

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Wednesday 9th January 2008 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs R. Heseltine [Chairman]
Mrs C.Young [Vice Chairman]
Mrs P.Allen
Mrs P.N. Pitt
Miss C.Duffell
D.Billson
A.K.James
A.A. Bourke
N.P.Caine
A.K.Black
D.Heseltine
D.Fereday

Tony Tappenden – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public present : None
Journalists: None

146/08 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs S.Bott, Mrs A.James and S.Bott.

147/08 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Personal interest in all matters pertaining to Perton Playing Fields was declared by Cllrs Mrs R.Heseltine, Mrs P.Pitt, Mrs P.Allen, Miss C.Duffell, A.K.James, D.Fereday and A.Black.

148/08 **PARISH PRECEPT 2008/09**

The Clerk presented a breakdown of the 2007/08 Quarter 4 budget forecast for income and expenditure including the forecast outturn for income and expenditure for 2007/08 which includes all expected income and expenditure associated with both the MUGA and Childrens playground. In reality this project may complete in the new fiscal year but this will have no impact to the 08/09 budget unless the projects should overspend against budget or the incoming grants do not materialise. The Clerk then presented an outline discussion budget for 2008/09. The meeting went through the budget provisions for 2008/09 generally on a line by line basis and reached agreement for each item.

After some discussion it was proposed and seconded that the Ring Fenced items of Queens Diamond Jubilee fund (£6k), Parish Operating Reserve (£55k) and Partnership Working (£10k) be included and following a show of hands vote this was carried with six votes for and one against with five abstentions.

The item regarding the Litter Wardens hours also received some discussion and it

was proposed and seconded that the current hours should not be increased and following a show of hands vote this was carried with seven votes for and five against.

The foregoing items aside the figures were accepted as presented by the Clerk.

RESOLVED that, following a show of hands the Parish Precept for 2008/09 be set at £200,000k, this was agreed by nine votes in favour and three against.

This Precept, an increase of £10k over year 2007/08, means that the average Perton household at Council Tax Band D will be required to pay £55.07 annually or £1.06 per week. This represents a 5.26% increase or a total annual increase of £2.75p for the year or 5p per week compared to the current level.

The meeting closed @ 8.10 pm

Chairman
11th February 2008