

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 16th May 2011 @ 7:00pm**

Present NP Caine [Chairman]
R Moreton [Vice-Chairman]
DM Fereday
AA Bourke
Mrs C.M Young
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs P Allen
Mrs A James
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs L.Turner
DJ Billson
AK James
P.Adams
C Evans

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

01/12 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted via Cllr Mrs P.Allen in respect to newly elected Cllr B.Morris who was unable to attend due ongoing health issues.

RESOLVED that in respect to Cllr B.Morris signing of his 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor' can be delayed until the next meeting.

02/12 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

03/12 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr N.P.Caine was nominated by Cllr R.Moreton and seconded by Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED that Cllr N.P.Caine be elected Chairman for the year 2011/12.

04/12 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr N.P.Caine signed the Declaration of Office and then took the chair.

05/12 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr A.A.Bourke was nominated by Cllr Mrs P.Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs P.Pitt. Cllr R.Moreton was nominated by Cllr D.Fereday and seconded by Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine. A secret ballot was requested and the ballot produced ten votes for Cllr R.Moreton and four votes for Cllr A.A.Bourke.

RESOLVED that Cllr R.Moreton be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2011/12.

POLICE MATTERS**Police Report**

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 16th May 2011
 Period covered 04/04/2011 – 03/05/2011.

Beat areas Perton Dippons FX31
 Perton East FX32
 Perton Lakeside 1 FX33
 Perton Lakeside 2 FX34

	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	19(+7)
ASB vehicle	1(-)
Criminal Damage	3(+2)
Damage M Vehicles	1(-1)
Burglary Dwelling	3(+2)
Burglary Other Bldg	0(-)
Theft M Vehicle	1(-)
Theft from M Vehicle	1(-2)
Theft other	13(+5)
Assault	0(-3)
Robbery	2(+1)
Drugs	0(-1)

ASB

The reported general ASB was not too high considering all the time the youths have had off this month due to school holidays and bank holidays. Certain areas which were having issues have had high visual patrols and the matters have ceased. However the library and Sainsburys were again hot spots. Our ASB coordinator has been given details of the youths involved.

Violent Crime

There has been two robberies in and around the centre of Perton. We believe that the offenders are coming from off the west mids we have increased patrols on a weekend when the incidents have happened

Other

The theft reports have increased slightly the petrol station having the most problems with drive offs. We have had 2 bikes stolen from outside the property both time the bikes were left insecure and on full view.

.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

PC Lampitt informed the Members that following their recent re-organisation there will now be three shift patterns which mean that there will always be one of the team on duty. They are now working to new sergeants out of the Watling base rather than Wombourne. He said that in respect to the report they were unable to provide a breakdown of the incidents since they have now changed from CFA designations to FX but they have not yet been given the breakdown across Perton areas. Commenting on the report he said that there had been a nasty burglary today but as usual most of the incidents are anti-social by nature. Cllr Mrs P Allen asked about the violent crime report and if there had been any arrests.

PC Lampitt responded saying there had been two arrests on the evening of the assault and the matter is now with CID.

Cllr AK James said that the Dippons Lane area is always a worry for the Council and was interested to know if adequate liaison exists between the Police forces of West Midlands and Staffordshire. PC Lampitt was able to give the assurance that intelligence is a very important part of policing today and there was great co-operation and both local police forces monitor each other's radio traffic and information.

Cllr Mrs A James said that she had been told there were lots of burglaries in the central areas and that somebody known to be guilty had been arrested but there was no proof of guilt. PC Lampitt said that proof is essential and there had been in fact three burglaries and whilst people may have a good idea of who is committing these crimes knowing and proving are very different things. Cllr Mrs James said she had also been told that in one of the incidents a dog had been killed, PC Lampitt replied saying that he had not heard of this matter at all.

07/12 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104100 paid to David Allen – the handyman and personal interest in cheque 104102 paid to Perton Carnival and personal interest in all matters relating to Perton Playing Fields since she is a trustee.

Cllr A.K.James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheques 104097 and 104111 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

08/12 **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (7+2 subs)**

RESOLVED that:

a) The Management Committee comprise of:

Chairman Cllr NP Caine
Vice-Chairman Cllr RE Moreton
Cllr Mrs CM.Young
Cllr Mrs RAHeseltine
Cllr Mrs P Allen
Cllr D Billson
Cllr Mrs A James

b) The named substitutes are:

Cllr DM Fereday
Cllr AA Bourke

09/12 **ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE (7)**

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee comprise of:

Chairman Cllr NP Caine
Vice-Chairman Cllr RE Moreton
Cllr Mrs CM Young
Cllr Mrs P Allen
Cllr AK James
Cllr DJ Billson
Cllr Mrs R Heseltine
Cllr Mrs P Pitt
Cllr Mrs L Turner

10/12 **ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE (7)**

RESOLVED that the Finance Committee comprise of:

Chairman Cllr NP Caine
Vice-Chairman Cllr RE Moreton
Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine
Cllr Mrs CM Young
Cllr Mrs P Allen
Cllr AK James
Cllr Mrs P Pitt

The quorum for this committee shall remain three persons.

11/12 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SIGN CHEQUE (6)**

The Clerk advised that the Standing Orders require six signatories but do not specify that this number should include the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED that the following members be authorised to sign cheques:

Cllr Mrs C.Young
Cllr DJ.Billson
Cllr Mrs RA.Heseltine
Cllr Mrs AM.James
Cllr AK James
Cllr NP Caine

12/12 **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

a) **Perton Playing Fields Association (8)**

RESOLVED that the Councils' representatives be:

Cllr DJ Billson
Cllr NP Caine
Cllr DM Fereday
Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine
Cllr AK James
Cllr P Adams
Cllr C Evans
Cllr Mrs L Turner

b) **County Council – Transport (1)**

RESOLVED that the Councils' representative be Cllr AK James.

c) **County Council – Youth and Children & Young People Member Champion (1)**

RESOLVED that the Councils' representative be Cllr DJ Billson.

13/12 **ELECTION OF QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Committee comprise of:

Vice-Chairman Cllr RE Moreton
Cllr AK James
Cllr C Evans
Cllr DJ Billson
Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine
Cllr Mrs L Turner
Cllr Mrs A James
Cllr P Adams

14/12

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th APRIL, 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th April 2011 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th APRIL, 2011

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on 18th April 2011 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

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DRAFT MINUTES

a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2011 be accepted for information.

16/12

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

a) **Perton Youth Club**

Cllr Billson advised that there is no new update.

b) **Highways Update**

The information was noted.

c) **Your Staffordshire Card**

The information was noted.

d) **County Councillors Report**

Cllr DJ Billson stated that it had been a very busy month in respect to elections but there was nothing further to report.

17/12

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) **Armed Forces Day – Chairman’s Invite**

RESOLVED that due to the Chairman’s unavailability this event will be attended by Vice-Chairman, RE Moreton.

b) **Perton Work Club**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will return the form indicating that we will require more information and will copy any future vacancies to the work club and also support any local sessions if appropriate.

c) **District Councillors Report**

- Cllr RE Moreton reported that Perton are now leading the Inter Parish Games and with three events to go we effectively have an eight point lead.
- Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine said that she had attended a Regulatory Meeting but that aside the time had been spent on the elections.

- Cllr DJ Billson said that he had visited a Children's home in Burton-upon-Trent but otherwise it had been a very quiet month probably due to the elections.
- Cllr AK James reported that he was still concerned about the wall on the A41 where stones are continually disappearing and ongoing damage now makes the wall quite dangerous. He said there seems to be little that the District Council can do but he had been in touch with G. Herbert Banks of Great Witley who is the Agent for the Wrottesley Estate but they seem to be a blocking force and we need to identify the actual Trustees of the Estate to see if they will be more helpful. He said this is a very historical wall and will be a great loss to the community.

18/12 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th April, 2011.

Application No.	Proposals
11/00263/FUL	Two-storey side extension for bedroom with ensuite and enlarged dining room – 8 Crowland Avenue, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7XF
11/00318/FUL	First-floor side extension – Silver Birches, Pattingham Road, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7HD

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
11/00029/FUL	Removal of 18-metre monopole and equipment cabinet and replacement with shared 18-metre monopole and cabinet - Perton Middle School, Gainsborough Drive	Grant of Planning Permission
11/00037/FUL	Extension over existing attached garage - 17 Fallowfield, Perton	
11/00093/FUL	First-floor side extension - 7 Mere Oak Road, Perton	

Cllr Mrs P Pitt queried the detail of the decision regarding the removal of the 18 metre monopole and there was some discussion on this point. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that this was essentially a replacement pole with two networks now being operated on one pole.

19/12 **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 11th April 2011

01/04/11	STO	Kalidescope Limited	48.00
01/04/11	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1289.75
01/04/11	104095	John Ellis Associates Limited	300.00
04/04/11	104096	Tettenhall Inner Wheel - Deposit Refund	150.00
05/04/11	104097	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	102.00
06/04/11	BACS	Wages Week 1	1272.18
06/04/11	104098	Perton Place	55.00
06/04/11	104099	Computacenter (UK) Ltd	63.53
06/04/11	BACS	Inland Revenue	2258.10
06/04/11	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1834.20
13/04/11	BACS	Wages Week 2	1315.00
14/04/11	104100	David Allen - the handyman	242.00
14/04/11	104101	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	40.25
14/04/11	104102	Perton Carnival 2011	250.00
14/04/11	104103	Community Council of Staffordshire	25.00
14/04/11	104104	Campaign to Protect Rural England	100.00
14/04/11	104105	Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	722.00
14/04/11	104106	Post Office Limited	228.67
15/04/11	104107	MGD Solutions	196.00
18/04/11	104108	Mr Derek Walker - Internal Audit	260.00
19/04/11	BACS	Wages Week 3	1282.74
20/04/11	104109	Nobisco Limited	58.36
21/04/11	DD	Unicom	51.50
25/04/11	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	171.29
26/04/11	BACS	Wages Week 4 / Month 1	4188.05
27/04/11	104110	ESPO	58.36
28/04/11	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	106.10
28/04/11	DD	British Gas - Gas	767.36
28/04/11	104111	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	102.00
		TOTALS	17537.44

b) **Budget-to-date 2011/2012**

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

20/12 **CLERK'S REPORT – MAY 2011**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 16th May 2011

- Query to Severn Trent Water following parishioner complaint at April meeting: I am informed that pumping station refit will be completed by week ending 15th April and external 24hour pumping will be closed down and transferred to internal pump.

- Mobile Computer Bus to be at Perton Civic Centre (Friendship Club) on Wednesday 18th May in support of Silver Surfers week.
- Letter of confirmation and appreciation of £100 grant cheque received from CPRE on 19th April 2011.

21/12 **INSURANCE RENEWAL 2011/12 AND OFFER**

The Clerk explained that this year's renewal, the second of our three year commitment, sees an overall reduction in premium compared to last year of £60.88. The levels of cover and premium were uplifted by 3% but this was offset by our no claims discount. Additionally we can, should we choose to accept their offer of a new three year long term agreement, obtain a further four months of free cover since many Parish Councils do not like the 1st June renewal date and they will extend this to 1st October at no additional cost.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will accept the renewal and also the new long term agreement with free four month extension making the next renewal due on the 1st October, 2012.

22/12 **CONSULTATION ON GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES – GAVIN WILLIAMSON MP**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to the petition on behalf of Perton Parish Council stating that the Council supports the proposal and would wish that all people are treated equally with no one group receiving special treatment.

23/12 **NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING – STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION**

RESOLVED that three new councilors, Cllr Mrs L.Turner, Cllr C.Evans and Cllr P.Adams will attend the new Councillor Training at Stafford at a date to be confirmed at a total cost to Perton Parish Council of £45.00.

24/12 **REQUEST FOR GRANT / CONCESSIONARY ROOM HIRE**

a) **Holly Edwards – Corsers Court**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Holly asking her to drop in or provide more specific information about her needs and intentions.

b) **Perton Police Fun Day**

RESOLVED that following a vote by show of hands a grant of £500.00 be awarded.

c) **Perton First School – Hire of Lakeside Hall**

RESOLVED that following a vote by show of hands which excluded the two school governors the school may utilise the Lakeside Hall as requested at the Concessionary hire charge.

25/12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Allotments**

In respect to the to the letter from Mr Sanders Cllr A.Bourke said that he was aware that we get several enquiries of this nature but was interested to know what action plan could be put in place to resolve this issue. Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that some while ago a piece of land had been identified near the bus lane and perhaps we should conduct a feasibility study to see if it would be viable. Cllr D.Billson said that the requirement for allotments is well known to South Staffordshire District Council and is prevalent across South Staffs. He said that specifically for Perton SSDC had been looking to solve this requirement for the last two years and is currently in discussion with land owners.

b) **Bromford Housing Issues**

Following brief discussion the new Council is keen to pursue this topic.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to Bromford Housing requesting dates from late June onwards where an evening meeting can be arranged.

c) **Wrottesley Arms**

Following some discussion it was noted that to date we have not heard from the Area Operations Manager, Steve Castle. It was noted that there has been some clearing of leaves and debris but there is still broken glass and also the general lighting in the area is in very poor condition.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write again advising the current status and that issues remain.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th June 2011 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.15 pm

Chairman
13th June 2011