

Minutes of the Special / Precept Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 4th January 2016 at 7:00pm

Present R Moreton (Chairman)
P Davis (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs RA Heseltine
Mrs P Allen
Mrs A James
Mrs L Turner
NP Caine
AK James
AA Bourke
MD Francis
D Glynn
R Simonds
Tony Tappenden (Clerk)

115/16 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllr Naomi Caine.

116/16 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs P Allen declared a personal interest as Trustee for Perton Playing Fields Association.

117/16 **PARISH PRECEPT 2016/17**

The Clerk explained that the tax-base calculation for 2016/17 has increased from £3369.26 in the current year to £3398.40. This means that more homes are contributing to the levy, which in turn means if the same budget is set as last year there will be a decrease in the precept bills or conversely leaving the precept the same as last year will result in slightly increased income for the Parish Council.: A Precept of £181,940.00 in the current year translates to a precept of £54.00 for a band D property compared to £53.54 next year in order to raise the same sum of £181,940.00.

The previously distributed outline budget for 2016/17 shows the anticipated budget sums that will be carried forward from the current year together with ring-fenced items that make up the total sum carried over to 2016/17.

Cllr NP Caine made a case for contribution to increased street lighting in Anders Sq plus a Skate park and Cllr DJ Glynn said we should consider providing additional Defibrillators around Perton Village. There was a general discussion concerning the ongoing refurbishment of the Civic Centre with particular attention to the foyer flooring. Additionally there was some debate regarding the merits of a zero increase to the domestic precept but Cllr MD Francis put forward a proposal which was seconded that we should increase the precept to £190k as this would increase the

weekly charge to a Band D property by only four pence per week whilst giving PPC an increased spending capability for the betterment of the Parish. Following a vote by show of hands it was **RESOLVED** that this proposal be accepted in principle.

The Members scrutinised the 2016/17 outline budget and there was considerable debate regarding key services and various fiscal allocations and the budget was checked and discussed line by line. Where there was a seconded proposal to increase a given sum this was decided on each case by a vote by show of hands and additional sums were added to the Contingency figure and Bus Shelters.

RESOLVED that the total precept budget sum required for 2016/17 be set at £190,000.00. The agreed precept means that the average Perton household at Council Tax Band D will be required to pay £55.91 annually or £1.08 per week which equates to an increase of £0.04p per week on the current precept.

**2016 - 17 PPC Annual Budget
Between 01/04/2016 and 31/03/2017**

Group/category	Total Budget
Income	
START OF YEAR 'RING FENCED' BROUGHT FORWARD	105546.67
START OF YEAR: CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	52474.33
TOTAL START OF YEAR BALANCE	158021.00
Monthly Civic Centre Income	65000.00
Parish Precept	0.00
Parish Precept Support Grant	0.00
Interest	1000.00
Grants	0.00
Total Income	66000.00
Total Income + Start of Year	224021.00
Expenses - Annual Costs	
Salaries & Wages	109000.00
Inland Revenue - Tax & NI	33000.00
Staffs County Pension Fund	27475.00
Chairmans Allowance	700.00
Internal & External Audit	2000.00
Computers & Software	1200.00
Telephone & Broadband	1140.00
Came & Co: Aviva PC Insurance	5500.00
Parish Grants	8000.00
Christmas Decorations	4000.00

Subscriptions: SPCA / SLCC / Others	1170.00
Bus Shelters / Maintenance	2000.00
John Ellis Health / Safety Consultancy	1000.00
Music Festival & PPC Events	0.00
Photocopier	1400.00
Office Stationery	1250.00
Electric	4700.00
Gas	6000.00
Severn Trent Metered Water	1400.00
SSDC Non Domestic Rates	15400.00
Refundable Deposits - Room Hire	4000.00
Centre Boiler Maintenance & Servicing	1100.00
Civic Centre Lift Maintenance	820.00
Civic Centre Auto Front Door	500.00
Security, Fire & Emergency Lighting	1100.00
Civic Centre Electrical PAT Testing / Insp	1000.00
Performing Rights Society & PPL	500.00
Refuse Collection	1350.00
Advertising: E&S / Perton Place	660.00
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	200.00
Drink Machine Rentals / Supplies	840.00
Contingency	10486.00
Cleaning Products / Hygiene Services	2100.00
PPC Civic Sunday	1000.00
Web Site Support / Maintenance	730.00
Staff Training	400.00
SSDC Premises Licence Fee	200.00
Civic Awards	500.00
Kitchen Vent Deep Cleaning	0.00
Protective Clothing & Litter Pick Items	250.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance & Inspections	700.00
SSDC: Sussed Out & About & Holiday Activities	1885.00
TV Licence	150.00
Village Notice Boards & Signs (Fingerposts)	4500.00
Senior Citizens	2000.00
Graffiti Cleaning	3200.00
MUGA/ Playground / Outdoor Activities	10000.00
War Memorial Maintenance	100.00
Flower Tubs & Hanging Baskets	3205.00
Traffic Island & Roundabouts Renovation	5000.00
Petty Cash	1200.00
Bank Charges	10.00
Civic Centre General Maintenance / Refurb	20000.00
Perton Parish Operating Reserve	60000.00

Partnership Working	23000.00
Youth	20000.00
Future Elections	3000.00
World War 1: 2018 Commemorative Event	2000.00
Total Expenses	414021.00
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This Year: Total Cash less Costs = Shortfall	-190000.00
Less Grant via SSDC	0.00
Precept Required	-190000.00

118/16 **SPECIAL ITEM – IN CAMERA: TO RESCIND THE DECISION MADE ON AGENDA ITEM / MINUTE No. 90/16 DETERMINED ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER, 2015**

This item was deferred until a future date which will be announced in due course.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.

**Chairman
11th January 2016**