

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 25th September 2006 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs. R. Heseltine [Vice Chairman & Acting Chairman]
D.J. Billson
Mrs P.Allen
Mrs. A James
Mrs J.R.Williams
Mrs. P.N. Pitt
Mrs. P.C.Bromley
C.J.Bromley
A.A. Bourke
R.J.Marshall
N.P.Caine

Members of the Public present : 17 local youths
Tony Ward –SSDC Leisure Services Manager
Rachel Henley – SSDC Child & Young Peoples Community & Development Officer
Richard Coggins – Staffs CC Youth Services

93/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllr A.K.James and Katie White (SSDC)

94/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr R.J.Marshall declared personal interest in agenda item 4 relating to Civic Centre Fascia Boards.

95/07 **PLAY AREA & SPORTS PITCH – Scope & Funding**

Cllr R.J.Marshall outlined the possible opportunity to obtain grants from a number of different sources which could then be combined to implement a substantial project for the child and youth population of Perton in the area of the grassed sports pitch adjacent to the existing youth shelter – this to be known as the ‘Central Sports Pitch’.

Richard Coggins advised that aside from the normal Youth Service budgets there were two additional potential sources of grant;
The Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) which is a revenue fund.
The Youth Capital Fund (YCF) which is a capital budget.

In both cases the funds can only be applied for via bids received from young people. For projects planned during the current fiscal year it is necessary to apply for the funds before the current calendar year end and to spend the money during the current fiscal year. With regard to capital budget there was concern that the likely need for Planning Permission could cause delay.

Tony Ward suggested that the plan should possibly seek to include a Skateboard Park and BMX ramp subject to the views of local youths.

Cllr Bourke stated that this may be overkill and defeat any project going ahead though Cllr Billson stated that from his ad-hoc discussions with local young people he felt that a larger percentage would favour skateboarding over football.

Richard Coggins stated that it may be appropriate to have a two phase plan split between the current year and next year as additional funding may be available next year.

Cllr Bourke queried the availability of the £200k of Big Lottery Fund available for youth projects in Staffordshire. Cllr Billson committee to follow up on this to ensure that South Staffs Council consider a revamp of the existing playground to ensure that the needs of older child groups are met. This is the subject of an item posted on Perton Parish website where funding is requested to ensure facilities are provided to cater for children too old for the existing playground but too young for the sports pitch facilities.

The youths present at the meeting expressed their opinions and requirements of the project as follows;

- Existing grass field is full of lumps and hollows and no good for football.
- The area needs high fencing to keep the ball in play.
- They would like to see a multi-use pitch that should include Netball
- Would like to see more fish in the lake!
- Would like the area to include seating and tables
- Skate Park was not of interest to this group

The Members agreed that the Central Sports Pitch should potentially include Perimeter Fencing, Multi Sports Pitch, Seating & Shelter (possibly incorporating existing Youth Shelter) and directional Flood Lighting. There was some discussion regarding the pitch surface which could be either Astro Turf / All Weather or Tar Macadam. It was also stated that there could be large chunks of concrete sitting near to the surface as residue from the old airfield runways.

There is currently a 3 to 4 week lead time for applications to Youth Action Council (YAK). Leverage exists via County Council Properties and the District 'Open-Land' strategy. It was noted that YAK does not represent the views of all young people and it was suggested that the Schools Council may also be co-opted into the project.

RESOLVED that Richard Coggins / Staffs Youth Service would kick off an immediate consultation to scope the project and commence the relevant applications with the local youths with PPC acting as sponsor. The Clerk will send, with immediate effect, a letter outlining the intent and potential scope of the project to Rolf Levesley, Chief Executive at South Staffs Council and copy to Dave Heywood, Dave Stockton and Barbara Juniper. The intent is to seek support and identify areas of concern such as Planning Permission.

96/07 **CIVIC CENTRE – Fascia Boards**

The Clerk provided a sample box containing various alternatives to 'plain white'

uPVC shiplap cladding for the Lakeside external cladding replacement. White may discolour quickly and show all dirt however finishes other than standard white are considerably more expensive due to the foil bonding process that provides the required finish effect and long term durability and colour fastness.

RESOLVED to proceed with Rosewood cladding at the additional cost of £ 1300.00 extending the quoted price to £2750.00.

97/07 **BRITVIC DRINKS MACHINE**

RESOLVED to rewrite the existing Britvic contract which expires in October 2007 for a new three year term (effectively a two year extension) and increase unit sale commission by 300%, from 2p per drink to 6p per drink. Britvic also commit to providing a £10 float in order that lost monies are refunded by them and not the Parish Council.

98/07 **NEW YEARS EVE**

RESOLVED to proceed with New Years Eve disco to include:

Raymond John Disco reserved at £400.00. On stage from 8.00pm to 1.00 am
Supervisors – Hugh / Denise Rossington & Ann Marie Baynham @ triple time plus day off in lieu for Ann and Hugh

250 Maximum Capacity

Price of tickets: £10 Adults – £5 Child

Beneficiary to be local Perton based charities

Event to be referred to Management Committee.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th October 2006 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.05 pm

**Cllr. A.K.James
Chairman
9th October 2006**