2009/2010 is available at <http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/pdf/Annual%20Report%20cab2010%20PDF.pdf>
- Draft Equestrian Related Development Advice Note available in Clerks office.
- Census – 27th March 2011: Brief details from SSDC Philip Hardy available in Clerks office.

RESOLVED that in respect to the damage at the Youth Shelter the Clerk will escalate to Steve Poyser and Andy Cousins at SSDC to see what action, if any, is being taken and suggest that possibly the walls should be reduced to bench level in the interest of safety in the future.

94/11 **QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE:COMMUNITY GAMES – CLLR MISS C.DUFFELL**

Cllr Miss Duffell said that at a recent event at Stafford attended by herself and Cllrs Mrs P.Allen and A.Black there had been some discussions regarding the possible staging of 'Parish Olympics' in celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee together with the Olympic Games in London.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will try to identify the source of the information and obtain a free toolkit in order that the opportunity can be evaluated.

95/11 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER,2010**

The information was noted.

96/11 **PRECEPT INCLUSIONS FOR 2011 / 2012**

The Clerk advised the Members that as the budgets will be prepared soon in order that the 2011/12 Precept can be set in January 2011 then projects together with costs for inclusion in the budget should be provided to him as soon as possible.

97/11 **BIG LOTTERY FUND – COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PROGRAMME – CLLR D.BILLSON**

Cllr Billson said that some three years ago he and the Clerk had attended a presentation by the Big Lottery Group at Telford in respect to grants available for Community Buildings and whilst we met a great number of the qualifying criteria PPC did not pursue the opportunity. He said that a new opportunity is now becoming available and we should take a fresh look.

The Clerk said that he has done a little advance research and we are in a timely position since the new round of funds is available for applications as from December, however on a cautious note he said the early information notes suggest that applications are only to be accepted from deprived areas as yet undefined so we may be excluded.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will pursue an application on behalf of PPC subject to compliance with the yet to be revealed criteria.

98/11 **GRANT REQUEST**

a) **Leasowe Drive, Neighbourhood Watch**

RESOLVED that a grant of £198.00 as requested be allowed. However as the funds are likely to be issued on a personal cheque on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme then proof of purchase will be required in respect to the provision and erection of the signs.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th December 2010 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 7.50 pm

Chairman
13th December 2010