

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 8th May 2006 @ 7:00pm**

Present A.K.James [Chairman]
Mrs. R. Heseltine [Vice Chairman]
Mrs. P. Allen
Mrs. A James
Mrs. P.N. Pitt
Mrs J.R.Williams
Mrs. P.M.French
D.J.Billson
N.P.Caine
A.A. Bourke
R.J.Marshall
R.French
S.Bott

Members of the Public present : 3
Journalist from Wolverhampton Chronicle – Katy Muench.

01/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Mrs. P.C. Bromley and C.J. Bromley.

02/07 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

A member of the public indicated that there were still problems of flooding & mud on the walkway between Jedburgh Drive and the Wrottesley Arms pub, this being primarily caused by District Council contractor vehicles.

RESOLVED Cllr R.J.Marshall committed to investigate and follow up by phone and requested for this item to be added to the next meeting agenda for update.

The same person raised issues about the Cadets having to vacate their existing facilities. Cllr A.K.James advised that the Clerks office had recently received a letter from a Mrs. Cartwright voicing the same concerns. The Cllr was able to advise that he had investigated the issues raised and could find nothing at all to corroborate the claims being made.

Further issues were raised by a member of public concerning the ongoing issues at Harald Close subway. Cllr R.J.Marshall stated that this site was under consideration for a gating order and may also be suitable for a graffiti project. The public attendees stated that they felt gating would not work since it would simply create a 'rat trap'. Cllr Mrs J.R.Williams suggested solid rather than railed gates may be a solution and Cllr Mrs P.Pitt pushed to have the subway infilled. The Clerk stated that the previous letter to the County Council on this topic had not yet provoked a reply.

Cllr D.Billson explained that the real problem was a policing matter and Cllr

A.K.James expressed surprise that 'gating' on a full time basis was a consideration since 'safer routes' should ensure that any future gate is subject to opening and closing. The issue comes down to safety and funding.

Cllr R.J.Marshall stated that he would try to arrange for the appropriate County Council representative to be present at the next meeting to answer questions directly from the Council. Cllr Mrs P.Allen requested that consideration should also be given to the approaches to subways which have been the subject of numerous complaints regarding; Maintenance, Lighting, Drainage & Graffiti.

03/07 **PRESENTATION ON BUS SHELTER VANDALISM & GRAFFITI – Vicky Green MGD Solutions**

Members were provided with a copy of notes supporting the MGD proposal.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen stated that Option B & D are of interest and that the 'Eco Schools' aspect was a good consideration and also Option E was of significant long term interest and welcomed the idea of local advertising to fund the cleaning aspect. Cllr D.Billson stated that the Council should take a little time to digest and consider the proposal prior to a decision to proceed.

RESOLVED that the Council would consider the different options within the proposal and make a decision at the next Council Meeting in June.

04/07 **PARISH WEBSITE PRESENTATION - Debbie Shaw – Kalidescope Web Design**

The proposal was to transfer hosting and content management from the existing supplier to Kalidescope at a saving of £60.00 per month for the basic service plus additional costs for site re-design. Other possible cost additions for consideration include Newsletter Management, Forum & Guestbook. Future capability could include advertising to generate revenue plus web based questionnaire surveys.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should proceed with the transfer of the site to Kalidescope and to implement re-design at the outset.

05/07 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Proposed by Cllr R.J.Marsall and seconded by Cllr D.Billson

RESOLVED that Cllr A.K.James be elected Chairman for the year 2006 / 07.

06/07 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr A.K.James signed the declaration of office and then took the chair.

07/07 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

A secret ballot was requested by Cllr Mrs A.James and N.P.Caine following proposed and seconded invites to both Cllrs Mrs P.Allen and Mrs R Heseltine. The

ballot produced 8 votes for Cllr Mrs. R.Heseltine and 5 votes for Cllr Mrs P.Allen.

RESOLVED Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2006 / 07

08/07 **CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

For general update and awareness the Clerk reiterated the Code of Conduct aspects relating to disclosure of Personal & Prejudicial interests.

09/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine declared personal / prejudicial interest in planning application 06/00360/FUL

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal interest in BT cheque No 103088 and items relating to Perton Playing Fields

Cllr Mrs A James declared personal / prejudicial interest in cheque Nos 103094 & 103096 and Planning Applications: 06/00396/LUE & 06/00426/REN

Cllr Mrs P.N.Pitt declared personal interest in agenda item concerning Extension of Yellow Lines in Sandown Drive

Cllr N.P.Cain declared personal / prejudicial interest in the agenda item concerning Room Hire Charges.

Cllr A.K.James declared personal interest in cheque No 103091

10/07 **POLICE REPORT**

(a) Environmental Action Group – 15th June 2006.

Cllr Mrs A.James was nominated to attend as the Parish representative.

(b) PC Duncan Lampitt pre-delivered the latest reported crime figures for Perton covering 11/04/06 to 08/05/06.

Criminal Damage	4	
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	2	
Burglary dwelling	1	
Burglary other building	0	
Theft of Motor Vehicle	2	Note 2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	
Rowdy behaviour	28	Note 1
Robbery	0	
Assaults	1	
Sex Offence	0	
Drugs	2	Note 3
Theft	1	
<u>Total Reported Incidents</u>	<u>44</u>	
Note 1: Disappointing nuisance figures, however a marked improvement in minor criminal damage and damage to M/Vs. A		

<p>hot spot for rowdy behaviour is the Perton Clinic. The youths are using the car park there as a football pitch, with the wall as their goals. I still believe the council should make further efforts into having the muddy football pitch, near to the lake, turned into a hard surface for the youths to play on in all weather This would certainly ease problems of footballing at the clinic and Anders Square area.</p> <p>Note 2: Again, an offender for theft of vehicle was successfully arrested. However the other stolen vehicle was used in a crime spree breaking into 3 other vehicles. Enquiries into that matter are still ongoing.</p> <p>Note 3: The two drugs crimes were for possession of cannabis, and the offenders were dealt with accordingly.</p> <p>Note 4: Harald Close continued to have several incidents. One of which a youth is helping police enquiries into assault and damage allegations. Also on another occasion the bin was set on fire. On the subject of fire, there have been a couple of incidents where fence panels have been set alight and another where a fence panel has been stolen. I would ask for assistance in these matters. Anyone seen acting suspicious, could their details be forwarded to PC Lampitt.</p> <p>Note 5: Other issues include vehicle related nuisance. i.e. mini motorcycles and other vehicles being driven around the village. 3 such incidents have resulted in drivers / riders being issued with Section 59 Police Reform Act warnings about their behaviour. Should they or their vehicles come to notice in future, they may be seized. One of the incidents was caught on the CCTV cameras in Anders Square.</p>		
<p>For any information, or questions to PC Duncan Lampitt, use voicemail 08453-303132 box no. 04259</p>		

RESOLVED that in consideration of the increased nuisance levels mainly arising from youths playing football the Clerk will seek to obtain budgetary figures for an all weather surface on the football pitch to increase usage and reduce problems in other areas. Other aspects need consideration such as planning permission, lighting and funding (Lottery funding may be a consideration) but these issues can be deferred pending feasibility.

11/07

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE & FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that:

(a) The Management Committee and Festival Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, D.J.Billson, A.A.Bourke, C.J.Bromley, Mrs P.C.Bromley and N.P.Caine.

(b) The named substitutes be Mrs P.N.Pitt and Mrs A.James

12/07 **ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs P.Allen, D.J.Billson, C.J.Bromley, Mrs P.C.Bromley and N.P.Caine.

13/07 **ELECTION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the Finance Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, A.A.Bourke with substitutes comprising Mrs P.Allen and Mrs A.James

14/07 **ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SIGN CHEQUES**

RESOLVED that the following members be authorized to sign cheques: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, A.A.Bourke, DJ Billson, Mrs P.C.Bromley and Mrs A.James

15/07 **ELECTION OF LEISURE CENTRE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the Leisure Centre Committee comprise of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, D.J.Billson, A.A.Bourke, R.J.Marshall, Mrs P.N.Pitt and N.P.Caine.

16/07 **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

(a) Perton Playing Fields Association

RESOLVED that the Councils' representatives be A.K.James, C.J.Bromley, Mrs P.C.Bromley, R.French, Mrs.R.Heseltine, Mrs.P.N.Pitt, and Mrs.J.R.Williams.

(b) County Council – Transport

RESOLVED that the Councils' representatives be A.K.James

(c) County Council – Youth

RESOLVED that the Councils' representatives be D.J.Billson.

17/07 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th April 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6th April 2006 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

18/07 **SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT 2006/2007 - INFORMATION**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the new rate for Parish Council is now £5.44.

19/07 **HIGHWAY POT HOLES & SIGNAGE – Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine**

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine commented on the growing number of pot holes in the area near the chicane at St Andrews Drive. Cllr N.P.Caine stated that he would report these and for future reference the best method of fix was via 'CLARENCE' on 0800-23 23 23. Additional comment was passed concerning the need for a further 'Duck' sign by the lower lake; this was noted by Cllr R.J.Marshall.

20/07 **CHAIRMANS' REMUNERATION – Cllr D.Billson**

The Chairman left the room for the period of this discussion; the Chair was taken by the Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED that the Chairmans' Allowance be increased to a figure of £700.00. for the year and be subject to review every two years.

A further resolution to provide an allowance of £150.00 for the Vice-Chairman is not allowable. LGA 1972, ss 15(5) and 35(5).

21/07 **QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE – Cllr D.Billson**

Cllr D.Billson informed the meeting that it was just six years until the occasion of the Queens Diamond Jubilee and that the Council should set aside an annual sum to ensure a suitable celebration budget was available in the future to mark the occasion.

RESOLVED to set aside the sum of £2000.00 per annum for a future event to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The money is to be ring-fenced via allocation of one of the Building Society Accounts to be determined by the Finance Committee.

22/07 **RESOLVED** that Standing Order No 79 (Length of Meeting) be suspended.

23/07 **EXTENSION TO YELLOW LINES IN SANDOWN DRIVE – Cllr N Caine**

RESOLVED that Cllr R.J.Marshall would review and report back at the next meeting.

24/07 **CHRISTMAS MARKET UPDATE – Cllr Mrs A.James**

Three possible options were presented to the Members by Cllr Mrs P.Allen. No decisions can be reached without additional information.

RESOLVED that Cllrs Mrs P.Allen & Mrs A.James would continue to explore the details of the various options and report back at the next meeting.

25/07 **INSURANCE RENEWAL 2006/2007**

RESOLVED that the premium of £6055.70 payable to Allianz Cornhill on 1st June 2006 be accepted and renewed.

26/07 **REVISED CIVIC CENTRE ROOM HIRE CHARGES**

RESOLVED that the new price list for Centre Room Hire Charges be accepted without alteration.

27/07 **APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

(a) **Leisure Line** – The request for Grant with regard to room price increase was regarded by the members as unsupportable since the group does little or nothing by way of self promotion and funds generation.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would seek to negotiate with Leisure Line to offer smaller room, price matching of self generated funds and support for self promotion.

(b) **New 3rd Perton Brownies**

RESOLVED that a grant of £200.00 be provided.

(c) **Friendship Club** – The letter of complaint was distributed by the Clerk. The members agreed that the complaint was unjustified since the offer of applying for a grant had not been taken up.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would provide a written response again offering the right to apply for Grant.

28/07 **PERTON PLACE MAGAZINE**

The one page of text for insertion into Perton Place May edition was accepted by the Members.

29/07 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

(a) **Parish / District Council Liaison Group**

No Councillor was available for the group meeting.

(b) **Reports**

Cllr D.Billson advised:

- 1) Health & Safety regulations were to be deployed to increase lighting levels.
- 2) Capital Grants & Loans – Debate continues regarding what will / will not be acceptable to Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr R.J.Marshall informed the meeting that the Drainage issue at Perton Playing Fields will not be allowed by Cabinet as 'new works' and that this is an issue for him to resolve in the future.

Cllr N.P.Caine informed the meeting that he continues to liaise on:

- 1) Severn Trent Water in respect to Mr Sizzle
- 2) Pear & Partridge parking bollards
- 3) Pavillion posts. Concern exists regarding wheel chair access. Cllr

R.J.Marshall committed to pursue a satisfactory outcome.

Cllr A.K.James advised that at Silver Poplars an application had been made to fell protected Pines – this had been refused. Previously protected trees have disappeared. There is an effort to pursue the perpetrators via the courts subject to witnesses being available - Ongoing.

Cllr A.A. Bourke raised questions concerning SSDC spending. The 2006/07 budget indicates net cost of services at £14.693M – Of this £2.51M is attributed to cultural and related services (Leisure). How much of the total services budget and in particular the Leisure budget is spent on Perton? Similarly what proportion of the Policing budget is generated / spent on Perton? There is a strong perception that Perton is contributing huge sums of money that are benefiting communities other than Perton.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the appropriate authorities to request answers to these queries to better understand the Perton Value proposition.

30/07 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

(a) **Councillors Reports**

Cllr R.Marshall advised the meeting that:

- 1) The budget issue with Social Services is compounded by the premature release of the aged from hospitals causing a greater load to be placed on 'care in the community'. A suggestion has been made that some residential care homes should be closed since this has a positive impact on the budget since it is cheaper to provide care in the recipients own home.
- 2) With regard to District and County provision of parking wardens and meters South Staffordshire was one of a few locations where such a policy would run at a loss. At the Executive level it is understood that this policy is neither wanted nor needed.
- 3) The Perton Southern roundabout would be closed for approximately five days from 22/5/06 for re-surfacing works to take place.

31/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order at the Parkway**

- (b) The Clerk distributed further correspondence from Staffordshire Highways to complement the Regulation order previously distributed. This document provided further detail regarding road closure and extent of works.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th April 2006.

			Date Returned
14	06/00320/FUL	Conservatory 41 Richmond Drive, Perton WV6 7RR	12/04/06
15	06/00316/FUL	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - Ty Ni, Holyhead Road, Kingswood	20/04/06
16	06/00326/FUL	Side extension Re-Submission 15/01300/FUL 40 Lytham Road, Perton WV6 7YY	20/04/06
17	06/00359/FUL	Single storey side extension 35 Stephenson Drive, Perton WV6 7YA	20/04/06
18	06/00360/FUL	Single storey rear extension 21 St Andrews Drive, Perton WV6 7YL	20/04/06
19	06/00285/FUL	Two storey side extension 3 Bader Road, Perton WV6 7UY	20/04/06
21	06/00387/FUL	Two storey side extension 4 Levington Close, Perton, WV6 7NP	20/04/06
22	06/00353/FUL	Conservatory 11 The Wheatlands, Perton WV6 7XP	20/04/06

23*	06/00430/TEL	Proposed Vodafone mobile phone base station Perton Park Golf Club, Wrottesley Road, Perton WV6 7HL	03/05/06
24*	06/00408/TEL	Proposed installation of two equipment cabinets Land Opposite 1 Shackleton Drive, Perton WV6 7TJ	03/05/06

* Does not require formal Planning permission - Observations on siting and design

With regard to the Bradshaws Cllr D.Billson presented an updated position to the meeting and the following comments were agreed:

06/00426/REN – The Council raises no objection subject to existing conditions being maintained.

06/00396/LUE – The Council state that this relates only to the existing farm shop which should be limited to sell farm produce and associated products only and be restricted to the current building only.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

103077	Ian Parsons	45.34
BACS	Part Wages Week 2 and advance Week 3	1562.23
BACS	Part Wages Week 2 and advance Week 3	349.81
103078	J.Mackie Event Refund	50.00
103079	Mr R.Francis Event Cancellation Refund	20.00
DD	Severn Trent	93.52
103080	Post Office Ltd: Cash	1063.20
103081	SPCA 2006/07 Subscription	643.50
103082	Mrs Rudge Event Refund	50.00
103083	SSCVA	350.00
103084	Midland News Association	119.85
103085	Brisol Limited	140.63
103086	Audit Commission	1057.50
103087	Community Council of Staffordshire	20.00
103088	BT	18.94
103089	SSDC	180.00
103090	Veolia ES Onyx Ltd	96.40
103091	DowntoEarth	94.00
DD	Unicom	72.67
BACS	Part Wages Week 4	1080.64
BACS	Part Wages Week 4	2516.04
DD	British Gas - Electricity	662.83
103092	Ian Parsons	41.50
103093	Mrs J Clarke Event Refund	150.00
103094	Lisa Holland Photographer	20.00
103095	Drinkmaster Ltd	70.55
103096	Dial-a-Balloon	70.00
DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1169.00
BACS	Wages Week 5	893.04
BACS	Inland Revenue	2409.03
BACS	Staffordshire County Pension Fund	794.54
TOTAL		15904.76

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th June 2006 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 10.30 pm

Cllr. A.K.James
Chairman
12th June 2006