

Present D.Fereday [Chairman]
A.A.Bourke [Vice-Chairman]
Mrs C.M Young
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs PN Pitt
AK James
D. Heseltine
NP Caine
AK Black from 7.15

District Councillor - R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present: 4

146/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs A James, Mrs P.Allen, Miss C Duffell, S.Bott, DJ Billson and A.K.Black in anticipation of late arrival. Wombourne NPU also advised that they would be unable to attend.

147/11 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

- a) Mr Davis asked if there has been any progress with the provision of allotments for Perton.
The Clerk advised that the matter was still under review by South Staffordshire Council and the prime issue is the lack of available land for use as allotments. South Staffordshire Council have similar issues at many of the Parishes and are therefore trying to find a solution across South Staffordshire, he further suggested that the current financial climate of 'cuts' is unlikely to help matters.
Cllr A.K.James said that it may be worth trying other local Parishes that do have allotments but Mr Davis said he was aware of this but invariably other locations have waiting lists. The Clerk said he was aware that the waiting list at Codsall now excludes parishioners from outside of the Parish as the previous arrangements were detrimental to parishioners within Codsall parish.
There was various aspects discussed associated with this requirement but Cllr D.Heseltine said that a key issue was the West Midlands Area Plan and until this is decided the issue of land, and therefore allotments, cannot move forwards.

148/11 POLICE MATTERS

a) Police Report

Police Report

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 14th March 2011
Period covered 07/02/2011 – 06/03/2011.

Beat areas	CF24	Mercia
	CF25	Richmond
	CF26	Central
	CF27	Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	0	0	6	2	8 (+2)
ASB vehicle	0	0	2	1	3 (-)

Criminal Damage	0	1	2	0	3 (-)
Damage M Vehicles	0	0	3	0	3 (+1)
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	1	0	1 (-1)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	0	0	0 (-2)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (+1)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)
Theft other	0	1	1	1	3 (-5)
Assault	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)
Robbery	1	0	1	0	2 (-)
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0 (-1)

ASB

The reported general ASB was again a very low 8 incidents, which included 3 noisy neighbours. The 3 ASB vehicles reports involved 1 report of motorbikes around Gaydon Close, the other 2 related two noisy cars parked up, one on a pub car park the other on Sainsburys car park. Of the 3 reports of criminal damage, 2 involved fence panels being mindlessly broken.

Burglary Dwelling

Only 1 burglary reported where unknown offenders entered a ground floor flat and stole an Xbox. There was no burglary other buildings; however we did have 2 reports of theft of lead flashing from houses and one pedal cycle stolen from a property

Vehicle Crime

There was a motorbike stolen which is still outstanding. There were 3 mindless damages to separate vehicles but there were no theft from vehicles. This maybe due to Operation Habit, were if vehicles are seen insecure or with valuables on view, the owners receive a letter explaining the possible results of their actions.

Violent Crime

Again there were two reported robberies. One was a nasty assault where the victim had his belongings taken. The other was a handbag snatch were offenders made off in a vehicle. For both incidents CID are investigating. There were no other reported assaults.

Other

Since last Parish Meeting and up to this report, there have been 14 tickets issued at the bus lane. However there does seem to be an improvement there as several checks have found no motorists using the bus lane illegally lately.

Since the last meeting, a street meeting was held for the Idonia/Mercia area. This proved very positive and was pleasing to hear the ASB issues had all but gone away due to the actions put in place there. This proved to be a good format for residents to consult with the Neighbourhood Team and members of SSDC re issues around their area. Should any Parish Councilors become aware of issues in a certain area; I recommend a street meeting can be organized. This may prove more rewarding than herding a group into the parish council meeting, where time and space is not ideal.

Any information please contact Perton's Neighbourhood Team via voicemail :- 0300 123 2345 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PCSO Teresa Wilkes (08861), PCSO Ashley Tooth (016722). Or email duncan.lampitt@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

149/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

150/11 MINUTES

a) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th FEBRUARY, 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th February 2011 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

151/11 DRAFT MINUTES

- a) RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 8th March 2011 together with income statement for February be accepted for information.

152/11 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Cllr D.Billson was unable to attend the meeting and therefore this agenda item contained no direct feedback from the Councillor.

- a) Perton Youth Club
The Clerk advised that he was aware that Cllr Billson had attended a meeting on this topic but was not aware of any specific action items or matters arising.
- b) Flooding – Severn Drive
The Clerk said that he had recently distributed a circular from Severn Trent to all Councillors on this matter but had no new information.
- c) County Councillors Report
There was no report from Cllr D.Billson.

153/11 SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- a) Summer Sussed Out & About
It was noted that the arrangements this year were different to those in place last year as a result of the cutbacks. The Clerk also advised that subject to the possible refurbishments in the summer we may have to allocate this programme without use of the Lakeside Hall.
RESOLVED that we will match as closely as possible last summer's programme and therefore take a total of thirteen events at £95 each giving a total cost of £1235.00 and we will again levy a charge of £1.00 per person per event. The Clerk will liaise with Victoria Lacey at SSDC in respect to the resources that we have available.

- b) District Councillors Report

Cllr A.K.James advised that the notice board at Kingswood is now complete and in position and thanked the Clerk and all concerned for the speedy response to this project. He also reported that last week he had attended an inspection meeting at the wood between the A41 and Pear & Partridge which included a removal and replanting review. He advised that he had expressed concerns to the management agents regarding the wall along the A41 where there is often collapses and the stones are disappearing before a rebuild is attempted.

Cllr N.P.Caine said that four new lamps are to be provided around Upper-Lake.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine reported that:

On 17th February she attended a meeting of the Environment and Public Health Committee

On 22nd February she attended a Special Council Meeting and also a Regulatory Committee meeting;

The largest applications were for seven residential gypsy pitches including hard standing and the renovation of an existing building to provide communal dayroom and cooking facilities.

An application for a Portakabin-type building for the use of taxi drivers in Wombourne.

The re-development of roof space at Himley Cricket Club.

A housing development by Redrow Homes at Great Wyrley.

On 24th February she attended the meeting with Police and local residents with special reference to the problems recorded at the December and January Parish Council meetings.

Cllr R. Moreton reported that aside from some of the items previously reported he had attended the Partnerships and Strategic Services Meeting and the Community Safety Meeting, noting that John Littleton was currently targeting collectors of various types.

Cllr A. Bourke raised concerns about the new Council Tax bills that have been sent out without detailing the appropriate Parish Council precept element and as a consequence the bills do not appear to 'add-up' even though they are in fact correct.

Cllr D. Heseltine said that South Staffs Council was aware of the problem and it was under investigation.

154/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th February, 2011.

Application No.	Proposals
11/00093/FUL	First-floor side extension - 7 Mere Oak Road, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7NB

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

11/00055/FUL	Garage conversion, first-floor side extension and detached double garage - 41 Lytham Road, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7NYY
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The Council objected to the above proposals on the grounds of over-development.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
10/00957/FUL 10/00975/FUL	Two storey side extension, comprising kitchen and entrance hall with bedroom and en-suite above - 12 Moor Park, Perton Conservatory - 4 Cranmoor, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission

155/11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) **List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 14th February 2011**

01/02/11	DD	TV Licensing	145.50
01/02/11	STO	Kalidescope Limited	48.00
01/02/11	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1242.00
02/02/11	BACS	Wages Week 44	1202.45
04/02/11	104072	Harlequin Pantomime Productions	50.00
09/02/11	BACS	Wages Week 45	1204.08
10/02/11	104073	MGD Solutions	196.00

10/02/11	104074	K.Shannon - Deposit Refund	200.00
11/02/11	BACS	Inland Revenue	2386.98
11/02/11	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1613.44
14/02/11	104075	ThyssenKrupp Elevator UK Limited	200.95
15/02/11	BACS	Wages Week 46	1143.80
18/02/11	104076	David Allen - the handyman	229.50
21/02/11	104077	Codsall Community Arts Festival	100.00
21/02/11	104078	David Allen - the handyman	375.00
22/02/11	DD	Unicom	53.99
23/02/11	BACS	Wages Week 47 / Month 11 Part	353.25
23/02/11	BACS	Wages Week 47 / Month 11 Part	4307.71
24/02/11	104079	Liv Supplies Ltd	431.28
25/02/11	104080	ESPO	62.76
28/02/11	DD	British Gas - Electricity	348.50
28/02/11	DD	British Gas - Gas	859.84
28/02/11	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	137.47
		TOTALS	16892.50

b) Budget-to-date 2010/2011

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

156/11 **CLERK'S REPORT – MARCH 2011**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 14th March 2011

- South Staffs Council validation of Planning Applications – Consultation on Revised Guidance: The revised validation guidance is available Council website or Sarah Poxon and feedback is required in writing by 4th April 2011:
http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/your_services/development_and_building_contr/development_control/residential_planning/validation_guidance.aspx
- Under Stage Heater Battery and duct insulation completed on 18th February
- SPCA March 2011 Newsletter distributed at meeting.
- Keith Allen is the Census 2011 Coordinator for this area. Frontline briefing is available in Clerks office.
- The Department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”) for parish and town councils in England for 2011/ 2012 is £6.44.
- New notice boards now complete and erected at both Kingswood (free-standing) and Trescott (wall-mounted).
- Insp Ian Gould to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th April – Insp Pat Shannaghan not available.
- South Staffordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) consultation is now complete and can be viewed at <http://www.southstaffordshirepct.nhs.uk>
- South Staffordshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy Publication Document is now available (2 copies) in the Clerk’s office and for public inspection. Feedback is requested prior to 5pm on 6th May 2011 before the strategy is submitted to the Secretary of State.
- Flicks in the Sticks: Another very well attended (60+) and appreciated Movie Magic session on 14th March showing ‘Brassed Off’. For our next session ‘The Kings Speech’ will be available if required.
- Cllrs Mrs RA.Heseltine, Mrs CM Young, A.K.Black & D.Heseltine to represent PPC at Howard Medlicotts’ ‘Geese Peace’ meeting at Perton First School on Monday 21st March @ 10:30am
- Cheque for £521.66 received from Staffs County Council in respect to first part payment of Community Paths Initiative 2010, instalment two and three will follow over next two

years. Production of Perton Walkers Map is ongoing and will be based on expanded map coverage to include the areas West of Perton village including Cranmoor, Nurton and Perton Golf Club.

- PPC Minute 66/11: £1000 ring fenced for the provision of aluminium access tower. Within this budget a *single* Lyte tower is available for maximum working height of 6.2 metres. A *double* Lyte platform of improved safety specification is £1155.00.

RESOLVED that PPC will proceed with the Flicks in the Sticks programme and the Clerk will now arrange a viewing of 'The Kings Speech' which is due for release shortly.

RESOLVED that the sum budgeted for the provision of an access tower will be increased from £1000.00 ex vat to £1155.00 ex vat in order that the double width platform can be purchased.

157/11 **LAKESIDE HALL REFURBISHMENT**

The Clerk provided a brief resume of the work completed to-date together with an overview of the work detailed within the two quotations. The work contained within the first quote is fairly routine but the difficulty will be minimising the impact to customer's and dovetailing the removal of the existing Granwood floor with the provision of the new oak floor as these two elements will be completed by different suppliers. There was also some discussion about the removal of the Granwood floor and the risk that it may uncover some form of unexpected problem that cannot be anticipated. It was also noted, in balance, that there is equally a risk in laying the new floor on top of the existing Granwood floor since if there is a problem with the sub-floor it needs to be identified and rectified.

a) **Refurbishment and Decoration of Lakeside Hall**

RESOLVED that the quotation from A.C.Contracts (Codsall) Ltd be accepted in all parts;

- 1) Refurbishment and decoration of Lakeside Hall @ £8873.00 plus VAT
- 2) Storage area below stage @ £1730.00 plus VAT
- 3) Removal of Granwood floor @ £2060.00 plus VAT

b) **Lakeside Hall Floor Refurbishment**

RESOLVED that the quotation from Peter Dorrell & Company be accepted in both parts;

- 1) Provision of Oak floor with ancillary items @ £22400.00 plus VAT
- 2) Additional coat of Junckers Friction Plus Seal @ £550.00 plus VAT

The above subject to a re-quotation to reflect the reduced specification since part of the preliminary work will be carried out during the refurbishment phase. The new specification and quote request will be submitted to three suppliers who will need to affirm that the timber is obtained through a sustainable source.

The work will be scheduled as soon as possible and will require a closedown of The Lakeside Hall for two or three weeks, probably in August.

158/11 **PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2011/2012**

RESOLVED that the list of dates be accepted as shown.

159/11 **REQUEST FOR GRANT / ROOM HIRE CONCESSION**

a) **Perton Playing Fields Association**

RESOLVED that the second half grant of £2000.00 be provided.

b) **Thomas Telford School**

RESOLVED that this event may benefit from the Concessionary rates of hire.

160/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Gavin Williamson MP – Meeting**

RESOLVED that the meeting be scheduled for Saturday 11th June 2011 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am and the Clerk will inform June Sharman accordingly.

b) **Gavin Williamson MP – Policing**

The information was noted.

c) **Compton Hospice – 9th December 2011**

The information was noted.

d) **Codsall Community Arts Festival Association**

The information was noted.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th April 2011 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 7.55 pm

Chairman

11th April 2011