

Present A.A.Bourke [Chairman]
Mrs C.M Young
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs P.Allen
Miss C Duffell
Mrs S.Bott from 7.12pm
AK James
D. Heseltine
DJ Billson
S.Bott

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

161/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs A James, D.Fereday and AK Black. Wombourne NPU also advised that they would be unable to attend.

162/11 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

a) Mr & Mrs A.Bickley of Portrush Road raised two issues:

- Firstly in respect to scrap collectors they said that they were concerned about both the times and frequency of scrap collectors coming to Perton Village with overloaded wagons and making lots of noise. Mr Bickley said that such a collector was in their street on Sunday at 6.00pm. Mr Bickley asked if progress had been made in respect to having these collectors licensed. Cllr D.Billson said that it was already the case that scrap collectors had to be licensed and that currently the Enforcement Officer was doing regular checks with the local police units. However as the Enforcement Officer does not work on Sundays this is probably why the collectors are out at this time. Mr Billson said he would pass this information on to SSDC.
- Secondly they voiced concerns about the A41 traffic light junction at the Shifnal A464 spur. They said that issues exist that create bad traffic patterns and the junction is becoming unsafe. Mr Bickley described a recent incident and there was some discussion in respect to a recent accident at the junction. Cllr A.K.James said that he lives at Kingswood near this junction and used it often and he and Cllr Billson had made enormous efforts to bring about the changes made and said that the junction is now much safer. However he said that there had been a lot of damage done recently but this is due to law breaking where people are seeking to overtake on a controlled lane and this is not down to the junction layout and is more a matter for the police. Cllr D.Billson added that it is two years in June since the improvements were completed and that this was the first accident since the changes yet before the changes there was one incident every seventeen days, he said he would take it up with Highways as maybe they could make some minor improvements with 'rumble-strips' or suchlike. Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that she had recently witnessed an incident of bad driving at this location and that as she was startled she was unable to note the registration number of the offending vehicle but this, of course, is the key information that the police need.

RESOLVED that both the Clerk and Cllr D.Billson will flag these concerns to Mr Wayne Mortiboys at Staffordshire County Council Highways to see if any further improvements can be made.

- b) Mrs L.Harris asked if any of the Councillors were aware of the nature and duration of the works taking place in Coleridge Drive on the corner by the clinic stating that the pumps were running all night which is very disturbing for local residents and there is also a problem with pedestrians trying to pass by and having to use the road. She added that the area by the doctors / clinic is again being used for ad hoc football games and such like despite statements from the police saying that once the muga was open this type of activity would stop.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said she had enquired about the pumping station matter herself and apparently they have had some kind of problems.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Severn Trent Water to try and determine the duration of the works and see if any alternate arrangements can be made for pedestrians.

163/11 POLICE MATTERS

- a) Police Report

Police Report

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 11th April 2011
Period covered 06/03/2011 – 03/04/2011.

Beat areas CF24 Mercia
 CF25 Richmond
 CF26 Central
 CF27 Leasowe

	Cf24	Cf25	Cf26	Cf27	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	2	0	6	4	12(+4)
ASB vehicle	0	0	0	1	1 (-2)
Criminal Damage	0	0	1	0	1 (-2)
Damage M Vehicles	0	0	2	0	2 (-1)
Burglary Dwelling	0	1	0	0	1 (-)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	0	0	0 (-)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (-)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	3	0	3 (+3)
Theft other	2	0	6	0	8 (+5)
Assault	0	1	2	0	3 (+3)
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1 (-1)
Drugs	0	0	1	0	1 (+1)

ASB

The reported general ASB was not too high. Certain areas which were having issues have had high visual patrols and the matters have ceased. However the library and Sainsburys were hot spots. Enquiries from these places have resulted from their CCTV and several local youths and their parents have received ASBO letters. Now on the ASBO data base these idiots will be monitored closely.

Burglary Dwelling

Again only 1 burglary reported. On this occasion nothing appears stolen but the garage doors were forced open, whilst occupants were away. There wasn't a burglary other building reported at all.

Vehicle Crime

There was an unused, old van stolen from a communal car park. It appears offenders turned up with a recovery vehicle and had it away. There were 3 reports of theft from motor vehicles. One involved the theft of a front number plate, whereas the other two reports involved an indicator unit and wing mirrors being stolen. Two other vehicles were damaged in separate incidents.

Violent Crime

The robbery took place in Dippons Lane near the pavilion. The injured party was threatened and forced to hand over his mobile phone, but was unhurt. One of the assaults was of a serious matter where the offender caused injury with a glass. He is now on remand awaiting trial. The other two assaults were minor matters involving juveniles.

Other

The theft reports are of a concern as 6 out of the 8 involve lead flashing being ripped off from bay windows overnight. This is a problem everywhere not just Perton. Should anyone be seen acting suspicious between midnight and 4am the police should be contacted. Especially if they are seen with a wheelie bin, as it the bin which carries the lead away. A wheelie bin containing lead was found just across the border in Tettenhall Wood.

The drug report was one of a search warrant at an address in Perton, where information had been received. Both class A and B controlled substances were recovered and 3 persons were arrested. One of which has been charged and facing court proceedings. Finally since last Parish Meeting and up to this report, there have been 8 tickets issued at the bus lane. Again it would appear this issue is improving, as several checks have no offending vehicles.

**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**

There was some discussion concerning the violent crime and the members were of the opinion that the Wrottesley Arms were using plastic glasses for external sales by the playground and that generally the area round the pub was often untidy and gives a poor impression.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen also expressed concerns for pedestrians walking in Dippons Lane noting that there has been yet another incident in this area.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to both the landlord of the Wrottesley Arms and the parent brewery in respect to use of plastic glasses outside and also to see if they can tidy up the area.

164/11 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal interest in respect to the grant request from Perton Carnival.

165/11 **MINUTES**

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

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

166/11 **DRAFT MINUTES**

a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 4th April 2011 be accepted for information.

- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 5th April 2011 together with income statement for March be accepted for information.

167/11 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

a) Perton Youth Club

Cllr D. Billson advised the members that he had attended a meeting three / four weeks ago with officers from Staffordshire County Council and whilst there is no specific outcome the general situation is very good; There is no current intention to close the youth club and they are happy to look at various options but there are no immediate issues apparent.

b) County Councillors Report

Cllr D. Billson said he had been ill for three weeks and therefore not so much to report but he reported that in respect to County & District:

- He attended the Duke of Edinburgh awards presentation in Penkridge and said it was gratifying to see dozens of young people from the surrounding area, including Perton & Codsall, receiving awards.
- He attended the Conservation and Design awards where Littleton Green Community School in Huntington picked up the main award as overall winner; Cllr Billson said this is an excellent community School.
- He attended a presentation on the High Speed Rail Link, HS2. He said that the original proposal for the rolling stock etc was going to be in Staffordshire but this is now not the case.
- He attended a County Planning meeting which included a revised application for a site at Cheslyn Hay.
- He attended a 'Community Voice' meeting in Pattingham.
- He attended a 'Geese Peace' meeting looking at ways to reduce and control the numbers of Canada Geese at Perton.
- He deputised for the Council Leader at a meeting at Keele University for business leaders bidding for central funds.

168/11 SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) District Councillors Report

Cllr Mrs R. Heseltine reported that since the last Parish Council meeting she has attended the following:-

15.03.2011

Regulatory Committee. There were no applications from Perton residents. The only real contentious one was regarding a 60m anemometry mast at Rodbaston campus. Representation was put forward by the agent for the extension of planning permission already given. The opposite viewpoint was put forward by a neighbour and member of the public. The application was refused on technical grounds.

17.03.2011

Community and Public Health Scrutiny Panel.

17.03.2011

South Staffordshire Rural Transport Partnership. A very interesting and focused meeting with some excellent discussions.

21.03.2011

Geese Peace meeting at Perton First School. A useful and constructive opportunity to discuss the problems and possible solutions to the Canada geese situation. More information as and when it becomes available.

22.03.2011
Council meeting at Codsall.

28.03.2011
Disability Hate Crime event. An interesting, thought provoking and very moving presentation about hate crime and the devastating effects it can have upon families and individuals – sometimes ending in suicide or murder. I have placed relevant literature in the Civic Centre giving information about helplines and support groups.

Finally she added that last Tuesday she had attended a Regulatory meeting where an application for a wind turbine was refused.

Cllr A.K.James reported that he also attended the Regulatory meeting that considered the Wind Turbine application and said it was recommended for refusal because the applicant had five years to provide the required information but it never arrived. The Council were interested to know for example exactly what the turbines do and how efficient they are etc but the information was never provided.

Cllr R.Moreton provided a brief report on the current status of the Inter Parish Games stating that at the Darts competition on Sunday Perton had finished third and there were two more events coming imminently.

169/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Application No.	Proposals
11/00192/FUL	Two-storey side extension - 27 Conway Road, Perton WV6 7RQ

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

PROPOSALS WITHDRAWN - The file has been closed and no decision will be issued.

Application No.	Proposals
11/00055/FUL	Garage conversion, first-floor side extension and detached double garage - 41 Lytham Road, Perton

170/11 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

01/03/11	STO	Kalidescope Limited	48.00
02/03/11	BACS	Wages Week 48	1269.24
04/03/11	104081	RHF (Heating) Co Ltd	2662.80
07/03/11	104082	Perton Place	55.00
09/03/11	BACS	Wages Week 49	1156.22
09/03/11	104083	Arts Alive	300.00
15/03/11	104084	Perton Playing Fields Association	2000.00

15/03/11	104085	MGD Solutions	196.00
15/03/11	104085	MGD Solutions	940.00
15/03/11	104085	MGD Solutions	80.00
15/03/11	104086	Lynton Eng S/B Ser Ltd	1386.00
16/03/11	BACS	Wages Week 50	1188.35
16/03/11	BACS	Inland Revenue	2252.30
16/03/11	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1613.59
18/03/11	104087	A.C.Contracts(Codsall) Ltd	444.00
18/03/11	104087	A.C.Contracts(Codsall) Ltd	3006.00
21/03/11	104088	South Staffs Musical Theatre Co - Deposit Refund	150.00
21/03/11	104089	Friends of Perton First School - Cancel Refund	74.00
23/03/11	DD	Unicom	52.70
23/03/11	BACS	Wages Week 51, Month 12	4371.95
24/03/11	104090	RHF (Heating) Co Ltd	632.69
24/03/11	104091	ESPO	126.12
24/03/11	104092	ESPO	19.10
28/03/11	104093	Post Office Limited	195.70
28/03/11	DD	British Gas - Electricity	882.13
28/03/11	DD	British Gas - Gas	841.43
28/03/11	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	106.10
28/03/11	DD	BT Business Broadband	45.00
30/03/11	BACS	Wages Week 52	1163.97
31/03/11	104094	Lynton Eng S/B Ser Ltd	108.00
		TOTALS	27366.39

b) Budget-to-date 2010/2011

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

171/11 CLERK'S REPORT – APRIL 2011

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 11th April 2011

- Flicks in the Sticks: For our next session 'The Kings Speech' will be shown on Monday 23rd May 2011 @ 2.00 pm
- Lyte Helix Industrial Access Tower delivered on Tuesday 22nd March.
- SSDC Howard Medicott advises that forecast cost for 2011/12 in respect to Grounds Maintenance Recharge will be in the region of £360.00 compared to £998.00 last year. This is due to new contract rates which are advantageous to PPC but not all PCs.
- MP Gavin Williamson meeting with PPC is set for Saturday 11th June 2011 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am
- Annual Appraisals for 2010-2011 all completed.
- Audit Commission requires annual return by 16th May 2011 which is very demanding. Rather than ask for an extension we will attempt to comply with the date to close off the accounts prior to new Council in May. Therefore: Internal Audit with Derek Walker is set for Wednesday April 13th with a view to PPC sign off on accounts and annual return at Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 18th April.

172/11 STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2011/12

RESOLVED that the membership be renewed at a total cost of £722.00

173/11 COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2011/12

RESOLVED that the membership be renewed at a total cost of £25.00

174/11 **REQUEST FOR GRANT**

a) **Campaign to Protect Rural England CPRE**

RESOLVED that a grant of £100.00 be made.

b) **Perton Carnival**

RESOLVED that a grant of £250.00 be made subject to the provision of last year's accounts.

175/11 **PERTON VILLAGE WALKERS MAP**

a) **Update**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen provided a brief update on progress to date noting that following consultation with the Clerk and Fred O'Leary the map has been extended to the west to ensure coverage of some good walking routes and a new path has been located and added to the map. All routes have been walked and some are fit for pushchair use and range from twenty minutes to two hours and are now being 'test walked' by others to prove the route and written 'key' details. The members expressed thanks to Penny and Fred for their considerable efforts to date.

b) **Map Price**

RESOLVED that on completion of the map printing it will be made available to the public at a cost of fifty pence per copy. Advice will be taken during the proofing stage as to final layout details.

176/11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **LuLu's Home-Made Food Company**

There was some discussion on this matter and it was suggested that we perhaps limit the contract to a three months trial. However the Clerk said that he had discussed the matter with Richard and Bernadette from Lulus and agreed that they should have a trial usage in order to ascertain that the kitchen meets their needs. This being the case, and subject to the provision of appropriate insurance and hygiene certification, they could hire the kitchen on normal terms and conditions based on an hourly rate and therefore no minimum period would be required as either party could quit the deal with no penalty. It was also noted that on occasions it would necessitate sharing of the facilities with other groups making drinks etc.

RESOLVED that subject to the foregoing provisions the hire rate is agreed at £12.00 per hour for normal weekday access.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman noted that this was the last normal meeting prior to the pending Parish elections and therefore thanked all the members for their participation over the life of the Council and gave special thanks and appreciation to Mr & Mrs S.Bott noting that they were standing down and thus would not return in May regardless.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: Monday 16th May 2011 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8:00 pm

Chairman
16th May 2011