

**Minutes of the meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 @ 7:00pm**

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

Members of the Public present : 3

157/06 **APOLOGIES**

Mrs. P. M French; R. French

158/06 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

**Harald Close Subway**

A resident from Harald Close informed the meeting that the “expansion gaps” within the Subway had been filled in by the County Council but within 36 hours vandals had chiselled the new filling out and set fire to it on the floor of the Subway. The resident reported that after a relatively quiet period before Christmas the anti-social behaviour was on the increase once again.

Cllr. R.J. Marshall reported on the outcome of the meeting held on 16 December which was that the Subway would be redecorated with anti-graffiti paint and that Youth Workers would be visiting the Subway ten times before the end of March to try and engage with those youngsters congregating in the Subway. These visits however would not be at night when the problems generally occur.

Cllr. R.J. Marshall informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Sir Patrick Cormack indicating that legislation coming into force in April 2006 could provide a solution to the Subway problem – a way of

getting the Subway gated-off or filled-in. The residents from Harald Close were asked to continue completing their diaries if incidents for such records would be critical in support of any application to gate or fill the Subway.

Cllr. Mrs. P. Allen commented that it was not only the Harald Close Subway which was in need of refurbishment and requested that Staffordshire County Council prepare a programme of refurbishment, and representatives of the County Council should visit the Subways on a regular basis to see the state they're in. Cllr. Mrs. Allen suggested that the Parish Council's Camera should be used to take photographs of the Subways in support of the refurbishment programme and that the Litter Warden be instructed to remove litter from the Subways on a regular basis.[The Litter Warden has resigned from the post and no replacement has been appointed as yet]

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### **Police Matters**

The Clerk circulated a report for the Period 14/12/05 – 09/01/06 that had been delivered by the local Police Officer. One youth had been fined £80 for disorderly behaviour. Another youth caught on CCTV damaging telephone kiosks and shops in Anders Square had been charged with causing damage of £1,000. Criminal damage had increased during this period and a Taxi Driver had been the victim of a violent robbery.

Cllr. D.J. Billson read out a letter he had received from a resident that described a series of events and how the Police had responded to that series of events to emphasize the service being provided by the Police to the residents of Perton.

Cllr. Mrs. P.C. Bromley suggested that a letter should be sent to the Chief Constable to complain about the level of policing on Perton.

Cllr. Mrs. P. Allen stated that the majority of enquiries she deals with now are Police service related and that the Police should be invited once again to occupy the office made available at the Civic Centre. The Parish should also enquire about the possible recruitment of a Police Community Support Office.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Chief Constable with the concerns of the Council about the level of policing on Perton and that the Clerk report back to the next Parish Council meeting on the costs etc involved in the recruitment of a Community Police Support Officer

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Mrs. P/ Allen declared an interest in a Direct Debit payment to BT.

Cllr. N.P. Caine declared an interest in Cheque No. 102892.

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**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be confirmed as a true record once amended and the chairman of the Council duly signed them.

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**TRAFFIC ISLANDS**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Staffordshire County Council Highways requesting permission to enter into sponsorship agreements with third parties for the planting and maintaining of the Traffic Islands within Perton.

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**GROUNDWORK WEST MIDLANDS**

**RESOLVED** that representatives of Groundwork West Midlands be invited to make a presentation at the Parish Council meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2006 on attracting of Environmental Improvement funds.

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**SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – SUBSCRIPTION 2006**

**RESOLVED** that the 2006 Subscription of £150 be paid to the Society of Local Council Clerks.  
This expenditure is incurred under LGA 1972. s143

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**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DICTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

**District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr. N.P.Caine                      Reported that the recent erection of Fencing at Dippons Lane appeared to be within guidelines. Informed the meeting that the applicant re Planning Application 04/01465/FUL was to appeal against the decision not to approve.

Cllr. A. K. James                      Informed the meeting that "Mr. Sizzle" was

claiming that the Playing Fields Association had given permission for him to park at Gainsborough Drive, which it hadn't.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to South Staffs Council stating that Mr. Sizzle is using the Car Park for commercial purposes.

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**STAFFS. COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Cllr. R. J. Marshall Informed the meeting that Youth Workers should be visiting Perton 10 times before the end of March 2006 to try and engage with the young people of Perton.

The issue of Youth Service provision generally for Perton was raised and it was **RESOLVED** that Messrs Dinsley & Coggins be invited to the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Informed the meeting that the recycling of Cardboard and Paper together was not cost effective. Cllr. A.K. James stated that there will be a special collection of cardboard at the end of January instead of the normal Green waste collection.

Informed the meeting that under the latest Comprehensive Performance Assessment [CPA] the County Council had been awarded 2 Stars which didn't compare favourably with its neighbours.

Informed the meeting that he would be attending a conference on global warming and climate change

Cllr. Mrs. P. Allen raised the issue of transport for children of Perton who stay after normal school hours but there is no transport available so many decide to walk home.

**Road Surface around Traffic Islands**

Cllr. R.J. Marshall had no news about any resources being allocated for this and based on the County Councils budget strategy for 2006/07 its probable that the resources

available for highways will be reduced.

Cllr. D. J. Billson enquired about the provision of "Rumble Stones" on the A464

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **a) Staffs Fire & Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the deadline for consultation was 27 January 2006.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk e-mail the Council's objections to the downgrading of Wombourne Fire Station

#### **b) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Standards of Conduct in English Local Government**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the document was available in the Clerk's office and comments are being sought.

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### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Clerk informed the meeting that since the last Parish Council meeting the following proposals had been reviewed and returned to South Staffs. District Council without objections being raised

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
05/01256/CCD	Sandown First School – Sandown Drive Provision of green galvanized metal cycle shelters with clear acrylic sheeting
05/01257/CCD	Sandown First School – Manston Drive Provision of green galvanized metal cycle shelters with clear acrylic sheeting
05/01268/FUL	25 Coulter 20 Stephenson Drive Two storey side extension
05/01287/FUL	25 Brunel Grove Conservatory, extend garage and remove existing toilet
05/01300/FUL	40 Lytham Road Side extension
05/01308/FUL	1 Warwick Avenue Side extension re-submission
05/01271/FUL	Nurton Farm Barn Hollies Lane, Nurton Installation of satellite dish
05/01306/FUL	80 Mercia Drive Two storey side extension

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

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BACS	Wages [Wk 37]	1,317.26
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DD	British Gas	388.10
DD	South Staffs. District - Business Rates [December]	1,302.00
DD	Severn Trent Water	93.55
DD	Shell Gas Direct	1,941.29
DD	BT Internet	105.71
DD	Unicom	83.59
102888	Post Office Counters	250.00
102889	P.M. Binnall	957.00
102890	SPCA	36.00
102891	Onyx UK Ltd	101.43
102892	NRG Group UK Ltd	271.57
102893	Davenport Burgess	35.51
102894	Perton Parish Council	215.15
102895	IRIS Software	59.93
102896	RHF Boiler Services	487.37
102897	SAFA IPS Healthcare	25.85
102898	Viking Direct	77.41
102899	Cannon Hygiene	18.01

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**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 @ 7:00pm

The meeting closed @ 9:00 pm

**Cllr. Mrs. A. James**  
**Chairman**

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2006**