

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 8th June 2009 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]
Mrs RA Heseltine
Mrs P Allen
Mrs S Bott
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson [District & County Councillor]
AK James
AA Bourke
D Fereday
NP Caine: From 8.30 pm

District Councillor - R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
SSDC Planning Department: Sarah Poxon & Val Davies.
Members of the Public present: Six

24/10 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs PN Pitt, Mrs A James, AK Black, S Bott and D Heseltine.

25/10 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Rachel Lander from the Church at Perton informed the members that she is organizing a Community Fun Day from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm on Saturday 4th July. The programme will take place on the Playing Fields near the scout hut and will include a rounder's match, tug-o-war and various other events together with hot dogs and squash, there will be no cost to attendees. Rachel also said that a financial contribution from the Parish Council would be very useful if possible.
- 2) Mrs Timmins from Webb Avenue re-iterated the ongoing concern that children from Perton attending Codsall High School and using school buses on a fee payment basis cannot pay by Direct Debit and spread the cost over the year whilst people in similar circumstance but in other locations in Staffordshire are given this option. County Councillor DJ Billson said that this was one of two items that he had added to the agenda of the inaugural Council group meeting and he would get back to Mrs Timmins and update the Parish Council after the meeting.

26/10 **SSDC - PLANNING REGULATIONS – PRESENTATION BY SARAH POXON & VAL DAVIES**

Sarah Poxon delivered a brief overview of the department explaining that the majority of plans are now allowed via delegated powers to be assessed without reference to the Regulatory Committee, with something like 85% following this route. All Councillors are kept informed electronically regarding new plans and are also notified electronically on intent to refuse and on receipt of the first objection only. The Regulatory Committee typically has to look at 10-15 applications and these have to be prepared 9 working days before the Committee meets with any required site visits taking place within 2 days prior to the meeting.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said that a common issue was planning requests that appear to indicate an

overdevelopment on any given site and would it be possible for the District Council to indicate the percentage of development on the submission to the Parish Council. Sarah replied saying this was not practical because they have to collect a lot of information within 5 days prior to our receipt of plans in order that we are then given 21 days to comment.

Cllr AK James said that there was no formal meeting of Perton Planning Committee and the Councillors were concerned that if they should give a predetermination of a plan at the Parish level they could find themselves in trouble with the Standards Board and enter into conflict with South Staffordshire Council. Sarah said that she was only able to comment on the planning process itself and that Lin Robinson would be able to give more specific advice on this point. However, Cllr DJ Billson said that he had taken advice from Lin on this point and it was appropriate for any Councillor with a potential objection to state that they are 'tending to object' but ensure that the final decision is determined at SSSDC review.

Cllr Mrs P Allen asked why there appeared to be issues in respect to enforcement actions and specifically sited the mobile home park. Sarah replied saying that she was unable to comment on specifics particularly given the public nature of this meeting but she did say that they rely on the general public to be the eyes and ears of the Council and she is currently reviewing the enforcement process.

Cllrs Mrs P Allen then asked if it was acceptable to take digital photographs to aid any comment that may be made by the Parish Council and Sarah replied saying that she would not advise this particularly when relating to private land.

Cllrs Mrs P Allen asked if the planning department was able to make use of 'Google Earth' - Sarah said that it is useful but with reservations since there are issues of privacy and the actual details are not often up-to-date.

In closing, Sarah left a list of departmental contact numbers with the Clerk and it was agreed that these will be distributed to all Councillors via email.

The Chairman thanked Sarah and Val for their time and for an interesting presentation.

27/10 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 03/05/09 - 01/06/09

Rowdy / ASB behaviour...	23
ASB Vehicles...	2
Criminal Damage...	2
Damage to M/V...	0
Attempt / Burglary dwelling...	0
Burglary other building...	1
Attempt / Theft of M/V...	0
Theft from M/V...	0
Theft Other...	7
Assaults...	2
Robbery...	0

1. The nuisance calls for this period were about average. This is pleasing, as the night lights are now with us and this period contained half term when the kids were off. As well as the usual areas of Anders Square and Spenser Ave, other areas such as Coulter Grove and the Edgehill/ Richmond Drive areas were affected by anti-social behaviour.

2. The priority crimes figures are excellent again. There were only two reports of criminal damage. There were no damage to motor vehicles, burglary dwellings, no theft of or from motor vehicles, and no robberies. There was a burglary other, where the shed at the Pavilions was entered, but nothing stolen.
3. The reported thefts were again high for this period. The majority were shop thefts however there was one report of garden furniture being stolen. Again I would request nothing is left in view whether in the garden, shed or garage to tempt the would-be-thief.
4. There were 2 reported assaults. Both were of minor a nature. One of which was a neighbour dispute.

Any information please contact Pertons Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 08453 303132 - PC Duncan Lampitt (04259), PC Frank Hossack (03537), PCSO Teresa Wilkes (08861), PCSO Rachel Street (08862) and PCSO Ashley Tooth (016722).

b) **Insp A.Chapman – Policing Complaints correspondence**

The correspondence was noted and Cllr AK James said that he had heard a rumor that PC Duncan Lampitt was returning to Perton as a beat Constable and the Clerk said that in the near future he was expecting a more considered response from Insp. Andy Chapman to the queries raised at the May meeting.

c) **PCSO Ashley Tooth – Perton Community Festival**

The update from PCSO Tooth was noted but as he was not at the meeting no further discussion could take place.

28/10 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr AA Bourke declared a personal interest in the Sainsburys planning approval matter referred to in the May minutes.

29/10 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th MAY, 2009

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th May 2009 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

30/10 **DRAFT MINUTES**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 1st June 2009 be accepted for information.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 2nd June 2009 together with income statement for May be accepted for information.

31/10 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Chairman, on behalf of Perton Parish Council, congratulated Cllr DJ Billson in respect to his recent election as County Councillor for Perton.

a) **Community Gangs – available dates**

The information was noted but from the discussions it appears that nobody was aware of any work that had been completed by the Community Gang during their recent visit to Perton.

RESOLVED that Councillors will email the Clerk with any items to be addressed by the Community Gang and the Clerk will compile a list and forward to the Community Gang prior to their next visit.

Cllr Mrs P Allen brought attention to an array of materials that had been left at Perton Pavilion to which Cllr AK James responded saying that kitchen locks etc. had now been replaced at the Pavilion and it was appropriate for there to be a good tidy up at least every 12 months. He also said that the place generally needs a good refurbishment and the system will need to change if we extend the premises.

32/10 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Perton Youth Club**

Cllr DJ Billson said that following a meeting on the 12th March with Ron Freeman, representing the Army Cadets, together with Graham Bott from Staffordshire County Council they had been left very hopeful that the MOD would make a significant contribution to the building project, however, as of today he had been informed that there is no money currently available, Cllr Billson went on to outline various money pots that may be available to contribute towards this project.

Cllr AK James said that he was very frustrated and disappointed with this outcome since lots of time had been lost as a result of the MOD interference and sadly this had been very predictable. He said that he was very concerned that, despite all efforts to date, we only have a guaranteed £10k actually in the bank for this project and queried if our plans are aligned to our needs.

Cllr AA Bourke said he was very concerned about the obvious shortfall of the building fund even if the principle grant opportunities materialise and asked if County Councillor Billson will seek to have the original decision reversed. Cllr Billson responded saying this was on the agenda for the next group meeting.

Cllrs Mrs P Allen said it would be helpful to have a written report every month, updating our position and queried what would happen if the Cadets come back later in the day.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact our Architect, Ken Bradley to arrange for our previous plans to be submitted to SSDC for approval.

b) **Play Ranger Service**

The information was noted.

c) **Children and Young People's Conference - 24th June**

The information was noted pending the arrival of a formal invitation to attend.

d) **District Councillors Report**

Cllr Mrs RA Heseltine said she was dealing with a number of Perton related queries and had attended Regulatory meetings and Civic Sunday.

Cllr AK James said that he was looking at retrospective planning issues associated with gates at Kingswood and had also received a phone call from a lady on Pattingham Road, complaining about bonfires on local farm land and he is looking into it.

Cllr D Fereday said that he attended Regulatory meeting and was interested in the new development of affordable housing. He also said that Perton had come 3rd in the swimming event in respect to the Parish games, additionally, he had been asked to organise an event for National Fire Service on the 3rd October.

Cllr R Moreton said that he had followed up a complaint that there is only one dog bin around the Parkway but had ascertained from subsequent investigation that all the other bins can be used for this purpose. Commenting on the Inter-Parish Games he said that we are still leading by 11.5 points with the golf event next week followed by angling. At the current time the cross-country event is cancelled.

Cllr DJ Billson reported on a number of points:

- The Spatial Strategy is ongoing at Molineux and they are involved in the debate on housing numbers while some are arguing that we should have more and others argue for less.
- There is a proposal for a Logistics site and the initial criteria states that it should be north of Wolverhampton with rail access. One possible site is near to Featherstone Prison and another possible location exists between Four Ashes and the A5. There is a desire to push this site towards Cannock near the Toll Road but the issue is no rail access.
- Wolverhampton Airport's request for a CLUD which is a certificate of Lawful use, was subsequently withdrawn. They say that light-jets have used the airport for the last 10 years and are seeking further clarification.
- In respect to Youth Provision he has arranged a summer project for environmental studies involving Chris Fridd.
- On the 15th June at 5.45pm there will be a meeting of the Locality 4 group at Bilbrook Middle School.
- There is a Rural Exception Site at Swindon that relates to 14 affordable houses on green field site.

Cllr AA Bourke said that he was concerned over Housing Benefit stating that over-payments amount to £826,000 and around £200,000 had been written off over the year and queried who monitors and checks these debts. Cllr Billson said that debt was not in his portfolio but the Audit Commission working on behalf of Central Government had said that the Council were not writing off enough debt but he would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

33/10 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th May, 2009.

Application No.	Proposals
09/00273/ADV	1 No. new 5 m high double sided internally illuminated totem sign 1 Anders Square, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7QH
09/00325/FUL	Conservatory to rear 12 Biggin Close, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7LJ
09/00242FUL Amended Plan	Ground-floor extensions to front and rear plus first-floor side extension 31 Stephenson Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7YA

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

09/00272/FUL	Two storey side extension 32 Leasowe Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TU
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to no objections by their neighbours.

09/00275/FUL	Ground and first floor extensions and entrance gates 1 Heimat, Holyhead Road, Kingswood, South Staffs WV7 3AN
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to size regulations.

09/00271/FUL	Extension to northern and western elevations plus alterations to car park and landscaping - Sainsbury's, 1 Anders Square, Perton WV6 7QH
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The Council objected to the above proposals on the grounds that whilst the store is seeking to expand there is an overall reduction in the number of car parking spaces, particularly those bays of a specialised nature.

The number of car parking spaces shown on the existing plan is not representative of what is there at present, therefore we cannot rely on the accuracy of the data shown on the proposed site layout. Following a site inspection we believe there are currently 20 parent & child bays plus 17 ambulant disabled bays on the north car park, plus a further 3 ambulant disabled bays and 1 disabled bay on the south car park.

The proposed layout shows a total of 6 disabled bays, 13 ambulant disabled bays and 6 parent & child bays, the plans state a reduction of just 1 disabled bay, therefore the data as provided is widely inaccurate though it is recognised this is possibly due to the fact the architect is using out of date plans for the existing layout that do not show the modifications carried out last year.

09/00334/FUL	Double extension and side extension 2 Kingswear Avenue, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7RJ
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The Council objected to the above proposals as they felt this may be an over development but it was noted that it is a large and unusual shaped plot.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
09/00193/FUL 09/00210/FUL 09/00230/FUL	Conservatory to rear - 26 Idonia Road, Perton Single storey rear extension - 21 Elmley Grove, Perton Single storey extension to side and rear - 41 Melrose Drive, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
09/00172/FUL 09/00196/FUL 09/00227/FUL	Erection of replacement dwelling - Long Ridge, Pattingham Road, Perton Construction of replacement detached garage - Amber Verde, Pattingham Road, Perton Fence - 6 Formby Avenue, Perton	Refusal of Planning Permission

34/10 **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 May 2009.

01/05/09	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/05/09	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1310.00
01/05/09	103779	Besam Limited	64.04
01/05/09	103780	Brisol Limited	189.89
04/05/09	103781	Mrs C.Jarvis - Deposit Refund	150.00
05/05/09	103782	Drinkmaster Ltd	51.86
06/05/09	BACS	Wages Week 05	1290.58
11/05/09	103783	J.Hawley - Deposit Refund	50.00
11/05/09	103784	J.Birkett - Deposit Refund	300.00
12/05/09	103785	SSCVA	200.00
12/05/09	103786	Perton Place	55.00
13/05/09	103787	Penn Flower Club- Deposit Refund	175.00
13/05/09	BACS	Wages Week 06	1184.71
13/05/09	BACS	Inland Revenue	2255.56
13/05/09	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1463.09
14/05/09	103788	MGD Solutions	196.00
18/05/09	103789	Mrs S.Khara - Deposit Refund	50.00
18/05/09	103790	Mrs E.Elwell - Deposit Refund	150.00
19/05/09	103791	Allianz Insurance Plc	6189.71
20/05/09	BACS	Wages Week 07 / Month 2	4180.77
26/05/09	DD	Unicom	54.98
27/05/09	BACS	Wages Week 08	1109.90
28/05/09	DD	British Gas - Electricity	370.54
28/05/09	DD	British Gas - Gas	421.50
28/05/09	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	111.69
		TOTALS	21621.82

Cllr N.P.Caine queried if the Actuarial Strain payments in respect to former nursery employee Pension Contributions were still payable and the Clerk confirmed that this was still the case until year 2010/11.

b) Budget-to-date 2009/2010

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

35/10 **CLERK'S REPORT – JUNE 2009**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 8th June 2009

- SMP finally completed playground gate replacements and Muga bike rack provision on 29th May 2009. Project is now 100% complete.
- Caretaker Graham Hawthorne recently featured in both Express & Star and Wolverhampton Chronicle in respect to his support of Anthony Nolan Trust. (Copy articles distributed with agenda)
- Letter of thanks received from SSCVA in respect to PPC Grant of £200.00.
- Pat Davies has informed me that SSDC are in dispute / negotiation with Upper Lake contractor concerning island fencing and raft plantings.
- PPC website 'Guestbook' starting to receive messages from parishioners concerning drinking issues, anti-social behaviour, gang culture and lack of effective policing.
- Request for 'hard standing' at Perton Road Map (south location) sent to Simon Cartledge and now passed to Wayne Mortiboys.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will request a site visit in respect to the issues associated with Perton Road map.

36/10 **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2008/09**

a) **Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March, 2009**

The accounts for the year 2008/2009, subject to external audit, were presented by the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the accounts be accepted and they were signed by the Chairman of the Council.

b) **Annual Return: Statement of Accounts & Annual Governance**

Members had previously been provided with a copy of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March, 2009.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts together with the Annual Governance statement for year ending 31st March 2009 be approved and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

c) **Internal Auditors Report**

The Internal Auditors report for 2008/2009 was accepted and it was noted that the report highlighted no actionable issues.

37/10 **YOUTH DISCO – CLLR MISS C DUFFELL**

Cllr Miss Duffell noted that whilst the original youth disco had been postponed due to no ticket sales the event was still listed on the Parish website as a pending future event.

RESOLVED that given the current fund raising efforts on behalf of Perton youth in respect to the provision of a new youth club the disco event will be cancelled and removed from the website but possibly be reconsidered as and when the new youth club is available and staged at that location. Accordingly, in lieu of the disco, a grant of £100.00 will be made available to the church fun day on 4th July subject to the completion of a grant application form.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th July 2009 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 8.45 pm

Chairman
13th July 2009