

Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 12th December 2011 @ 7:00pm

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

Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
NPU: PC Duncan Lampitt
Ex Councillor : Mrs S.Bott
Ex Councillor : Miss C.Duffell
Ex Councillor : Mr D.Heseltine
Ex Councillor : Mr A.Black
Ex Councillor : Mr S.Bott
Members of the Public present: Six

113/12 **APOLOGIES & CHAIRMAN'S PRESENTATION TO FORMER COUNCILLORS**

- a) Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D.Billson, B.Morris and P.Adams.
- b) The Chairman made a brief presentation to former Councillor's whom he congratulated in turn and presented each with a plaque bearing the Perton Parish Council coat-of-arms:
Mrs S.Bott
Miss C.Duffell
Mr D.Heseltine
Mr A.Black
Mr S.Bott

Cllr Mrs P.Allen offered a vote of thanks to them independently and collectively. She formally thanked each of them for their devoted service during the period from 2007 to 2011 noting that the period had been a challenging four years covering a lot of different topics such as the renewal of the children's playground and the provision of the Muga. She added that it was with particular regret that Miss C.Duffell was no longer a member as she had worked very hard to represent the young vote and Mrs Allen said she was disappointed that this was now no longer the case.

114/12 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No matters were raised during the public open session.

POLICE MATTERS**Police Report**

Perton Parish Council Police report meeting 12th December 2011
 Period covered 08/11/2011 – 03/12/2011.

Beat areas FX31 Mercia
 FX32 Richmond
 FX33 Leasowe
 FX34 Central

	FX31	FX32	FX33	FX34	Totals
Anti Social Behaviour	2	2	2	4	10 (-6)
ASB vehicle	0	1	0	1	2 (-1)
Criminal Damage	0	0	0	2	2 (-2)
Damage M Vehicles	1	0	0	2	3 (-2)
Burglary Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0 (-5)
Burglary Other Bldg	0	0	0	1	1 (+1)
Theft M Vehicle/ TWOC	2	0	0	1	3 (+3)
Theft from M Vehicle	0	0	0	3	3 (+2)
Theft other	0	0	0	3	3 (-3)
Assault	1	0	0	3	4 (+2)
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0 (-2)
Drugs	1	0	0	0	1 (+1)

ASB

This months anti social behaviour figures are very pleasing again. Nuisance youths reports fell considerably, maybe due to the cold weather. The nuisance vehicle figures were helped as offending youths were given section 59 warning for the use of motorbike on the fields behind the Pear & Partridge.

Burglary

The burglary figures returned to normal. There were no burglary dwellings and only one burglary other building, where a pedal cycle was stolen from a rear shed.

Vehicle Crime

Unfortunately vehicle crime figures were spoilt by 3 separate incidents of thefts from motor vehicles. On each occasion on the same night, 3 old style vehicles were targeted for their radio cassette players. Also on two different occasions golf buggies were taken without the owners consent from the local golf club. They were driven around the nearby fields and damaged.

Violent Crime

Following last months armed robberies at Sainsburys petrol station. Two males have been identified from DNA. One is awaiting trial on remand, but the other is still outstanding and wanted. There is a thought these two were also responsible for the surge of burglaries last month too, but that is yet to be proved. This month's assaults were all very minor. One incident involved a father and son in Anders Square, where they both ended up being arrested and dealt with.

Other

The drugs incident involved a youth being arrested on suspicion of possessing a class 'A' controlled substance. This resulted from information from the landlord of the public house where he was arrested at. Of the theft reports, one was of a theft of a purse where offenders have not been traced yet. The other two were minor matters of shop theft where the offenders were dealt with by way of £80 fixed penalty tickets each. Finally 13 motorists were given fixed penalty tickets for illegally using the bus lane. Another motorist, who failed to stop for police in the bus lane, has been reported and faces losing his driving license.

**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**

AND REMEMBER THE NEW NON EMERGENCY NUMBER IS 101

PC Lampitt informed the members that his focus on illegal access of the 'buses only' lane has been very successful to the extent that the Express & Star are looking to do a focus piece on this topic. He said that in Staffordshire there are five such bus lanes which have generated a total of 84 tickets and of this total 79 are specific to the Perton bus lane. Cllr Mrs A.James asked PC Lampitt if he was aware of the number of 'white van' commercial vehicles and taxis that were accessing the lane. PC Lampitt said that many vans arriving at the lane do so having travelled some distance using SatNav but generally all professional drivers are ticketed as they should know better, occasionally domestic traffic not knowing the area may generate just a warning but this depends on the circumstances.

Cllr A.K.James asked if PC Lampitt was aware of the recent issues that had been reported in the Rural Watch newsletters which provide updates on certain incidents; he said that problems in Auden Court were a typical example. Cllr James added that this is a very good service sharing details of very recent issues. PC Lampitt said that this probably relates to the OWL Messaging Service and the incidents referred to almost certainly relate to the recent spike over the last couple of months and are believed to be associated with the incidents reported recently that culminated in the armed robbery at Sainsburys.

Cllr N.P.Caine asked PC Lampitt if the police had notified Google Maps in respect to the SatNav issues pointing drivers to the bus lane as this information can be updated in the SatNav packages and also if offending taxi drivers are notified to the licensing authority as the offence can be considered when licenses are up for renewal. PC Lampitt said that to his knowledge TomTom has been notified regarding access to the bus lane as that is a very common SatNav device and he didn't believe that the licensing authority is notified in respect to taxi drivers.

Cllr N.P.Caine asked if some focus can be given to the left turn prohibition at Jenny Walkers Lane as many drivers ignore it. PC Lampitt said that he is aware of the problems but to police it is difficult because it is a narrow lane once traffic has turned left and stopping traffic at that point could be both dangerous and create a traffic hazard.

Cllr Mrs P.Pitt asked about the history of this prohibition and Cllr Mrs P.Allen said there was several aspects to it: Firstly a number of wealthy homeowners along Perton Road and Tinacre Hill had complained about increased traffic levels and additionally there is no pavement for pedestrians. She added that increased traffic would cause a problem at the junction at Wightick Bank where visibility is poor near the Fieldhouse pub and that as the road system is used as a 'rat-run' both speeding and poor lighting add to the problems. Cllr Mrs P.Pitt said that given the issues the benefits are with those living along those routes and therefore any policing should be done by the Wolverhampton police, PC Lampitt said that this would not happen as the prohibited junction is in South Staffordshire. At the close of this session PC Lampitt left the meeting as did the five ex Councillors.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr AK James declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque numbers 104192 paid to Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

117/12 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER, 2011

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

118/12 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Committee Meeting held on 21st November 2011 be accepted for information.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th December 2011 together with the income statement for November be accepted for information.

119/12 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) **County Councillors Report**
As Cllr D.Billson was not present there was no report.

120/12 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- a) **Draft Plan Questionnaire**
It was stated that the questionnaire was distributed to delegates attending the recent Parish Summit although Cllr Mrs C.Young advised the members that the request from SSDC was that they are seeking feedback from the Parishes. The members noted that the information was basically a follow up to information disseminated at the Locality Workshops and it was **RESOLVED** that members will individually complete and return the questionnaires.
- b) **Landscape Issues Arising From November Meeting: Correspondence from Howard Medlicott (SSDC) and Brian Wilding (Staffs CC)**
Following some discussion on this point it was agreed that the problems of unmaintained footpath areas stems from the development days of Perton when strips of land bordering many paths were never adopted by either the District or County Councils and thus are still technically under the ownership of the original developers who are now no longer in existence.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will e-mail each Councillor a copy of the plan from SSDC showing ownership of SSDC areas and paths and urge the District & County Councils to provide feedback as soon as possible following their planned joint site visit in respect to maintained and non maintained paths, to use this information in order to devise a plan to tackle the currently unsupported areas.
- c) **District Councillors Report**
Cllr R.Moreton reported that he had recently:
Chaired the Crime & Disorder Committee which is an annual committee.
Attended a Regulatory training session covering highway issues.
Attended Scrutiny Panel at Perton Youth Club where a number of questions were asked and it was noted that they are generally good kids and a lot of useful feedback was received. They generally hate the temple (youth shelter) and would like to see a new modern design youth shelter similar to that recently installed at Pattingham which provides a number of useful features such as docking points for iPods. They are also keen to see the installation of adult exercise apparatus at various locations around the village. Cllr Moreton said he would be very pleased to see PPC pursue these requests.

Cllr D.Fereday reported that he had attended the Regulatory Meeting.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine submitted the following report:

Since the last Parish Council Meeting I have attended the following:-

16.11.2011 Environmental and Public Health Protection Services Scrutiny Panel.
An interesting and informative meeting where, amongst other topics, we discussed and explored what steps the Council could take to support the reduction in waste produced by residents.

22.11.2011 Planning training re:- highway issues. This was delivered by Steve Clarke (group manager, Development Management at County Council.) Sarah Poxon from Staffordshire District Council was also in attendance.

29.11.2011 Regulatory Meeting.

Cllr A.K.James reported that he had visited a property in Wrottesley Road West to discuss a planning issue where the owner wants an outbuilding on green belt land.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen drew attention to the latest edition of South Staffordshire Review where due to a printing fault the edges of parts of the publication have been lost resulting in some important contact information being lost, she said the paper should be re-issued.

121/12 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

Application No.	Proposals
11/00823/FUL	Erection of timber storage building within garden boundary in place of current smaller shed - 5 Deepmere Cottages, Wrottesley Road West, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7LE

The Parish Council have no objections to the above proposals but would like the following condition considered:

1. The storage building should not be used for any commercial purposes.

DECISION - received from Staffordshire County Council:

11/00733/COM SS.11/13/694 W	Installation of 4 No. kiosks and associated works - Trescott Sewage Treatment, Severn Trent Water Authority, Bridgnorth Road, Trescott	Grant -with conditions
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122/12 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

- a) The Clerk reported that the following accounts duly authorized by designated Member signatories had been paid:

<u>List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 14th November 2011</u>			
			£
01/11/11	STO	Kalidescope Limited	48.00
01/11/11	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1288.00
01/11/11	DD	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00
01/11/11	104191	MGD Solutions	196.00
01/11/11	104192	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Ltd	102.00
02/11/11	BACS	Wages Week 31	1125.64
03/11/11	104193	Arts Alive	300.00
09/11/11	BACS	Wages Week 32	1448.53
10/11/11	104194	Allen Pavitt Contracts Ltd	1569.30
11/11/11	104195	Nobisco Limited	64.66
14/11/11	104196	Rotary Club of Tetterhall - Deposit Refund	119.00
16/11/11	BACS	Wages Week 33	1205.21
16/11/11	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1969.59
16/11/11	BACS	Inland Revenue	2722.79
22/11/11	DD	Unicom	49.79
23/11/11	BACS	Wages Week 34 & Month 8	4290.94
24/11/11	104197	ESPO	258.42
25/11/11	104198	Nobisco Limited	73.63
28/11/11	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	160.70
28/11/11	DD	British Gas - Gas	260.93
28/11/11	DD	British Gas - Electric	286.86
28/11/11	104199	Institute of Physics - Deposit Refund	150.00
29/11/11	BACS	Wages Week 35	1285.04
		TOTALS	19010.03

b) Budget-to-date 2011/2012

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

123/12 **CLERK'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2011**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 12th December 2011

- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2011: Total amount raised in Perton & Pattingham was £5759.87 of which £124.98 was derived from PPC Civic Centre Collection Box.
- Bi-Annual Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Count carried out on 28th July 2011 has now been published, and can be viewed at the following website:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/caravancountjul2011>
- £4594.25 HMRC VAT refund received on 24/11/2011
- Flicks in the Sticks 28th November 2011: Showing of 'Grow Your Own' was again very popular with an audience of 82 of which just two were paying customers. Next performance is Jane Eyre (new version starring Judi Dench) on Monday February 20th @ 2.00 pm

- Tough Guy event will again bring about temporary road closure of Jenny Walkers Lane to all but competition traffic on Sunday 29/01/2012 from approx 7.00 am to 1.00 pm.
- SPCA December 2011 Newsletter was distributed at the meeting.

COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH:

Prior to the next meeting on Monday 9th January, 2012 arrangements have been made to have the Parish Council group photograph and the Chairman's photograph (Cllrs Mrs CM Young 2008/10, DM Fereday 2010/11 and NP Caine 2011/12) at 6.30 pm prompt in order that the scheduled meeting can start at 7.00 pm.

124/12 **PRECEPT INCLUSIONS FOR 2012 / 2013**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that the Youth Shelter was ugly, possibly in the wrong place and would benefit in many ways by replacement with a modern perspex type of shelter as recently installed at Pattingham. There was some discussion on this matter and it was noted that the new shelters have good facilities for young people such as docking facilities for iPods and they are 'see through' and therefore can be policed better. She also made a case for robust fitness equipment to be located around central areas for general purpose usage and added that it was important that we keep up a programme of restoration at the Civic Centre.

Cllr Mrs A.James said that she had received some negative comments about the Christmas decorations and it would be good to enhance these in the future.

The Clerk said that currently we have a Youth budget, previously set aside for the youth club, which may be considered for a new shelter. Also we have a Partnership budget in place which may be considered for the fitness equipment which would have to be done in conjunction with SSDC as they are the land owners. Additionally we have budgets for the Civic Centre and for Christmas Decorations so all of these items can be financially provisioned at the Precept meeting in January should the Council wish to do so.

125/12 **SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2012**

RESOLVED that the membership for 2012 be renewed at a total cost of £243.00.

126/12 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE – VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME**

Cllr N.P.Caine said that he was unable to attend this meeting due to work commitments; however, Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine said that she was available to attend.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that Perton had previously had a voluntary car system which had been run by the church in connection with the day centre. However there had been some issues as it was shown that many of the attendees at the day centre were not able to travel in normal cars and that an ambulance was really needed, she added that there had also been some abuse of the system.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will advise the Community Council of Staffordshire that at their meeting Perton Parish Council will be represented by Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine who has noted the points above in respect to the previous system.

127/12 **CODSALL COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL 2012 – BENEFITS FOR SPONSORS**

It was noted that as a sponsor we are entitled to two tickets for our sponsored event at Codsall High School on 14th March plus a further two tickets for the Gala Evening on 24th March also at Codsall High School. It was provisionally agreed that the Chairman will take the tickets for the Gala event and the Vice Chairman those for our sponsored event.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will apply to Codsall Community Arts Festival for two tickets to each event and the matter can be finally decided at a future meeting.

In closing Chairman Cllr N.P.Caine made a brief statement to the members informing them that over recent days Cllr D.Billson had become unwell and has been hospitalised at The Princess Royal Hospital, Telford where he is likely to remain until Friday for further tests.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th January 2012 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.00 pm

Chairman
9th January 2012