

**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**PERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the Perton Civic Centre on**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 @ 7:00pm**

Present NP Caine [Chairman]  
R Moreton [Vice-Chairman]  
Mrs CM Young  
Mrs R Heseltine  
Mrs L. Turner  
Mrs A James  
DJ Billson  
AK James  
C Evans  
P Adams  
DM Fereday  
B. Morris

Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden  
Members of the Public present: 11

95/12 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P Allen, Mrs PN Pitt and AA Bourke.

96/12 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Mr F O'Leary raised a query regarding the Perton buses only lane noting that there are still problems with the barrier and asked if the County Council had considered the provision of sliding gates. He said that recently whilst out walking, he noticed that Penn Golf Club has a sliding gate which appears to be easy to operate but robust in design.  
Cllr DJ Billson responded saying that a recent solution was for the provision of a camera but this plan has now collapsed due to Central Government restrictions and the preferred solution now is the provision of a new automatic raising bollard that is apparently vandal proof but it is all down to the cost and it is hard to say when work will commence.

Mr Moore asked the Council if something could be done about the paths around the upper lake, he said that over the last twelve months the paths have become very overgrown and he has seen small children get stung by the mass of nettles which have not been cut back. He said that Perton paths in general are poor but the area by the lake is even worse and the grass areas by the bridge are completely overgrown and the area by the brook has not been trimmed at all this year. He asked if it would be possible to cultivate the area and generally make it tidy and presentable.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact the landscape divisions of both the District and County Council to raise these concerns.

97/12 **POLICE MATTERS**

**Police Report**

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 14th November 2011  
Period covered 01/10/2011 – 07/11/2011.

Beat areas FX31 Mercia  
FX32 Richmond  
FX33 Leasowe

FX34 Central

	FX31	FX32	FX33	FX34	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	1	4	3	8	16 (+8)
ASB vehicle	0	0	0	3	3 (+2)
Criminal Damage	0	0	1	3	4 (-1)
Damage M Vehicles	2	1	0	2	5 (+2)
Burglary Dwelling	3	1	1	0	5 (+4)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	0	0	0 (-)
Theft M Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0 (-)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	1	0	0	1 (-3)
Theft other	1	1	0	4	6 (+4)
Assault	0	0	0	2	2 (+1)
Robbery	0	0	0	2	2 (+2)
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0 (-)

**ASB**

This month's anti social behaviour figures are about par for this time of year. 3 of the reports involved fireworks, however Halloween passed incident free.

**Burglary**

There were 5 burglary dwellings this period, which is a real spike in the figures, having been relatively free from burglary recently. The offender appears to be local and on foot as they seem to steal small items such as jewelry. Albeit they did steal a dinner plate set at one address. All the targeted addresses back onto green areas and the point of entry is by breaking into the rear of the properties. Anyone seen acting suspicious during the dark late afternoons, should be report immediately.

**Vehicle Crime**

Apart from damage to vehicles the figures are good. Of the 5 damage to vehicles it would appear 3 relate to either jealous ex partners or employers. Again any suspicious persons in the night should be reported.

**Violent Crime**

Although no street robberies were reported, there were two armed robberies at Sainsbury. The same male, on both occasions jumped over the counter brandishing machete/ hammer and made off with money from the cash till. Any info to CID at Cannock. The reported assaults involved a minor incident between motorists, and the falling out of friends, where no official complaint was made.

**Other**

Of the 6 thefts, two were of pedal cycles. Since the last report 9 fixed penalty tickets have been issued to motorists using the bus lane. As from 8/11/11 Staffordshire police control room can now be contacted on the new non emergency 101 telephone no.

**Any information please contact; - Perton's Neighbourhood Team via voicemail:**

**- 0300 123 2345 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PCSO Teresa Nicholls (08861),**

**PCSO Ashley Tooth (016722). Or email [duncan.lampitt@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:duncan.lampitt@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)**

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**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr AK James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque numbers 104161 and 104177 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

Cllr NP Caine declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104178 paid to Ricoh UK Ltd.

Cllr Mrs A James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104179 paid to Robins Nest Catering Services.

99/12 **MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2011 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

100/12 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be accepted for information. Cllr AK James reminded the QDJ committee members that the next meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011 and asked that all members attend as there are some important decisions to be made.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 be accepted for information.
- c) **RESOLVED** that the notes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 together with the income statement for October be accepted for information.

101/12 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Community Focus for Ice Busters**

The information was noted.

b) **County Councillors Report**

Cllr D.Billson reported that:

- He has a meeting on Wednesday this week at the Newman Centre in respect to the development plan.
- He has attended two Governors meeting at Codsall High School in respect to the federation of the three local schools (Codsall High, Perton Middle and Bilbrook Middle) of which Mrs M Tunnicliffe will be the head teacher.
- Attended appraisals with the Leader of the Council and also deputised for Brian Edwards.
- Rodbaston College will become a land based authority and they have overcome green belt issues by incorporating it into the local plan.
- In respect to transport Matthew Ellis at County level has introduced a pilot scheme to enable better use of school transport. Currently buses park up at 9.30am, park all day and then do the return journey later. The pilot scheme allows buses to be used from 8.00am to 6.00pm and aside from the school runs they will provide effectively a dial and ride system.
- Attended Moat House awards and of the five finalists South Staffordshire had three.
- The proposed waste site at the rear of Marston Excelsior adjacent to the i54 site has not received much support from Wolverhampton and is not likely to receive much from us.
- In respect to Severn Drive flooding problems, Seven Trent apparently completed the works in August although we have not been officially notified. However the problem was much as we had expected and the 450mm outlet pipe has now been doubled in size in order to cope with the flow.

a) **District Councillors Report**

Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine reported that since the last Parish Council meeting she had attended the following:

11.10.2011 A meeting with Bromford Housing Association as a follow-up to the meeting held in June. This was attended by 2 representatives from Bromford, the Police, Staffordshire District Council and several residents. It was a most productive meeting and it was an excellent opportunity to hear firsthand from residents about their concerns, worries and suggestions for improvements.

12.10.2011 Environmental and Public Health Protection Services Scrutiny Panel.

13.10.2011 Locality 4 update seminar. These are interesting and worthwhile meetings. The information obtained and discussions are useful tools for understanding the diversity and individuality of the Locality.

18.10.11 A seminar on 'lean management' at SDC.

18.10.11 Regulatory Meeting. An application by a Perton resident for development of a site for residential use in Perton was refused.

25.10.11 Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

08.11.11 Regulatory Meeting

11.11.11 I had the privilege of laying the wreath on behalf of Perton Parish Council at the Remembrance Service held at the Council offices.

13.11.11 I attended the Remembrance Service at Perton's Memorial.

Cllr R Moreton reported that he had also attended some of the functions listed by Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine and also said that tomorrow night (Tuesday) he is attending the Crime and Disorder Committee which will be looking at the last twelve months of performance and he said that generally this was an improving picture but the issue is still the perception of problems versus the actual statistics. He also said that he was attending the Scrutiny Panel Youth Forum on Thursday evening which will follow a speed-dating type of format.

Cllr AK James said that he had been dealing with an application by a Wolverhampton resident for the removal of a sixty year old tree which has been refused.

103/12 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.**

11/00697/OUT	Development of site for residential use, comprising 3 No., 3 bedroom detached bungalows incorporating a single garage to 2 of the properties and a double garage to the larger third property – <b>10 Berkeley Close, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7RX</b>
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The Parish Council have raised several concerns in respect to the above Outline Planning Permission application and would like the following considered:

1. The mature oak tree on site to be TPO'd
2. That the site is not over developed / density of housing
3. That there is adequate access
4. With regard to no 6. on Application form (Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way) the Parish Council would advise that:
  - a) a new vehicle access would be needed
  - b) a pedestrian access is needed from the road
  - c) there is a Public Right of Way adjacent to the site
  - d) alterations would be needed to the existing footpath

**DECISIONS** - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
11/00329/FUL	Terracing of rear garden an extension of forecourt - <b>Amber Verde, Pattingham Road, Perton</b>	<b>Grant</b>
11/00643/FUL 11/00697/OUT 11/00706/FUL	Replacement detached garage and store - <b>2 Long Lake Cottages, Dippons Lane, Perton</b> Development of site for residential use, comprising 3 no. 3 bedroom detached bungalows incorporating a single garage to 2 of the properties and a double garage to the larger third property - <b>10 Berkeley Close, Perton</b> Two-storey extension to existing cottage. Patio area to frontage. Replacement of all windows in hardwood. Recladding of existing dormers in render to match existing - <b>East Trescott Cottage, Bridgnorth Road, Trescott, Wolverhampton</b>	<b>Refused</b>
11/00733/COM	Installation of 4 No. kiosks and associated works - <b>Severn Trent Water Authority, Bridgnorth Road, Trescott</b>	<b>Referred to County Council</b>

Cllr N.P.Caine asked, in respect to Application 11/00697/OUT, if the trees would now be subject to preservation orders. Cllr D.Billson there was no likelihood of this as it was unnecessary as the application was only for outline approval which had been refused.

104/12 **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 10th October 2011**

03/10/11 STO Kalidescope Limited

48.00

03/10/11	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1288.00
04/10/11	104176	Perton Place	55.00
04/10/11	104177	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	102.00
04/10/11	104178	Ricoh UK Ltd	231.97
04/10/11	104178	Ricoh UK Ltd	42.75
04/10/11	104179	Robins Nest Catering Services	682.90
05/10/11	BACS	Wages Week 27	1292.25
07/10/11	BACS	Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance / Peter Dorrell & Company	16771.20
10/10/11	104180	Trinity Operatic Society - Deposit Refund	26.00
10/10/11	104181	Nobisco Limited	122.98
12/10/11	104182	Plyvine Catering Limited	242.88
12/10/11	104183	MGD Solutions	196.00
12/10/11	BACS	Wages Week 28	1185.75
12/10/11	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1719.91
12/10/11	BACS	Inland Revenue	2598.60
12/10/11	104184	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	40.25
13/10/11	104185	North Staffs Fire Limited	173.76
18/10/11	104186	The Royal British Legion	40.00
19/10/11	BACS	Wages Week 29	1169.58
20/10/11	104187	Kalidescope Limited	114.00
20/10/11	104188	A.C. Contracts (Codsall) Ltd	4484.70
24/10/11	DD	Unicom	52.18
25/10/11	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	171.29
26/10/11	BACS	Wages Week 30 & Month 7	4301.84
27/10/11	104189	South Staffordshire District Council	666.00
27/10/11	104190	ESPO	74.76
28/10/11	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	142.12
28/10/11	DD	British Gas - Gas	64.49
28/10/11	DD	British Gas - Electric	283.74
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>38384.90</b>

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

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

105/12 **CLERK'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2011**

**Matters ongoing / resolved as at 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

- Please note that as of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 Staffordshire Police is introducing a new non-emergency number. The new number will be **101** and replaces the old 0300 123 44 55 number. **101** is being introduced by all Police Forces Nationally and a call to the number will cost 15 pence from a landline or a mobile whatever the length of the call at any time of day or night. **In an emergency please continue to dial 999.**
- PPC Website Polls and Petitions Page have now been added.
- Andy Cousins from SSDC Landscape Division advises that a number of trees around Perton will be removed due to root damage to local paths.
- Please note that the new number for Staffs CC CLARENCE is **0300 111 8000**

- Perton Place and Perton Pages Ad Mags are fighting a commercial battle to become the ad mag of choice for the local area. I have negotiated with them both that they will carry PPC information at no charge for the time being.
- Derek Walker conducted first part of Internal Audit process on 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- Citizens Advice Bureau AGM to be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Wombourne Civic Centre at 7.00pm. Annual report can be viewed on South Staffs Council website.
- South Staffordshire Council submitted its Core Strategy Development Plan Document to the Secretary of State for independent examination on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The Secretary of State has now appointed an independent planning Inspector, Mr Simon Berkeley BA MA MRTPI, to hold a Public Examination into the Core Strategy. The Examination will begin on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011- Details e-mailed out and with Clerk.
- Web based Newsletter sent out to all recipients signed up which still only numbers 76 and 12 of those were returned as undeliverable.
- Perton First School PTFA: Halloween Disco on 21<sup>st</sup> October - £150 Refundable Deposit retained due to damage to new heating grills on stage front.
- Attendance of 80 (4 paying customers) people for Flicks in the Sticks performance of Toast. Next show is 'Grow Your Own' on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
- Tettenhall Neighbourhood Plan: Invite to attend the workshop on Wednesday 16th November 0900 to 1700, at the Newman Centre, Haywood Drive, off Wood Road, Tettenhall, WV6 8RF. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. – Details e-mailed to PPC Members on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- A cheque in the sum of £521.66 has been received from Staffs CC in respect to the second payment of our Community Paths Initiative grant towards the Perton Walkers Map. A similar sum is expected next year which will be the third and final payment of this award.
- E-Mail forwarded to all PPC Councillors on 3<sup>rd</sup> November: The governing bodies of Bilbrook CE (VC) Middle School and Perton Middle School Federation and Codsall Community High School, have committed to proceed with the process of hard federation. The consultation process begins on 4th November 2011 and closes on 16th December 2011; the aim is to have the federation in place for 1st February 2011.
- SSDC Locality Forums feedback e-mailed to all Councillor's on 4<sup>th</sup> November.
- Letter of thanks and appreciation was received on 7<sup>th</sup> November from Mrs Chambers (Shackleton Drive) following her first visit to Movie Magic to see 'Toast' on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Very impressed and looking forwards to next show.
- Letter of thanks received on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov from David Turner of Perton & Codsall Utd. F.C. in respect to PPC grant of £250.00.
- Letter received on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov from Gavin Williamson MP Constituency Office containing copy attachment from Justin King (C.E. Sainsbury's) advising that new Cherry Trees have been planted to replace those previously cut down outside Perton store.

Cllr DJ Billson commenting on the introducing of the new Police non-emergency number said that he thought it was disgraceful that this is now a chargeable telephone call and that the Police are probably aware that a charge per call is likely to reduce the number of calls and is thereby a way of reducing the crime figures.

106/12 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

This information was noted.

107/12 **PRECEPT INCLUSIONS FOR 2012 / 2013**

The Clerk explained that the budget for next year together with setting of the precept will be agreed early next year and therefore any requirements for the budget should be notified by the next meeting. This request was noted.

108/12 **PATHWAY BEHIND SANDOWN SCHOOL – CLLR MRS A.JAMES**

Cllr Mrs A James said that she had received a number of complaints about Perton pathways and in particular the hedge forming the fence at Sandown School is encroaching over the pathway and causing many problems for several people. Cllr C Evans said that he had recently been down that path and a branch from this hedge had caught him in the head. It was also said that this is the main footpath from the Gainsborough Drive area to Sainsburys and is used heavily and there are also some problems where roots from trees are breaking up the pathway.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact the landscape divisions of both the District and County Council.

109/12 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - QUOTATIONS**

Cllr Mrs A James said that she felt the Christmas lights were very poor and we should do something to improve them. Cllr AK James said that this was a matter for next year's budget as it is too late to do anything this year but also noted that Christmas light configurations can be very expensive and our options in siting lighting displays are very limited as much of central Perton is private land. Cllr P Adams asked if we are familiar with AC Contracts to which the Clerk replied that this firm is very well known to PPC as amongst other things they did the majority of the recent refurbishment work in the Lakeside Hall.

The two quotations were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that the quotation from AC Contract be accepted in respect to both the Christmas lights and the Civic Centre PAT testing included in the same quotation.

110/12 **PERTON FIRST SCHOOL PTFA HALLOWEEN DISCO – DAMAGE TO LAKESIDE HALL**

The Clerk explained the nature of the damage that had occurred at the Halloween disco and that he had written to the PTFA to advise them of this matter and inform them that their deposit of £150 was to be withheld and that at the moment we are not aware of the cost to correct the problems which may be more or less than the value of the deposit. The PTFA have responded in writing and the Council Members endorsed the Clerk's handling of this matter and no further action can take place until we have more information about a solution to the problem and the associated cost.

111/12 **CODSALL ARTS FESTIVAL – EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council are happy to be associated with the Classic Buskers concert to be held at Codsall High School on the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 and the Clerk will notify Ruth Job accordingly.

112/12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **The Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Final Recommendations On The New Electoral Arrangements For Staffordshire County Council.**

The information was noted.

Cllr A,K.James informed the members of a recent development whereby proposals have been put forwards by the Liberal Democrat party requesting that South Staffordshire should be broken up with Perton being joined to Wolverhampton. Councillor R.Moreton said that this new proposal is most unsatisfactory as South Staffordshire currently is adequately represented by two MPs and the new proposal if adopted would lead to a very fragmented situation where the South Staffordshire population would move to one of nine MPs.

- b) **NALC Briefing: The Future of Standards Of Conduct Of Local Authorities In England**  
The information was noted.

**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 7.40 pm

**Chairman**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December 2011**