

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:00pm**

Present PE Davis (Chairman )  
Mrs R Heseltine (vice Chairman)  
Mrs P Allen AA Bourke N Caine  
Mrs G Davis C Evans D Glynn  
Mrs A James AK James RR Simonds

Parish Clerk - Becky Hodgetts

Members of the Public - Five (including representatives from Wild About Perton and Friends of Perton Library.

170/18 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

A member of Wild About Perton and Friends of Perton Library gave a brief report on the activities of the groups with the aim of improving communication with the Parish Council.

The members congratulated the groups on their activities and agreed it highlighted the need for more communication.

It was suggested that Wild About Perton be consulted when the allotments become available.

7.30pm Chairman imposed standing orders

171/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs, M Francis, Naomi Caine, RE Moreton and Mrs L Turner

172/18 **POLICE MATTERS**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CRIME REPORT 08/10/2018 – 12/11/2018**

Public bodies can only disclose information if they have the power to do so. Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act provides a power to exchange information where disclosure is necessary to support the local Crime Reduction Strategy and Partnership in achieving the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and objectives outlined within it.

The degree of disclosure that takes place must be proportionate and relevant to the level of social ill or criminality it is intended to counter or prevent.

The information is only to be processed in relation to crime and disorder purposes. Information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and any other relevant legislation governing disclosures and will ultimately be disposed of in a secure manner.

- Main headlines since the last meeting there has been 2 residential burglaries where offenders gained entry to the property and taken a car key in one instance and numerous items from another. And 1 job relates to criminal damage to vehicle where the tyres were let down.
- ASB hotspots: we have had 7 calls re issues 3 of these issues have been youth related and 4 being neighbour disputes.
- Parking buddies are still being utilised by the schools in the area and we are still getting positive feedback.
- Please push smart alerts and our Twitter account for residents to have up to date info about issues on the area. I will be holding a surgery in Perton Library on Thursday 7th February 17:00 - 18:30, if anyone has any issues come and say hi.

I have noticed on my patrols recently that the temple area has got some profanities on it, which was brought to my attention at the end of my last shift by a member of the public. Is there any chance the parish council could look at the temple area and see what could be done? Over the years the Temple area has had numerous 'issues' including graffiti, Criminal damage and drinking/drug related ASB. I don't think there is the necessity for it to either be there with all the seating around Anders square. If the Parish want to keep it could we not have the wall in the middle knocked down?

If it were to be opened up, the wall would not be there to have any messages put on it. Youths couldn't hide around the back of it and use it as a toilet as they have done.

Any questions that haven't been covered please drop me an email and I will get back to you as soon as I can?

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PCSO 16722 Ashley Tooth

**Further Comments**

- The members agree that the youth shelter ('temple') options should be looked at, to place on the February agenda and also to take into consideration at the budget meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- Clerk to contact PCC and Chief Constable again regarding the issue of parking powers for PCSO's.

173/18 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**  
**Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following**  
176/18 b) **Cheque No. 100148** - Cllr AK James

174/18 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**  
No requests received.

175/18 **MINUTES**  
a) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 having previously been distributed, amended to correct a typing error in item 160/18 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

176/18 **FINANCE**  
a) **Resolved** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 together with the income statement for December 2018 and 2018/19 Budget update were accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**  
Payments made since the last Parish Council meeting

**December**

01/12/18	100148	Down To Earth Grounds Maintenance	687.60
03/12/18	SO	Kalidescope Ltd	30.00
03/12/18	DD	South Staffordshire Council	1380.00
04/12/18	100151	Refundable Deposit	150.00
04/12/18	100150	HAGS- SMP Ltd	408.00
04/12/18	100149	Plantscape Ltd	2280.00
04/12/18	100152	Sanderson Associates	2309.10
05/12/18	BACS	Bright Pay (Thesaurus Software Ltd)	120.00
06/12/18	100153	Edge IT Systems	561.60
07/12/18	BACS	Wages week 36	1710.42
13/12/18	100154	The Great Outdoor Gym Company	7584.00
14/12/18	100155	Weston Sawmill	1041.00
14/12/18	BACS	Wages week 37	1503.04
17/12/18	DD	BT	134.07
19/12/18	BACS	BPS - Plumbing	300.00
20/12/18	DD	CNG Ltd	748.65
21/12/18	100156	Staffordshire County Council	138.00
21/12/18	100158	Wombourne Printers Ltd	258.00
21/12/18	100157	Acquiesce Environmental Compliance Ltd	336.00
21/12/18	BACS	Wages week 38/month 09	3910.22
21/12/18	BACS	Members allowance month 9	1017.55
21/12/18	BACS	Inland Revenue	2501.84
21/12/18	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Superannuation	2620.31
28/12/18	DD	Veolia	141.31
28/12/18	BACS	Wages week 39	1396.44
<b>Month end total</b>			<b>33267.15</b>

- c) Appointment of Internal Auditor - **Resolved** to appoint Black Rose Solutions at the same costs as 2017/18

177/18 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Codsall Community High School (CCHS) - School Transport**

Staffordshire County Council confirmed that following a stage 2 review the walking route 'was available for a pupil to walk, accompanied as necessary.' The Parish Council does not agree with the County Council decision and **Resolved** to write to the County Council expressing their disappointment.

Perton Action Safer School Transport (PASST) held a meeting on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the next steps. Legal advice is to be sought from SPCA and NALC on approaching the Ombudsman, the group have a lot of evidence that they believe the assessment wasn't completed properly.

The group are forming a formal committee and would welcome volunteers to join.

It was agreed that new more eye-catching banners were required, suggested that they apply to the Parish Council for a grant.

The MP and a representative from Staffordshire County Council to hold a meeting, which the County Councillor should also be invited to attend.

**Resolved** the Clerk request the following information from Staffordshire County Council under Freedom of Information;

- 1) How the costs for vacant seats was determined?
- 2) Are there any other routes within Staffordshire that get free travel under 3 miles and what were the special circumstances?

b) **Community funded school crossing patrols**

**Resolved** Clerk to re-email the on-line survey at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/patrols](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/patrols). To consider further at the budget and precept meeting.

c) **Written report from County Councillor AK James**

The Christmas holiday and New Year meant there were no meetings during that period and this is a reduced report as a consequence.

The local Priority Meeting was held and this was addressed by the local police Inspector on the workings of their procedures and the results of their officers. This was a joint meeting of the County Councillors and District Councillors attending the meeting. Questions that I raised with the Inspector covered the amount of break ins and vehicle thefts from Perton area and the relationship between his police force and West Midlands Police in cross border follow ups for criminals that came from the West Midlands areas to be traced.

The subject of Heath House Lane for school pupils was also discussed and a Staffordshire County Council Cabinet member was made aware by myself that this route was unsuitable for purpose in walking to Codsall High School for Perton pupils. His reply was that it was as County Council officer had recently carried out a walk and declared it a safe route. It was conceded that an adult should accompany these pupils.

178/18 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Report from District Councillors**

**Written report from Cllr AK James - Member for Perton Dippons Ward of SSDC**

District Council Offices are to be the location of a public enquiry into 2 examinations for the siting of Crematoriums in South Staffordshire on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>, January 2019. The one that is in Codsall Parish affects Perton as it is scheduled to exit via the Wergs road on the A41. If this is accepted it is likely to cause interruptions to the flow of traffic from the traffic signals along this road. The other site is in Essington Parish close to Walsall.

A meeting with the County Highways Manager, Mark Keeling has been arranged for Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>. January 2019. The details to be discussed will cover the arrangements for

road repairs and winter work that is to be carried out after weather conditions that affect the roads around Perton during this period.

Verbal report from Cllr R Heseltine - Member for Perton Lakeside Ward of SSDC

Since the last Parish Council meeting, I have attended the following:

- 11.12.2018 Full Council
- 13.12.2018 Standards and Resources
- 18.12.2018 Planning Committee
- 08.01.2019 Well-being Select Committee

There were two presentations. First by Managing Director of SSCCG which followed a Q & A session. Second presentation by Managing Director of Families Care Group, Midlands partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

There is no update on the breast screening, this is still ongoing. As soon as I have any news, I will update you.

Additional Comments

Cllr Mrs P Allen informed the meeting that the Seisdon District Patients Group have requested a hard pad as part of the SSDC extension for the mobile unit to use.

b) Police Accountability Forum

Resolved to nominate Cllrs PE Davis and C Evans to attend the forum on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm at Bilbrook Village Hall.

179/18 CLERK'S REPORT

Email Distribution

SPCA weekly bulletins

SSDC weekly news updates

- 05/12/18 Correspondence regarding the positioning of the gym equipment around the lake
- 12/12/18 SSDC feedback from the 2018 Partnership Event
- 12/12/18 SSDC Election newsletter no. 2
- 12/12/18 Residents letter of thanks
- 13/12/18 Freedom of Information Act request - SCC Home to School transport Perton to Codsall
- 02/01/18 PASST meeting to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 7.30pm Church At Perton
- 04/01/18 SSDC - South Staffordshire New Tree Policy

Other Matters

- An application to BBC Gardeners Question Time has been submitted
- Repainting of the Madeline Moore room has been completed
- Correspondence received regarding the slippery boardwalk
- FOI request submitted to SCC regarding tenders from home to school transport, Perton to Codsall
- Employers Pension Discretions Policy sent to Staffordshire Pension Scheme for information
- Good Life Energy Team have been invited to carry out a surgery at Perton Civic Centre, to be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9.30am - 1.00pm
- The S137 limit is increasing to £8.12 per elector for the financial year 2019/20
- National Salary Awards received for 2019-20 to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019
- Solar Christmas Trees collected 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Ladies Toilet required a plumber
- A resident complaint regarding the uneven slabs in Anders Square was reported to Sainsburys by PPC - their facilities management team are investigating
- Broken bridge in Bluebell Wood reported to SSC for repair
- SGS called to repair a broken sensor in the CAB office - alarm could not be set
- The gym equipment has been re-located around the lake

Facebook /Website Posts

- Various smart Alerts and Crime prevention posters
- SSDC weekly news updates
- SSDC - being a Councillor event

### On-going matters

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| 1. Lower Lake de-silting        | 2. Civic Centre Renewable Energy |
| 3. Finger Posts - Anders Square | 4. Allotments                    |
| 5. Skatepark                    | 6. Bus shelter - Kingswood       |

- Councillors suggested requesting that the District Council power wash the board walk, this could help with the slippery surface.
- The bridge in Bluebell wood has been repaired and SSDC are checking all the other bridges.

### 180/18 PLANNING

- a) Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire District Council and reviewed by the Parish Council since the last council meeting.

Application No.	Proposals
18/00927/FUL	Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey rear and side extension and new chimney – <b>16 Portrush Road, Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7YZ</b>
18/00951/FUL	Installation of a flat lean to pergola framed awning, formed of extruded, aluminum box section profiled frame with a motorized retractable PVC roof. Side enclosure formed of aluminum framed toughened glass panels and a frameless toughened glass double door for access and egress - <b>The Wrottesley Arms, Severn Drive, Perton, WV6 7QU</b>
18/00993/FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension – <b>28 Ennerdale Drive, Perton, WV6 7PF</b>
18/01004/FUL	3.7 metre full width two-storey rear extension. Dining room/living space downstairs, 2 additional bedrooms incl. balcony upstairs. Single storey 2.7m side extension to lounge – <b>South Perton Cottage, Jenny Walkers Lane, Perton, WV6 7HB</b>

Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above planning proposals.

Application No.	Proposals
18/1010/FUL	The construction of a wildlife pond to serve as an attenuation pool taking storm water from adjacent barns – <b>The Old Farm, County Lane, Kingswood, Wolverhampton WV7 3AS</b>

Perton Parish Council raised concerns on the barn drainage as a further application (18/01020/AGR) shows an extension not yet approved.

DECISIONS – The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council

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18/00927/FUL	Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey rear and side extension and new chimney – <b>16 Portrush Road,</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>

- b) **Public Enquiry 16<sup>th</sup> January - Crematorium Holyhead Road/A41**  
**Resolved** Clerk to forward the traffic data from the Home to School Transport Assessment.  
Clerk to confirm if non consultees are able to speak at the enquiry.
- 181/18 **SKATEPARK**  
Nothing further to update.
- 182/18 **ANDERS SQUARE FINGER POSTS**  
The cost for installing the finger posts will be approximately £2,000 for a 3-4 year licence.  
Alternative locations were discussed. **Resolved** Clerk to be confirm ownership of the land  
beneath the BT phone box.
- 183/18 **COMMUNITY LITTER PICK DATES FOR 2019**  
A flyer showing the future dates was handed to all the Councillors
- 184/18 **GYM EQUIPMENT RELOCATION**  
The resident does not agree with the new sites for the equipment especially as it is in  
view of her property and suggests some screening. The council have had some positive  
comments regarding the siting. **Resolved** to monitor the situation before committing to  
any further changes.
- 185/18 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 (Precept) at 7.00pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.00pm

***Crime and Disorder Implications***

*Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, places a duty on a local authority to consider crime and disorder implications and to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions and to do all that is it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area.*

Where relevant any decisions noted herein have taken this duty of care into consideration.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019