

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Wednesday 4th January 2012 @ 7:00pm**

Present N.P.Caine [Chairman]
R Moreton [Vice-Chairman]
Mrs CM Young
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs P Allen
A.A. Bourke
A.K.James
C Evans
DM Fereday

Tony Tappenden – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public present : None
Journalists: None

128/12 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P.N. Pitt, D.Billson and P. Adams.

129/12 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

130/12 **PARISH PRECEPT 2012/13**

The Clerk provided an overview of the previously distributed outline budget for 2012/13 which shows the anticipated budget items that will be carried forward from the current year together with ring-fenced items that make up the total sum carried over to 2012/13. The outline budget, as presented to the Members, shows a zero increase over the current year.

Cllr R.Moreton said that he favoured a precept based on both zero increase and decrease stating that our finances are well managed and against a backdrop of significant inflation holding the precept at the level in place since 2008/09 is a reduction in real terms. Cllr Mrs P.Allen said that she generally agreed with this but said that whilst a small reduction in precept would be desirable at Parish levels it is not possible to effect a reduction that has any significant benefit to the average household. She also stated that it was necessary to re-allocate some funds from certain areas to other more pressing areas and was concerned about the Civic Centre building which needs considerably more refurbishment and many areas could soon require expensive maintenance or replacement.

The members scrutinised the 2012/13 outline budget and there was considerable debate regarding key services and various fiscal allocations and the budget was checked and discussed line by line. After these discussions the final allocations were agreed as below.

2012--13 PPC Annual Budget Between 01/04/2012 and 31/03/2013	
Group/category	Total Budget
Income	
START OF YEAR 'RING FENCED' BROUGHT FORWARD	145000.00
START OF YEAR: CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	58000.00
TOTAL START OF YEAR BALANCE	203000.00
Monthly Civic Centre Income	60000.00
Parish Precept	0.00
Interest	400.00
Grants	0.00
Total Income	60400.00
Total Income + Start of Year	263400.00
VAT outstanding at 1/4/2012	0.00
Total Income + Start of Year + VAT	263400.00
Expenses - Annual Costs	
Salaries & Wages	107000.00
Inland Revenue - Tax & NI	33000.00
Staffs County Pension Fund	24105.00
Chairman's Allowance	700.00
Internal & External Audit	2000.00
Computers & Software	1100.00
Telephone & Broadband	1040.00
Came & Co: Aviva PC Insurance	5500.00
Parish Grants	8000.00
Christmas Decorations	2000.00
Subscriptions: SPCA / SLCC / Others	1070.00
Bus Shelters / Maintenance	5000.00
John Ellis Health / Safety Consultancy	1000.00
Music Festival & PPC Events	0.00
Photocopier	1400.00
Office Stationery	1250.00
Electric	4500.00
Gas	5000.00
Severn Trent Metered Water	1400.00
SSDC Non Domestic Rates	13500.00
Refundable Deposits - Room Hire	4000.00
Centre Boiler Maintenance & Servicing	1100.00

Civic Centre Lift Maintenance	500.00	
Civic Centre Auto Front Door	500.00	
Security, Fire & Emergency Lighting	1000.00	
Civic Centre Electrical PAT Testing / Insp	1000.00	
Performing Rights Society & PPL	1000.00	
Refuse Collection	1100.00	
Advertising: E&S / Perton Place	660.00	
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	200.00	
Drink Machine Rentals / Supplies	840.00	
Contingency	5000.00	
Cleaning Products / Hygiene Services	2050.00	
PPC Civic Sunday	1000.00	
Web Site Support / Maintenance	570.00	
Staff Training	400.00	
SSDC Premises Licence Fee	200.00	
Civic Awards / Jubilee Hospitality	1000.00	
Kitchen Vent Deep Cleaning	275.00	
Protective Clothing & Litter Pick Items	250.00	
SSDC Grounds Maintenance & Inspections	640.00	
SSDC: Sussed Out & About	1500.00	
TV Licence	150.00	
Village Notice Boards & Signs	500.00	
Senior Citizens	2000.00	
Graffiti Cleaning	3200.00	
MUGA/ Playground / Outdoor Activities	10000.00	
Petty Cash	1200.00	
Civic Centre General Maintenance / Refurb	81000.00	Ring Fenced
Perton Parish Operating Reserve	55000.00	Ring Fenced
Partnership Working	30000.00	Ring Fenced
Youth	20000.00	Ring Fenced
Queens Diamond Jubilee Fund	14000.00	Ring Fenced
Future Elections	3000.00	Ring Fenced
Total Expenses	463400.00	
Total Funds less Total Expenses = Shortfall	-200000.00	= Precept

RESOLVED that, after a proposal which was seconded and by unanimous agreement, the budget for 2012/13 as shown above be accepted and that the precept for 2012/13 be set at £200,000.00 for the fifth successive year. The agreed precept means that the average Perton household at Council Tax Band D will be required to pay £54.47 annually or £1.05 per week, a 0% increase on 2011/12.

The meeting closed @ 8.00pm

Chairman
13th February 2012