

Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 8th September 2008 @ 7:00pm

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]
AA Bourke [Vice-Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs A James
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs S Bott
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson
SK Bott
AK Black

County Councillor - RJ Marshall
District Councillor - R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Chief Superintendent Nick Baker - Divisional Commander Chase Division
Inspector Pat Shannaghan
Strategic Partnerships Officer Maurice Annett
Members of the Public present : 8
Matthew Viney from Wolverhampton Chronicle
Dan Wainwright from Express & Star

66/09 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs R Heseltine, D Heseltine, AK James, D Fereday and NP Caine.

67/09 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mr Smith of 31 Severn Drive spoke on behalf of himself and the occupiers of three other residences in Severn Drive (33, 29 & 35) all of which have been subject to flooding. Work was done on the drainage system two or three years ago but nonetheless during times of heavy rain the storm drains seem unable to cope and the road fills up and then these four low lying dwellings flood. The issues have been reported to Severn Trent who has done some investigation work and have been seen lifting a manhole cover by Meon Grove but the residents have received no feedback. Some occupants are owners and others rent from SSHA but all are concerned about the effects of the flooding and also the impact to their ability to obtain home insurance due to the high risk. County Cllr RJ Marshall said that he had been involved with this issue in this location in the past and would get involved again this time.
RESOLVED that Cllr RJ Marshall will make every effort to get Severn Trent Water to revisit and re-evaluate this location given the continuing problems. Additionally the Clerk will write to Severn Trent to raise the profile of this issue and to suggest that they review their customer liaison policy and the letter will be copied to SSDC and the Clerk will keep the residents informed via Mr Smith.
- 2) Mrs Iris Hickman of Anson Close was unable to attend in person but wrote in to request that attention be given to overgrown shrubs and branches that are impacting the walkway between Sainsburys car park and Lakeside Surgery, the shrubs are actually on Surgery land but are not maintained. A similar problem exists on a short section of path

that runs in to Stanley Court from the back of Perton First School on Manston Drive.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will liaise with both the doctor's surgery and SSDC to seek an early resolution to these problems and to communicate with Mrs Hickman accordingly.

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POLICE MATTERS

a) **Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 14/07/08- 06/09/08 (8 weeks)

Rowdy / ASB behaviour.....	58
ASB Vehicles.....	3
Criminal Damage.....	2
Burglary dwelling.....	3
Burglary other building.....	1
Theft of M/V.....	2
TWOC.....	1
Theft from M/V.....	2
Damage to M/V.....	3
Assaults.....	4
Theft Other.....	10
Robbery.....	0
Dog Incidents.....	2
Drugs.....	1

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/ nuisance reports were higher again. Again the hotspots remain as Gainborough Drive / The Pavilions, Anders Square and Spenser Ave. The anti social behaviour officer has worked with the housing assoc and one youth has now signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract in the Spenser Ave area. I'm pleased to note no incidents of footballing in Anders Sq, have been reported since the introduction of the MUGA.
2. The theft reports again involved several lead thefts from homes in the village. Also one of the damage to vehicles involved the catalytic converter off a 4x4 vehicle which was stolen for its scrap value. This is a prevalent offence around the West Mids area.
3. Three of the four assaults were of a minor nature however one involved knife crime. The offender was arrested and helping police with enquiries.
4. These reported figures would seem higher than the norm. However it is for an eight week period.
5. Information can be left for Perton Neighbourhood Police team on our voicemails: - 08453 303132. (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)(08861 PCSO Wilkes)(08862 PCSO Street). The Staffordshire Police control number is 08453 302010, and Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Following the police report Divisional Commander Nick Baker provided Perton Members with a brief overview of the strategic direction in respect to Chase Division Police and stated that Perton Police issues are generally youth issues. Members of the public were invited to put questions to Mr Baker and one asked why when youths are caught the punishments appear to be lax if at all and communication of outcomes is seldom provided. Mr Baker said that the entire policy was built around a response within one

hour in respect to anti-social behaviour but he was well aware of the need to improve communication channels and various methods of feedback. He said that some people like to use mobile phone texts and web channels but this would only be used when relevant and required. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that whilst communication is essential, trust and confidence are key aspects to improve general policing. She noted that PCSOs are not actual police officers and there is a real need to have more police on the streets saying that better response would provide better cooperation and communication between all parties. Mr Baker said that the Central switchboard provision had solved some communication problems but he accepted that the local touch had now been lost and therefore this was subject to review. He then said that PCSOs were the best thing that have ever been done but qualified this by saying that their role is one of engagement not enforcement and that every area was to have its own beat officer. Cllr S Bott said that he had been encouraged by events following his recent personal concerns regarding the areas of Gainsborough Drive and Perton Playing Fields. He said that Perton produced an enormous amount of contributions into the overall policing budgets but in spite of this we still do not see enough police on the streets. Additionally, he said that in respect to communication it was still rare to have regular police attendance at Council meetings and he was mystified by this given that this is a perfect medium to communicate. This point received full agreement of all the Members present. Cllr AA Bourke said that the words were okay but what we really need is action and he said that recent correspondence to both the Chief Constable and the Home Secretary were driven by real issues and it is not fair on the families and the children that have to live with these problems. He said that the Parish Council were making every endeavour to provide facilities but the recent provision of both the MUGA and the playground do nothing to stop non Perton youths coming into the area and this is still going on. Nick Baker said that such youths come on to Perton because they are actually frightened to be in Wolverhampton. At this point Maurice Annett said that he works within communities dealing specifically with the problems of young people saying that his teams approach is basically 'softly softly' with young people and groups. He said that solutions need to be bespoke for any given area and that solutions could include specially trained PCSO groups that would help to engage and educate youngster rather than just moving them on, and he provided the example of Codsall Boxing Club initiative. He said that the role was basically community husbandry and that it had been found that if you could possibly influence the older youths then they become a very positive influence on the younger people in the area. He said that he has various resources at his disposal including 14 specialist PCSOs, CCTV, talking signs and 40,000 members within neighbour watch. Pat Shannaghan endorsed this work reminding the Members that Perton had been chosen for the IYSS pilot in the knowledge that there were issues regarding facilities and transport, and it was important to provide a voice for youth in this area. Cllr S Bott said that respect was a two way street and told the story of his own son who was approached by a PCSO by the Playing fields whilst drinking a can of non-alcoholic pop and was told in an aggressive manner by one of the local PCSOs to "tip it or stow it". Cllr Mrs S Bott supplemented these comments stating that PCSOs are seen as uniformed police officers and therefore set the tone of policing in the neighbourhood.

Cllr DJ Billson addressed Divisional Commander Baker saying that his remarks had 'towed the party line' but had completely missed the real issues. The problem on Perton is that we do not see real police officers and that policing overall is abysmal. We now no longer see beat officers but only two PCSOs of which one has a very poor attitude and both are often off duty at the same time for several days leaving Perton completely unpoliced. He stated that for policing to be effective they would need the full consent of the Perton population which is impossible given that we do not see any PCs. We pay a lot of money and we deserve better. He added that since South Staffordshire is a collection of villages and does not have a principal town we suffer greatly in terms of both policing

numbers and location, and he concluded his comments by asking how Staffordshire Police interact with Staffordshire County Council given that youth issues are so predominant and yet the County Council is intend on closing down youth provision. Nick Baker responded stating that there are resource issues and it was more difficult to provide full visible policing across a broad rural area. He said that he would like to increase resource because at the moment he operates a hybrid system that sees neighbourhood units utilised for both beat and response policing. He further added that Staffordshire Police are making representations to Staffordshire County Council regarding youth provision but was not in a position to comment further at this time. Cllr Mrs A James said that operating a shop in Anders Square she spoke to many people both young and old, and that most felt very let down by the police and that probably only a local curfew would change the ways of certain local youths and added that because the PCSOs do not have full police powers they are mocked by many unruly youths and have little powers to actually make a real difference. Cllr Mrs P Pitt said that in spite of the comments regarding policing the PCSOs are definitely seen as a benefit around the shopping area. Cllr Mrs P Allen passed comment that a security guard had been stabbed at Sainsburys but the police report barely touched on this and Inspector Shannaghan said that they had recently engaged in a communication exercise based on the premise of "you said so we did" and from this a PCSO Newsletter may soon be distributed in order to highlight what is going on in the area.

Following a little more general discussion the Chairman brought an end to this session requesting of Divisional Commander Baker that we arrange another meeting to discuss specifically Perton issues to which he agreed.

- b) **Correspondence from Supt. Adrian Bloor dated 4th August**
The correspondence was noted.
- c) **Correspondence from Sir Patrick Cormack MP dated 28th July & 5th August**
The correspondence was noted.
- d) **Correspondence from Home Office dated 15th July & 13th August (by way of response to letter sent to the Home Secretary).**
The correspondence was noted.

69/09 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103624 paid to Mr D.Allen together with personal interest in agenda item 13 in respect to her role as trustee to PPFA.
Cllr A.A.Bourke declared personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 103631 paid to Perton Place.

70/09 **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th JULY, 2008**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

71/09 **MINUTES OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th AUGUST, 2008**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Playground Committee meeting held on 18th August 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

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DRAFT MINUTES

- a) **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Playground Committee Meeting held on 21st July 2008 be accepted for information.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 1st September 2008 be accepted for information.
- c) **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 2nd September 2008 together with July & August income statement be accepted for information.

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) **Bus Shelters – County Council grants allocated for current year**
RESOLVED that additional shelters be postponed until Staffs CC grants are available.
- b) **County Councillor’s Report**

County Report for Perton Parish Meeting 8/9/08

Most of the report will be discussed in further detail at the meeting, but there are some points of interest that are now official.

W2R

The Waste to Resource project has moved a large step forward. The reason for this is that the County has received guaranteed funding of 122.4 million towards the project. This is the largest grant awarded for any W2R in UK so far. Furthermore, it is now certain that Sandwell are committing to the project as Walsall and Warwickshire have done previously. I will give more details at the meeting.

Perton Youth club

Meetings are being set up with many of the stakeholders. I am having a preliminary meeting with the Chairman of the CLP along with Richard Coggins to make sure that this is on the agenda for the next full meeting. I am also meeting with the Headmaster of Perton Middle school to get his view on the “project”. The unofficial position is that the school is all for the project, but as yet, nothing in writing.

On a separate but related issue, MP sir Patrick Cormack has called a meeting for Friday 3rd of October on all matters relating to the Staffordshire Youth Service.

Very good results indeed at Codsall Community High School. In short, the pass rate for GCSE passes has gone up from 47% to 62%!! MDATM

On Monday the 1st of September the building of the new ATC building started. This is obviously very good news for the youngsters of Codsall and Bilbrook, but it must add a little power to our arguments that Perton Youngsters deserve more of the resources on offer.

Some progress has been made on the Safer Routes to school issue. I will give more details at the meeting.

Robert J Marshall

Cllr Marshall provided Members with some information and definitions concerning safer routes and he said that he will copy this information to Emma Birch and also requested that the Clerk copy and distribute the information to all PPC Members. Cllr Marshall said that the Perton-Codsall route is to be reassessed early this Autumn but there was no specific date when this would happen.

With regard to the Direct Debit scheme he said there had been no real achievement and that there appeared to be a reluctance to move forward and a suggestion had been made that possibly this could be implemented by Perton Parish Council. Cllr AA Bourke asked if it was possible if this could be introduced via Codsall High School as they already had a Direct Debiting system in place and Cllr Mrs P Allen said that the County Council already sends the bus passes to the homes so it seemed logical they could include a Direct Debit form with the pass.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will yet again write to Staffordshire County Council requesting that a system be put in place sooner rather than later.

Cllr Marshall was able to report that since the new road layout had been introduced at Kingswood there had been no reported accidents.

Following some discussion regarding the youth club it was stated that Staffordshire County Council Youth Service will definitely commit to two nights per week over a period of 42 weeks per year which will generate approximately £2,700 of revenue per year. It was said there was a need to obtain some formal letters from the School Governors regarding access to the building across the grass area, this may require some form of written covenant and it is possible that we can utilise the terms of reference from Kinver that may be very similar to our own needs. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that a face to face meeting with the Governors may well speed things up and Cllr. DJ Billson said that he felt that things were not going too well on this project and stated that he had attended a meeting the previous week and that the youth service did not even turn up. In closing Cllr A Black suggested that if there is intent to sub-let this could well change the access parameters and may cause problems that had not yet been thought of.

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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) **Inter Parish Games Results 2008**

The results were noted as was the fact that Perton finished in a creditable third position overall. On behalf of Perton Parish Council Cllr D.J.Billson thanked District Cllr R.Moreton for his great efforts and tenacity in respect to his involvement in the organization and management of these games.

b) **IPG Presentation Evening – complimentary tickets for competitors (£4.00 each)**

It was stated that the cost of tickets for the IPG presentation would be £4 each and it was **RESOLVED** that all Perton IPG Competitors that were interested in going would receive complimentary tickets paid for by PPC.

c) **District Councillors Report**

September Report Strategic Services

I attended my first Community and Learning Partnership meeting, where I expressed my annoyance at not being invited to the inaugural meeting. I was concerned to find that not one of the schools on Perton was represented on this committee which has a very large some of money to spend over the next three years. The chair is the headmistress of Codsall High and Bilbrook First also has a representation on this committee. Already at

the inaugural meeting £10,000 of the capital fund of £40,000 has been earmarked for Codsall. I am concerned that unless we keep a close eye on the situation the parishes of Perton and Pattingham may miss out. I am going to make a case for schools in the above areas to have an input into this committee.

I attended a Housing Conference at Molineux the offshoot of this was that the general expectation that more houses will be built in South Staffordshire. There are two areas that are causing concern and that is affordable housing in rural villages and Extra Care Homes. We are looking at Rural Exception Sites in Kinver and Essington at present. There is however a possibility that this may spread to other areas. An Extra Care Home is to be built in Essington for some 70 people. These homes will be for rent and part ownership. A similar scheme is close to fruition in Penkridge.

Following a visit to several sites in South Staffs and in order to maintain the quality of the built environment in our villages we have started training Planning Officers in Village Design. This will be extended to members on 11th September.

The South Staffordshire Conservation and Design Awards are shortly to take place. The short list will be judged on September 19th with presentations in October.

The South Staffs Tourism Association held their Annual Food Fair on 20th July in the grounds of Chillington Hall. Although I could not attend the turnout was double the previous year and record profits made.

An Economic Development Review is taking place, the likely outcome of which will be the management of Council Business units and Hinksford Mobile Homes separated from other areas. This will provide a better management structure for these sites.

I have had two meetings with Simon Hobbs concerning the Youth Club. As far as the County is concerned there will be no going back and they will cease to fund it after 31st March 2009. There are many issues that need to be sorted out before any management committee take on the running of the club. For a start, How long will the lease be?, Will we be able to sub let? What access will we have? Can we replace it at a later date? What if there is a change of headmaster at the middle school. I have made two requests for this information and am still awaiting a reply. I feel it would be foolish to go ahead without these questions answered.

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District Cllr R Moreton addressed the members stating that given the great success of the MUGA and playground, part of which was due to the co-operation and teamwork between PPC & SSDC, we should consider building upon this success. Therefore he suggested that the Perton Members may like to consider providing the District Councillors with a mandate to investigate the use of Perton Civic Centre as a possible combined venue to solve some of the needs regarding leisure facilities and youth facilities. Cllr AA Bourke said that District Councillors should always be looking to further the requirements of Perton Parish and asked if the leisure facility previously suggested would cater for the needs of all ages adding that with the recent success of the Olympics and pending the British Olympics in four years time, we should look to develop some form of sporting facility. Cllr Mrs P Pitt said that any new facility would be a good idea but while she does not personally support the provision of a gym said that our investigations should not be limited in any way. Cllr A Black informed the Members that nation wide you could look at most leisure centre facilities and the accounts would always show that it was the revenue generated by the fitness suite that enabled other less profitable activities to be included.

RESOLVED that Perton District Councillors be given full mandate to investigate the

provision of combined Youth and Fitness facilities utilising Perton Civic Centre.

75/09 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th July, 2008.

Application No.	Proposals
08/00660/FUL	Proposed kitchen and utility room extension 15 Livingstone Avenue, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TF
08/00634/FUL	Satellite dish 29 Milton Court, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7QD
08/00715/FUL	Replacement of existing single-skin underground tanks with three 60,000 litre double-skinned underground tanks Sainsburys Petrol Filling Station, Coleridge Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7QH
08/00730/FUL	New roof and alterations West Winds, County Lane, Kingswood, South Staffs. WV7 3AS
08/00681/FUL	Two storey side extension 7 Troon Court, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7YW
08/00758/FUL	Side extension, infill wall to existing carport and conservatory 11 Arundel Grove, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7RF
08/00770/FUL	Conservatory 6 Churnet Grove, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7QP
08/00795/FUL	Two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions 7 Gainsborough Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7NR

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

08/00656/FUL	Block of 3 stables and on hay store The Stable Barn, Hollies Lane, Pattingham, Wolverhampton, South Staffordshire WV6 7HJ
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to agricultural use only.

08/00679/FUL	Construction of new access road from public highway Hampton Court Nursing Home, Wrottesley Park Road, Perton, South Staffordshire WV8 2HE
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to the new access road being used as a service point only and with the minimum of tree and shrub removal.

08/00826/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of replacement Long Ridge, Pattingham Road, Perton, South Staffs. WV6 7HD
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposal subject to footprint restrictions and green belt protection.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
08/00336/FUL 08/00338/FUL 08/00476/FUL 08/00553/FUL 08/00590/FUL 08/00604/FUL 08/00528/FUL 08/00636/FUL 08/00634/FUL	Double extension - 11 Paxton Avenue, Perton Porch - 30 Livingstone Avenue, Perton First floor extension over existing garage, new side garage and conservatory - 42 St Andrews Drive, Perton Conservatory - 7 Lytham Road, Perton Single storey rear extension – 5 Cocton Close, Perton Conservatory - 7 Stanley Court, Perton Single storey kitchen extension - Tudor Lodge, Pattingham Rd Double extension - 9 Melrose Drive, Perton Satellite dish – 29 Milton Court, Perton Kitchen & utility room extension – 15 Livingstone Avenue, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
08/00517/FUL 08/00580/FUL	Two storey rear and ground floor side and rear extension 29 Mallory Road, Perton First floor side and pitched roof over existing kitchen 8 Elmley Grove, Perton	Refusal of Planning Permission

APPEAL DECISION: The appeal succeeds in part and planning permission is granted for that part. Otherwise, the appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld with corrections and variations. Full report available in the Clerk's office.

APP/C3430/ C/08/2069881	Southfork, Kingswood Road, Kingswood, Wolverhampton	Planning Inspectorate 08/07/08
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76/09 **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 14th July 2008

01/07/08	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/07/08	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1247.00
02/07/08	BACS	Wages Week 13	1130.88
02/07/08	103614	Our Lady & St Chads Catholic Sports College	150.00
02/07/08	103615	Hi-Tech Security Print Ltd	43.18
02/07/08	103616	G.K.Beulah & Co Ltd	396.56
02/07/08	103617	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
03/07/08	103618	Signs Now 270	977.78
09/07/08	BACS	Wages Week 14	1203.28

09/07/08	BACS	Stafordshire CC Pension Fund	1477.49
09/07/08	BACS	Inland Revenue	2640.23
16/07/08	BACS	Wages Week 15	1178.95
16/07/08	103619	Mr R.Bull	150.00
16/07/08	103620	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	99.45
16/07/08	103621	Nobisco Limited	74.47
16/07/08	103622	MGD Solutions	196.00
17/07/08	103623	Perton & Codsall Utd. F.C.	200.00
17/07/08	DD	Severn Trent	53.88
21/07/08	103624	Mr David Allen	155.00
23/07/08	BACS	Wages Week 16	4203.93
23/07/08	103625	Brisol Limited	73.00
25/07/08	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
28/07/08	DD	Unicom	57.80
28/07/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	293.30
30/07/08	BACS	Wages Week 17	908.05
01/08/08	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/08/08	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1247.00
04/08/08	103626	Nobisco Limited	72.66
04/08/08	103627	ADT Fire & Security Plc	560.75
04/08/08	103628	Mr B.Holmes	50.00
06/08/08	BACS	Wages Week 18	1048.03
07/08/08	BACS	Stafordshire CC Pension Fund	1366.99
07/08/08	BACS	Inland Revenue	2523.58
07/08/08	103629	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	121.38
07/08/08	103630	South Staffordshire District Council	21.00
12/08/08	103631	Perton Place	55.00
13/08/08	BACS	Wages Week 19	918.08
18/08/08	103632	ThyssenKrupp Elevator UK Limited	165.12
18/08/08	103633	MGD Solutions	196.00
18/08/08	DD	British Gas - Gas	10.67
20/08/08	103634	Post Office Limited	171.69
20/08/08	BACS	Wages Week 20 & Month 5	3946.87
21/08/08	103635	Cheko International	590.87
21/08/08	103636	South Staffordshire District Council	287.88
22/08/08	103637	Besam Limited	230.30
25/08/08	DD	Severn Trent	147.38
26/08/08	DD	Unicom	65.02
27/08/08	BACS	Wages Week 21	920.83
27/08/08	BACS	SMP (Playgrounds) Ltd	123470.86
27/08/08	BACS	SMP (Playgrounds) Ltd	90972.28
28/08/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	317.23
		TOTALS	246943.17

b) Budget-to-date 2008/2009

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

77/09 **CLERKS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2008**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 8th September 2008

- All PPC Councillors are requested to check, update and verify SSDC statement of 'Financial & Other Interests'.
- Playground / Muga Officially opened on Saturday 6th Sept.
- Playground / Muga – Main percentage of SMP costs are now paid. SSDC costs remain outstanding. All promised grants now received – excluding Big Lottery funding of £60k.
- SPCA September Newsletter distributed.
- South Staffordshire Local Development Framework (Core Strategy / Development Policies / Consultation Paper – 8th August 2008) Details in Clerks Office with exhibition schedule plus comments pack or via <http://sstaffs.limehouse.co.uk>
- Sainsburys – Request for kerb painting at disabled spaces has been forwarded to their Facilities Management Office.
- SSDC – Perton Open Space Audit – CD in Clerks Office.
- Community Council of Staffordshire: AGM 25th September / Stowe-by-Chartley near Stafford.
- Perton – Codsall High School Bus – Andrew Marsden (Staffs CC Head of School Organisation, Admissions and Transport) – hoping to introduce option of extended payment terms for passes in 2009/10.
- Letter of introduction (plus business cards) from SSDC Community Development Officer, Mark Jenkinson in Clerks office.
- Additional Footpaths – Section 53 Modification Order – Awaiting Land Owner details from Cllr N.P.Caine.
- 'Local and Community History Month at your library – Exploring our Past' – Itinerary in Clerks office or via: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/libraries
- Free Trading Standards Electric Blanket Drop Off at Perton Civic Centre from 8th to 12th Sept. Collect from 16th Sept.
- BT's proposed removal of payphones in South Staffordshire – First Notification Representations details in Clerks office.

78/09 **REQUEST TO REPLACE ASSISTANT CLERK'S COMPUTER**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will evaluate the requirements and place an order for a new PC as soon as possible to ensure the continuing capability to maintain the business critical processes.

79/09 **PERTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION – HALF YEARLY GRANT**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will issue a cheque as soon as possible to cover the half yearly grant of £2000.00

80/09 **PLAYGROUND – PROPOSED RULES OF PLAY**

RESOLVED that the rules generally be accepted but subject to the Clerk seeking clarification from SSDC in respect to possible upper age limit of use and lower age / height limit in respect to parental supervision. Also Clerk to write to Manager at Wrottesley Arms to request co-operation in respect to use of glass in the area and to SSDC to request a quotation for the supply and fitting of three additional seating benches.

81/09 **LITTER WARDEN REVIEW**

Following some general discussion regarding litter issues and the manpower available to focus on this problem it was recognized that aside from practical management of the resources it would be necessary to consider any additional resource when budgeting for next fiscal year.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to Sainsburys in Anders Sq to request their help and co-operation in respect to the regular placement of litter bins which should include Sundays.

82/09 **ALLOTMENTS REVIEW**

Cllr DJ Billson informed the members that he was still awaiting a report from SSDC concerning suitable land availability and once he was in possession of this the matter could then be reviewed. Following some discussion it was generally noted that PPC do not necessarily need a parishioners petition to progress this matter since they recognize the value of allotments provision and are working this proactively.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 13th October 2008 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9.13 pm

Chairman
13th October 2008