

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 9th June 2008 @ 7:00pm**

Present Mrs CM Young [Chairman]
AA Bourke [Vice-Chairman]
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs P Allen
Mrs S Bott
Miss C Duffell
DJ Billson
NP Caine from 8.45 pm
S Bott from 7.15 pm
AK Black
D Fereday

County Councillor – R.J.Marshall
District Councillor - R Moreton
Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Members of the Public present : 6
Neighbourhood Police Team: PCSO Teresa Wilkes

31/09 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Mrs A James, Mrs PN Pitt, Cllr A.K James and D Heseltine.

32/09 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) A resident in Browning Grove again raised the issue of anti-social behaviour at the site of Perton Clinic which was the subject of similar communication between the Parish Council and the Primary Care Trust last year. Whilst the PCT originally agreed to look at fencing-off the site this was never done but they have spent money in various other ways at the site such as new floors and new doors. As a result anti-social behaviour continues regularly and is generally out of control.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will again write to the PCT with a view to firstly trying to confirm the current timescales for these premises to continue in operation and also to reiterate the issues of anti-social behaviour and to again request fencing around the site.

Cllr DJ Billson will also check the planning conditions to see what is and is not allowed with a view to setting new conditions if possible particularly should an extension of planning permission beyond 31st December 2009 be sought.

- 2) Phil Pritchard informed the Members of the success of the Sponsored Bag Pack at Sainsburys on the 7th June, 2008. He said that between 10.30am and 3.00pm they had 30-40 people (parents/children) participating and was able to report that the exercise had generated £523.00 towards the opening funday for the Playground/MUGA. He suggested that a small working group should be formed comprising Councillors and parishioners in order to ensure the best possible day to mark the opening of the new facilities.

Cllr DJ Billson said that he had asked SSDC Chief Executive to write to the Lord Lieutenant to enquire about the possibility of a 'Royal' in attendance for the opening. Cllr Mrs P Allen formally thanked Phil and the young people of Perton who

had made great effort to achieve these excellent results.

RESOLVED that a small working party be established to ensure a properly planned and well attended Opening Day for the Playground and MUGA. The party will comprise of three parishioners, namely Tina Davies, Debbie Patterson and Phil Pritchard and the following Councillors: Mrs R Heseltine, Miss C Duffell, AA Bourke, DJ Billson, A.Black and D Fereday.

- 3) Cllr Mrs P Allen, positioning herself in this instance as a member of the public, distributed a plan to all the Members outlining the proposed re-modelling to Perton Church garden. She stated that numerous elements within the community would benefit from this work and that the Church currently had £3,000 available and would be seeking additional contribution from a number of sources including a possible application for grant from Perton Parish Council.
- 4) Cllr Mrs S Bott stated that she was aware that a child had recently been stung by an insect on the path between Beverston Road to the Parkway and said that she was concerned about the overgrown shrubs on either side of the path. Cllr Mrs CM Young stated that just this afternoon she had been part of a working group along with Cllr Billson and Cllr Caine in discussions with SSDC grounds maintenance management team who had agreed to provide an audit on the condition of Perton paths together with a prioritised list of possible improvements.
- 5) Mr Fred O'Leary in referring to the problems at the Medical Centre stated that Sainsburys have a high frequency device (mosquito system) which could be considered to deter problem youths and further suggested that the fence should be intermittently electrified.

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POLICE MATTERS

a) **Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 12/05/08- 06/06/08

Rowdy / ASB behaviour	31	Note 1
ASB Vehicles	0	
Criminal Damage	3	Note 2
Burglary dwelling	1 (attempt)	
Burglary other building	0	
TWOC/ take vehicle	0	
Attempt / Theft of M/V	0	
Theft from M/V	1	Note 3
Damage to M/V	1	
Assaults	1	
Theft Other	4	Note 3
Robbery	0	
Sex Offences	0	
Drugs	0	

1. There were plenty of incidents of Rowdy and Anti-Social Behaviour reports for this period. Hot spot areas include Gainsboro' Drive, Cosford Ct, Avon Rd and Spenser Ave. Gainsboro' being the main hot spot, were the displacement is from Anders Sq. This could be due to the forthcoming alcohol ban.

2. The problem of mindless damage has not gone away but was low this month.
3. The reported thefts included 3 pedal cycles (2 at one location), more lead flashing and a Sat Nav from a vehicle. It is advised to lock away all pedal cycles as the bikes that were stolen have been left unlocked and in view. Also remove any valuables from vehicles as the temptation will be too great. It is requested anyone heard or scene about, in the early hours should be reported. It may be they are just walking home but it may be they are up to no good.
4. To finish on a positive, the priority crime, such as burglary, robbery and theft of motor vehicles was excellent.

Any information please contact Perton's Neighbourhood Team via voicemail 08453 303132 - PC Duncan Lampitt(04259), PC Frank Hossack(03537), PCSO Teresa Wilkes(08861) and PCSO Rachel Street(08862)

PCSO Teresa Wilkes informed the Members that in respect to rowdy and anti-social behaviour it was known that many of those involved were not from Perton but had come in from places such as Wolverhampton and Wednesfield possibly in the knowledge that there was currently no drink ban in effect. Cllr DJ Billson asked what had been the consequences following the incident when he had seen PCSO Rachel Street with armfuls of confiscated alcoholic drinks in Sainsburys shopping bags. PCSO Wilkes stated that a number of 'Stop' forms were in the system and in some cases parents had been contacted and kids taken home. She said that lots of Police presence would be coming into Perton to deal with the Friday night issues. Cllr Billson went on to say that the activity of under-age drinking was illegal and queried if anyone had actually been prosecuted stating that currently it seems that what ever happens kids get away with it. PCSO Wilkes said that Sainsburys are very responsible in respect to selling drink to the under-age but the older kids are known to be buying drink and selling it onto the youngsters but they have been known to drop the product and run before they can be apprehended. Cllr S Bott said that over recent weeks, Friday nights have been very troublesome in the area by the Playing Fields and often there are congregations of 80-100 youths at the start of the evening but whilst these congregations start quietly they become very rowdy late into the evening as the alcohol takes effect. He said that on occasions the Police had been called but are usually very late to arrive and when the kids are moved on they often go no further than the car park at the Pavilion and the worst of it all is that many residents are too scared to even leave their homes. He said that on one recent occasion there had been a crowd of nearly 200.

Cllr AA Bourke said that he had been made aware of a Police meeting at Perton Civic Centre that included several out of area Councillors and local parishioners and queried why Perton Councillors had not been informed and why there were no general notices informing residents of this meeting before the event.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the Chief Constable to query why firstly, nothing is apparently being done regarding regular alcohol issues at Perton Playing Fields on repeated occasions. Secondly, to state that the PCSO's do not have sufficient powers to deal with the issues that arise and thirdly to query why there was no advance information about the Police Meeting at Perton on 5th June, 2008. Generally we are not being well served. The letter will be copied to: Wombourne NPU, Sir Patrick Cormack and the Home Office.

Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)

b)

The Clerk informed the Members that there had recently been an issue with regard to the erection of the appropriate signage stating that apparently any sign fixed to a concrete lamppost required planning permission but to fix to a metal lamppost did not. Therefore they are looking for alternative sites in some locations to avoid the delay in respect to planning permission.

34/09 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P.Allen declared personal and prejudicial interest in Cheque No 103596 paid to Mr D.P.Allen and Cllr D.J.Billson declared personal interest in cheque No 103599 paid to Mr Ian Baugh. Cllr N.P.Caine declared personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 14 concerning DJ 'Porky'.

35/09 **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY, 2008**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

36/09 **DRAFT MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 3rd June 2008 together with May income statement be accepted for information.

37/09 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Proposed Toucan Crossing – The Parkway / Pear & Partridge**

RESOLVED that the Clerk will respond to Staffordshire County Council to state that Perton Parish Council is fully supportive of the proposal.

b) **Perton Youth Disco**

RESOLVED that PPC will hold the Youth Disco at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 16th July, 2008 at a cost of £2.00 per ticket. Cllr DJ Billson will contact and arrange for a DJ who apparently provides DJ services for similar events at Wombourne Civic Centre.

c) **County Councillors Report**

County Report for Perton Parish Council 9-6-2008

There are a few items of interest.

- 1) The charges for the use of adult accommodation in 2008/2009 are proposed go up by a huge percentage. The percentage in long stay homes will rise by 41% from £452 per week to £638 and for Learning Disability homes the proposed increase is 46.5%.
Apart from the standard inflationary increase of 2.5%, all of these rises are down to the new pay rates that result from Job Evaluation. This is just another of the consequences that the "botched" pay restructure has caused. This decision has been "called in" by the Conservatives and it will have been discussed in the afternoon of 9th of June. More details at the meeting (M D A T M).
- 2) The new Waste to Resource Facility has moved a couple of small steps nearer.

One fairly major development is that, as well as Walsall MBC and Warwickshire County Council, Sandwell have now expressed an interest in having their waste "dealt with" at the proposed new plant. There is capacity for this to happen and it means the financial figures would be slightly better.

- 3) The forecast outturn for the fourth quarter of 2007/2008 is an underspend of 2.275m against a net revenue budget of 405m (which is 0.56%). In relation to the Capital Financing, the latest forecast is for an underspend of 2.796m out of 29.43m (9.5%). This was down to a delay in a number of schemes, which will be completed in the first quarter of 2008/2009.
- 4) The new road layout at the Kingswood Junction is now complete. Although it is very early, there has been a fall in the number of collisions and if this early trend continues it will be very welcome.
- 5) There will have been a "carers summit" held at the District Council offices on 4th of June. I will give more details of this at the meeting.
- 6) I was "questioned" by the school council of St Chads school in Pittingham on the 4th of June.
- 7) A meeting about the future of Youth services in and around Perton will have been held at Wheaton Aston on the 5th of June. MDTM.

Cllr Robert J Marshall

Cllr Marshall stated that the details shown in report item 1 were not yet fully agreed and will be subject to review. He additionally said that the Boxing Club at Codsall was proving to be a great success and they would be looking to extend this in the near future.

Cllr Miss C Duffell asked when the yellow lines will be re-instated in Perton areas that had recently had roads re-surfaced. Cllr RJ Marshall responded stating he would check on this and e-mail the Clerk accordingly.

Cllr Marshall also responded to a query concerning item 7, stating that he had attended various meeting on the 4th, 5th and 6th June and this matter had now been given the title of POP (Pride of Perton) and this would be ongoing.

Cllr S Bott said that it beggars belief that the County Council is still intent on closing the Youth Club at Perton at the time of so many youth problems in the local area. Cllr Marshall responded saying that the decision had been taken that the Youth Club would go off Staffordshire County Council books as of April 2009, but the £7-8,000 per year that is required for the building will be found.

Cllr A Black stated that extra volunteers had now been found to staff extra nights but in asking the kids which extra nights they favoured they had been told that any night with the exception of Friday nights which are clearly dedicated to other activities. Cllr Marshall said that the Youth Workers also do not like Friday nights as invariably they end up baby sitting youths that had had too much to drink.

Cllr AA Bourke stated that the main issues on Friday night are not generally the youth club crowd but the problem is they are easily led by others. He asked that when the money committed by Cllr Marshall is found will it be used in the same place? Cllr Marshall replied saying that Richard Coggins has checked at Perton Middle School but there is little interest shown by them. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that Perton Middle School cannot currently sustain their existing rooms let alone any new ones and that the issue at the youth club is the state of the building and the ongoing maintenance, whilst the school building is generally under-utilised.

Cllr DJ Billson confirmed that Staffordshire County Council will definitely quit their responsibility of the Youth Club come April 2009 and they are looking for some form of management committee to continue running the premises. He said that at a recent Carers Conference there was an indication that many young carers on Perton need some form of 'break' facility and it would be excellent to tag this onto the youth club. However, the youth club in its currently location even with this extended use is doubtful. He said that the County Council has a number of expert officers that could possibly handle grant applications that may bring about an extension to Perton Civic Centre in order to solve the problem. Cllr AA Bourke said that from the recent youth conference it was clear that the kids don't like youth clubs located at school but they do like where they currently are as they see it as their own location. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that a new permanent provision would be good but a stand alone site, possibly close to the new MUGA, would be even better and therefore localising the central area for young peoples new facilities although she stated that some people may see this as an issue with so many youths in the central area. Cllr DJ Billson said that it must be recognised that 95% of kids are decent people and should be made welcome at Perton Civic Centre as young members of the community. Cllr AA Bourke said that whilst this is the case the issue is one of perception and as usual the few trouble makers were the ones that were noticed. Cllr RJ Marshall said that he would arrange to investigate the underuse of classrooms at the Middle School and to test the viability of keeping the present youth club with a management committee for the short-term future, subject to access. He asked the Members if this was supported in principle. The comments received generally indicated support for the principle but the big concern was who would be responsible for future bills; the management committee or Staffordshire County Council? Cllr Marshall stated that SCC will pay for the staff for two nights per week together with rent for the use of the facility on the same nights but he would further investigate this matter. Cllr A Black asked what plans could be put in place at the Civic Centre and Cllr S Bott asked if the kids had actually been asked what they really wanted to which he received numerous responses that the information had been gathered directly from the youths at the recent speed conference.

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SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- a) **Additional Footpaths – Cllr N.P.Caine** (this item conducted out of sequence with Chairmans' permission due to Cllr Caines late arrival)

Cllr NP Caine asked if an application could be made to formalise two paths off Dippons Lane following many years of use as such.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the Solicitor for Staffordshire County Council indicating our wish to apply under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

- b) **South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership – Annual Meeting**

Notice of the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th July, 2008 was noted.

- c) **Dog Issues**

Cllr S Bott reported that it was difficult to access the dog bins on the Playing Fields due to overgrown nettles at the base of the receptacle.

RESOLVED that Cllr Billson would investigate.

- d) **Grant Aid Funding – Container of Equipment**

It was **RESOLVED** that the offer of funding for a container and sports equipment be accepted and permission obtained to site the steel container on District Council land. The Clerk would also request a 'shopping list' of equipment from SSDC.

e) **District Councillors Report**

District Report for Strategic Services Portfolio

A new tourism initiative was launched at the Roman Way Hotel in conjunction with Cannock. The aim is to promote the facilities we have in South Staffs to the wider tourism industry and coach firms.

I attended the launch of the new Boxing Club at Codsall High School. The opening ceremony was attended to by Ritchie Woodall ex World Champion. I have already arranged with Sonja Oatley that providing it proves successful a branch will be started in Perton.

The Birches Valley Dog awareness day proved very successful. The aim was to promote better understanding of the Countryside amongst dog lovers, particularly with regard to fouling footpaths and open spaces. It is hoped that the ANOB start prosecuting offenders who breach the law.

I have held meetings with Sarah Middleton the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium over the expansion of industry and the provision of jobs for the 21st century.

Following meetings with Katie White the release of the funding streams for the MUGA have now been finalised. Tony will be required to update Katie at various stages of the project. This is normal practice. There is an expectation that a notice will have to be displayed noting the National Lottery has part funded the project.

Following a meeting of the housing group the various partners have agreed that more effort should be made of influencing the market to provide more affordable housing.

The district has been approached by 'In Staffs' an organisation working to bring more job opportunities into the area. The cost I felt could not be justified and we have decided to stay with Advantage West Midlands where we will get more impact from the Wolverhampton and Birmingham areas.

The Safer Routes to School is progressing well with the area around the lake now being repaired. It has already had an impact at the Middle School with the cycle store not able to cope with the amount of children wishing to use it. Funding for a second cycle store is now an aim.

Cllr DJ Billson

In addition to Cllr Billson's report he also stated that:

- The Prison Authority was submitting a planning application for a stand alone Prison to be built at Brinsford to hold 1600 prisoners. Subject to permission this would start at the end of 2009.
- Proposals had been received from British Telecom for the removal of 22 payphone kiosks which includes only one within Perton Parish opposite Sandown Drive.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Steve Winterflood objecting to the planned reduction since this is a busy payphone.

- The Children & Young People Conference will be held on Wednesday 25th June from 9.30am to 3.00pm but will be restricted to the first 100 to apply. Application form in Clerks office.
- A meeting had been arranged for midday on Tuesday 10th June at Perton Civic with Narinder Rehal from Locality Working. She will probably be based at Codsall High School and has a revenue budget of £185k for the next three years.
- There will be a free Carers Event at Corsers Court on 11th June from 2pm to 4pm.
- Health impacting statistics from the Primary Care Trust indicates that Perton has some of the worse Wards in Staffordshire: Dippons 39/200, Lakeside 11/200, East 7/200 for binge drinkers. The male life expectancy is 79.2 years which is better than the National figure by 2 years, the life expectancy for women is an additional 1.5 years. The obesity level in Locality 4.
- Safer Routes to School – now so popular there is not enough cycle sheds. Would the Parish be willing to contribute?
- *Cllr D.Fereday* reported a recent ‘Postwatch’ meeting he had attended regarding the Post Office Network closures and the criteria for closure and provided some useful documentation listing the branch access details for the local offices to face closure.
- *Cllr Mrs Heseltine* reported that she had attended the recent Regulatory Meeting.
- *Cllr R.Moreton* informed the meeting that he had been contacted by anxious residents regarding a car wash which had suddenly appeared at the Pear & Partridge. This was now closed but it may only be temporary. He also gave an update on the latest position in the Inter-Parish Games competition; Perton are now in 2nd place following the Cross Country event at the weekend.

39/09 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th May 2008.

Application No.	Proposals
08/00467/FUL	Side and rear extension 2 Cook Close, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TJ
08/00476/FUL	First floor extension over existing garage, new side garage and conservatory 42 St Andrews Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7YJ
08/00482/FUL	2 storey side extension 36 Itchen Grove, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7QY

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

08/00451/FUL	Alterations and extension to roof to provide first-floor accommodation with dormers - 9 Vanbrugh Court, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7TB
08/00481/FUL	2 storey side extension and garage conversion 56 Mercia Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7NH

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to street scene conditions.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
08/00236/FUL 08/00317/FUL	Two storey extension - 15 Levington Close, Perton Garage conversion, front extension and detached garage - 15 Guthrum Close, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
08/00287/FUL 08/00370/FUL	Two storey and single storey side extensions and conservatory - 31 Cornovian Close, Perton Two storey side extension – 19 Mercia Drive, Perton	Refusal of Planning Permission

40/09 **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 12th May 2008

01/05/08	103586	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance Limited	94.00
01/05/08	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
01/05/08	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1247.00
06/05/08	BACS	Stafordshire CC Pension Fund	1327.25
08/05/08	BACS	Inalnd Revenue	2168.43
09/05/08	BACS	Wages Week 5	1143.84
12/05/08	103587	Perton Carnival	30.00
12/05/08	103588	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	121.38
13/05/08	BACS	Wages Week 6	1140.68
15/05/08	103589	Promarco Promotions Limited	346.63
15/05/08	103590	Mr M.R.Cole Replacing stopped cheque 103551	138.00
15/05/08	103591	Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	673.00
15/05/08	103592	Nobisco Limited	108.31
16/05/08	103593	Post Office Limited	201.35
16/05/08	103594	CPRE Staffordshire	30.00
15/05/08	103595	Brisol Limited	229.12
19/05/08	DD	Severn Trent	53.88

20/05/08	103596	Mr D.P.Allen	250.00
21/05/08	BACS	Wages Week 7 / Month 2	5176.20
21/05/08	103597	Allianz Insurance Plc	5912.84
21/05/08	103598	Mr D.J.Glynn - Leasowe Drive Sign Grant	55.00
24/05/08	DD	Unicom	59.01
28/05/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	363.05
28/05/08	DD	British Gas - Gas	511.48
28/05/08	103599	Mr Ian Baugh	185.00
28/05/08	103600	Nobisco Limited	63.16
28/05/08	103601	Robert Acton Product Developments	29.38
29/05/08	103602	Computacenter (UK) Limited	74.12
		TOTALS	21779.11

b) Budget-to-date 2008/2009

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

41/09 **CLERKS REPORT – JUNE 2008**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 9th June 2008

- New 'PPC Byelaws' Signage now erected at Perton Playing Fields.
- Allianz insurance renewed for 2008 / 2009.
 - Initial quote £6459.84
 - Quote (like for like) reduced by Clerks Office to £5255.00 saving £1204.84
 - Final accepted quote increased Civic Centre Contents insurance plus revised cover for refurbished playground and new cover for new Muga - total premium of £5912.84.
 - Total actual saving of £547.00 on original quote plus considerably increased cover.
- SSDC – Annual Progress Report and Air Quality Action Plan consultation period ends on 4th July. Link available via www.sstaffs.gov.uk
- British Waterways notify us of repair / improvement works to its structures at Dimmingsdale Lock – Grid Ref: 385866 x 295954
- Receipt received from Perton Carnival in respect to PPC Grant of £350.00 from PPC.
- West Midlands Region Spatial Strategy Phase Two Revision Draft Submission consultation now further extended to 8/12/2008 via www.wmra.gov.uk to allow for Government Office for the West Midlands to commission study regarding housing options. See www.gowm.gov.uk
- Benita Toth from Perton First School has confirmed that she will attend PPC meeting on 14th July in company with her husband.
- Insp P.Shannaghan has confirmed by phone on 5th June in response to Clerks letter following May meeting that PCSOs have had no reduction in powers.

42/09 **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2007 / 08**

- a) Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2008 (circulated with the agenda)

The accounts for the year 2007/2008, subject to audit, were presented by the Clerk. **RESOLVED** that they be accepted and were signed by the Chairman of the Council.

- b) Internal Auditors Report

The Internal Auditors report for 2007/2008, attached to the official copy of the minutes, was accepted.

c) Annual Return / Statement of Accounts

Members had been provided with a copy of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March, 2008.

RESOLVED that the Statement of Assurance be approved and the Chairman of the Council duly signed.

43/09 **PERTON PLAYGROUND & MUGA – Opening Day**

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Playground and MUGA ‘Opening Day’ Working Party would meet on Monday 30th June at 6.30pm, prior to the Management meeting.

44/09 **NEW YEARS EVE 2008 – DJ ‘PORKY’**

Cllr NP Caine left the meeting for this item.

It was **RESOLVED** that the booking of DJ ‘Porky’ for the New Years Disco not be accepted due to the high fee quoted.

45/09 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2009 – PROPOSED DATES: Monday 20th or 27th April.**

RESOLVED that the date for the above meeting be Monday 27th April, 2009.

46/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Perton Sandown First School – Reduction to Swimming Allocation

Members considered correspondence relating to Pool time allocation. Cllr Mrs Allen asked if there was an issue with the general availability of the pool at Codsall High School and Cllr Marshall agreed to investigate and report back.

47/09 **STANDING ORDER NO 66.**

Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public - to RESOLVE that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph(s) Section 1[2] Public Bodies/Admission to meetings Act 1960.

PRIVATE SESSION: CLLR DJ BILLSON

a) **Funding for new Facilities**

Cllr Billson emphasised the need to have a defined plan in place in order to attempt to secure funding.

RESOLVED that Cllr Billson and the Clerk will obtain budgetary costs for an extension to the Civic Centre before proceeding further with this matter.

*It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Order Number 79 (length of meeting) be suspended.*

b) **Parish Clerk**

The Parish Clerk left the room for these discussions.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th July 2008 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 9.55 pm

Chairman
14th July 2008