

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 11th January, 2016 at 7:00pm**

Present R Moreton (Chairman)
PE Davis (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs R Heseltine
Mrs P Allen
Mrs L Turner
AK James
NP Caine
MD Francis
D Glynn
R Simonds (arrived @ 7.30pm)
AA Bourke

Parish Clerk - Tony Tappenden
Police: Sgt Darren Platt, PCSO Adrian Price & SC Jorja Whittingham.
Members of the Public present: 14

119/16 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Gillian Davis provided an update regarding the Perton WI tree planting initiative. She said that she has received good support and reported that the trees have now been planted in clusters at three locations and the project is now complete.

Mr Sam Payne wished to make three separate comments:

Firstly he passed his thanks and appreciation to Cllr D.Glynn for his help and support with the extension of the BT Fibre Optic network providing Superfast Broadband at new Perton locations.

Secondly he commented on the large numbers of cars across Perton that now park along the road and footpaths stopping pedestrians from using the paths. He said that he has a number of locations listed together with photographs and it is disappointing to note that the police do not seem to have any interest in the problem which has apparently now become the responsibility of traffic wardens.

Thirdly he asked for clarification as to what can be placed on the boundaries of domestic property noting that, for example, small rocks marking a property boundary can be a hazard to other people. Cllr NP Caine responded stating that only occasionally would this be a matter for the District or County Council if there was, for instance, an issue regarding blocked access. He said normally an issue of this sort would be a civil matter and be determined according to conditions specified in local deeds.

Brenda Watts said she had attended the meeting last month to complain about speeding traffic on The Parkway close to her address and asked when something would be done about this. She said the speed limit is exceeded regularly in the area by buses, lorries and coaches, none of which stop at the small roundabout and the vibrations are causing subsidence at her property, she said if the Parish Council could do nothing about it then who can? The Chairman said that we have two Parish Councillors that want to resurrect SpeedWatch but this may not be a solution due to conditions that have to be met at each location. Brenda said that speed humps would be a workable solution. Cllr AK James said that Mark Keeling from Staffs CC Highways is aware of the request but there is no available budget and in any case there would be no action arising unless there were incidents that indicate an accident blackspot. He added that he had arranged a meeting between the lady and the Manager of Sainsbury's to discuss the situation regarding early morning lorry deliveries but the lady did not go to the meeting. Cllr NP Caine said that buses and similar large vehicles will always go straight over the roundabout because of their size and he added that he was aware that Brenda Watts has had an extension at

her property and therefore any subsidence issues could be related to the building work. Cllr Mrs P.Allen said a number of subsidence issues have occurred due to the recent heavy rainfall. Cllr D Glynn suggested that Sgt Platt and the PCSO should be brought in to the conversation as SpeedWatch requires locations to be safety checked by the police. Sgt Platt spoke with the lady and took some details and committed to arrange for the speed laser team to visit the location. He added that vehicles are not required to stop at the roundabout as long as proper driver observation indicates that it is safe to proceed.

Carlo Hossack said that on this occasion he wished to offer praise to the District Council who responded very positively to a telephone call regarding overflowing bins over the Christmas period. It was also noted that around 6.30am today the area along Jenny Walkers Lane was strewn with rubbish and Cllr NP Caine said he had reported this and the rubbish was cleared immediately. Carlo Hossack briefly touched on the situation at Richmond Drive and Sgt Platt said that he has visited the location and spoken to the residents and also reviewed the legislation. He said that he does not think that there are legal offences but agreed that a problem exists that needs to be solved. He said the scrap vehicles and parking problems will hopefully be sorted via the Section 215 notice which has been served and this may be followed up in court if not complied with but he added that the notice period has not yet expired. He said that he had spoken to the resident who has agreed to get rid of one vehicle and subsequently the Jaguar was removed and the pickup has now been moved off the road on to the drive. Carlo Hossack said other better legislation could be used as a 215 notice is not an holistic response and ASB would provide greater powers to solve the problem, Carlo noted that the police are still trying to hand off this and similar issues to the Council.

Mr James Langford raised concerns regarding local footpaths which in some cases are virtually disappearing noting that the paths at the centre of Richmond Drive and those between Framlingham Grove and Elmley Grove and Warwick Ave and Elmley Grove are particularly bad. He said that rubbish of various types is being thrown over some garden fences and there seems to be no civic pride in the local area. He also made some observations regarding obstructions that significantly impact some local driving routes.

120/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Naomi Caine and also from R Simonds who advised that he expects to be at tonight's meeting but anticipates late arrival.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said that she had asked the Chairman for permission to speak which had been granted, she then said she would like to formally apologise to Mr A.Law for comments that she had made at the December meeting regarding his resignation.

121/16 **POLICE MATTERS**

The police report was not available for distribution prior to or at the meeting. PCSO Adrian Price gave a brief verbal overview of the most recent incidents. He also reported on a job that had come in yesterday saying that there had been some photo evidence that enabled the police to speak to the kids involved in front of their parents who were upset and took notice. There was also some information regarding the local theft of push bikes and Sgt Platt said that there has recently been an arrest regarding push bike theft in another area and this has not yet been tied in to similar thefts at Perton but it could well be that the matters are related.

Cllr NP Caine said that recently on leaving a PPC meeting there were a number of youths revving car engines on Sainsbury's car park and he said this is disturbing for local residents and people in the area. The PCSO said he can take up the matter with Sainsbury's but stated that this is private land. Cllr D Glynn said that whilst he did not report the matter the youths were racing their vehicles in a public place and this extended beyond the boundaries of private land.

Cllr NP Caine said there is a need for the dog bin to be replaced at Richmond Drive. PCSO Adrian Price said that he had the bin removed because the dog bags were being thrown at private homes in the area but it was agreed that a new bin location may work.

122/16 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Cllr Mrs P. Allen declared personal interest in cheque 104827 paid to PPFA as she is a Trustee of that organisation, personal interest in cheque 104828 paid to Perton First School PTFA as she is a school governor and personal and prejudicial interest in cheque 104830 paid to D.P.Allen.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine declared personal interest in cheque 104828 paid to Perton First School PTFA as she is a school governor.

123/16 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th DECEMBER, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th December, 2015 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

124/16 **MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING HELD ON 4th JANUARY, 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Precept Meeting held on 4th January, 2016 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

125/16 **FINANCE**

a) **Draft Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 5th January, 2016**

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 5th January, 2016 together with the income statement for December 2015 be accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 14th December 2015

			£
01/12/15	STO	Kalidescope Limited	48.00
01/12/15	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1467.00
02/12/15	BACS	Wages Week 35	1422.67
04/12/15	104824	Nobisco Limited	239.35
08/12/15	BACS	Shelutions Ltd	24772.20
09/12/15	BACS	Wages Week 36	1437.71
14/12/15	BACS	Halls SMS	97.74
14/12/15	104825	Arts Alive - Flicks in the Sticks	300.00
14/12/15	104826	ESPO	88.97
15/12/15	BACS	Caterlink UK Ltd	36.00
15/12/15	104827	Perton Playing Fields Association	2000.00
15/12/15	104828	Perton First School PTFA	500.00
15/12/15	104829	The Society of Local Council Clerks	284.00

17/12/15	DD	BT One Bill (Broadband & Telephony)	118.10
17/12/15	BACS	Christmas Refreshments (via A.P.Moreton)	47.00
18/12/15	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	2425.62
18/12/15	BACS	Inland Revenue	2685.38
18/12/15	BACS	Wages Week 37 / Month 9	4592.85
18/12/15	104830	D.P.Allen	350.00
18/12/15	104830	D.P.Allen	20.00
21/12/15	104831	MGD Solutions	196.00
21/12/15	104832	ESPO	44.40
21/12/15	104832	ESPO	134.95
21/12/15	BACS	Halls SMS	48.28
22/12/15	BACS	Wages Week 38	1182.40
24/12/15	DD	British Gas - Electric	490.75
24/12/15	104833	Post Office Ltd	199.66
29/12/15	BACS	Wages Week 39	1182.40
30/12/15	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	112.22

TOTALS

46523.65

c) **Budget-to-date 2015 / 2016**

The information was noted without query.

d) **Application for Concessionary Room Hire – Thomas Telford School**

RESOLVED that the Thomas Telford School event will be allowed at the concessionary hire rate.

126/16 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Report from County Councillor AK James**

County Council Report for Perton Parish Council Meeting on 11th.of January 2016.

As a result of the short period of business since my last report in December due to Christmas and New Year Break. The information available is very brief.

There is a Local Priority Meeting arranged for Tuesday, 12th.January to cover matters that are ongoing and any subjects that have arisen since the last meeting of this body.

I would remind Councillors that a site visit has been arranged with the Highways Manager, Mark Keeling to look at the Chicane traffic calming installations on Monday, 18th.January at 3p.m. It will concern the specifications used to measure the ramps in place there.

Any questions in relation to County Council matters. I will be available to answer at the above meeting,

Keith James.

Member for the Perton Division of Staffordshire County Council.

Cllr NP Caine asked if there was any update to the A41 and hedging issues. Cllr AK James replied that there is no update but this can be discussed with the Highways representative when he comes to Perton on 18th January.

Cllr A Bourke asked what can be done regarding the issues reported earlier in the public session. Cllr AK James said that this type of work can be passed to the Neighbourhood Team but commented that generally cutbacks are having a significant impact in dealing

with numerous issues.

Cllr D.Glynn said there are still issues along the Penk by St Andrews Drive with numerous off-cuts littering the area. Cllr AK James said this is not a County issue and is relevant to the District Council and Andy Cousins. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will notify A.Cousins at SSDC and request a clear up visit.

Cllr Mrs P.Allen asked if there is any update regarding the Youth Club situation at the Middle School. Cllr AK James advised that the County is now absolved from school management and we are still waiting to hear from the school headmaster.

127/16 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Report from District Councillors**

District Council Report for Perton Parish Council Meeting on 11th.January 2016.

There has been a Meeting of the Planning Committee on 15th.December 2015. There were just 3 applications within South Staffordshire. None were for the Perton area. There is a future decision to be made concerning the establishment of a Solar Panel Farm adjacent to Kingswood ,
The selected sites for future housing developments has been published and the schemes are available to inspect at the District Council offices. In connection with the selection I have not been contacted by residents on the sites presented.

The District Council are still in the process of publishing there Budget and Rates calculations for the forthcoming year and this information will shortly be available.

Keith James.

Member for Perton Dippons Ward of South Staffordshire District Council.

Cllr AK James added that there is a meeting tomorrow concerning local issues across the District and County Councils.

Cllr AA Bourke said that following the Christmas break there was not much to report other than the planning meeting.

Cllr NP Caine said he also had little to report but added that he often visits the Codsall offices to talk with department heads.

Cllr Mrs R.Heseltine reported on the planning meeting and said there is considerably more activity coming up.

The Chairman, Cllr R.Moreton said that he had recently attended Codsall High School presentation evening which he said was very impressive. He said that of particular note were two girl solo singers who were excellent and promoted a good deal of pride in the school and the area in general. A brief conversation followed regarding school head teacher Alun Harding and his close link with the community and queries followed regarding the use of the school building. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will contact Mr Harding to request an update following the meeting with PPC Councillors and to also highlight concerns regarding the outstanding budget still held by Staffs County Council which may be vulnerable, particularly as fiscal year end approaches.

128/16 **CLERK'S REPORT – JANUARY 2016**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 11th January, 2016

Email Distribution

- 18th Dec From Mark Keeling – Staffs CC Highways: Feedback on chicane humps and agreement to attend a site meeting.
- 21st Dec From Mark Keeling – Staffs CC Highways: Chicane site meeting will

- 21st Dec be at 3.00pm on Monday 18th January 2016.
From Insp Giles Parsons – S.Staffs Police LPT Commander: Ref perceived parking obstruction at Richmond Drive.
- 24th Dec PPC apology sent to ex Councillor Andy Law regarding PPC Councillor comments made at PPC meeting on Monday 14th December 2015.
- 4th Jan From Clerk – Amendment to Precept Agenda
- 4th Jan From Clerk – To PPC Members concerning slander & libel issues
- 5th Jan From Clerk – To PPC Members concerning collusion issue
- 6th Jan From Staffs CC Highways - To PPC Members regarding road closure.
- 7th Jan Impressions of War Programme
- 8th Jan From Staffs Waterways – To PPC Members re: Staffs & Worcs Canal

Other Items / Update

- A grant of £1500.00 has been received from Staffordshire CC Community Fund via Cllr AK James by way of contribution for the renovation of the existing bus shelters.
- Christmas / New Year card received for all at PPC from Alun Harding at Codsall, Perton and Bilbrook schools.
- No response as yet to our request to Sainsbury's for a meeting with their Area Manager
- Letter received from Chair of Perton First School PTFA thanking PPC for 'generous grant' towards purchase of new library books.
- SSDC Andy Cousins has advised that Playing Fields Car Park will be utilised for the short term storage of bark for onward distribution at Perton sites.
- Civic Centre defibrillator will shortly be installed. Once achieved 999 cutover and training can be arranged.
- PPC Cleaner has given notice that she will be retiring on 31st March 2016.

There followed a brief discussion regarding the cleaners long term history at Perton Civic Centre and the need for some form of presentation to mark her retirement.

129/16 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish Council Planning Committee since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th December, 2015.

Application No.	Proposals
15/01016/FUL	Two-storey side extension - 24 Buttermere Court, Perton WV6 7PP

No objections were raised to the above application subject to obscured glass being fitted in the en-suite.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
15/00851/FUL	First floor side and rear extensions - 37 Gleneagles Road, Perton	GRANTED
15/00923/FUL	A single storey, flat roof extension (with canopy to match on existing unit) and inclusive of dining, bath and utility rooms - 12 Mere Oak Road, Perton	
15/00950/FUL	Single storey rear extension to form orangery - 7 Adwalton Road, Perton	

130/16 **CIVIC CENTRE AUTOMATIC FRONT DOORS**

The Clerk explained that this is a recently developed problem that causes erratic behaviour of the automatic doors and advised that he has negotiated a £200.00 discount on the figure detailed in the quotation.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will accept the quotation in the sum of £1195.00 plus VAT (original quote of £1395.00 less £200.00 agreed discount) and have the work executed as soon as possible.

131/16 **PERTON VILLAGE SHOW UPDATE – CLLR P DAVIS**

Cllr P Davis reported good progress with the organisation of the village show and thanked PPC Members for their ongoing support. He reminded all present that the show date is Saturday 17th September 2016 so we still have nine months or so to prepare. He said that the show committee comprises himself, his wife Gillian, Cllr Mrs R Heseltine, Christopher Evans and Rev Julia Cody.

Cllr Davis said that he has met with Lord Wrottesley who has been very supportive and will provide trophies from both his family and also the natural burial ground. Trophies have also been promised from Gavin Williamson MP, Cllrs Mrs R.Heseltine and Mrs P.Allen and Sally Beard from The Bradshaws Farms. He also said there have been various promises to provide prizes and he expects the show schedule to be published in March.

He explained the recent history saying that Cllr Mrs P Allen had run a similar show for several years before it eventually folded but he expects that the new Village Show will bring out lots of local talent as various crafts will be on display and having been involved with Tettenhall show for four to five years he feels that the time is right to focus on Perton particularly given that it is the 40th anniversary of the village this year. He said the main part of the show will take place in Perton Civic Centre from 2.00pm and there will also be a novelty dog show which will take place on the grassed area between the children's playground and the library. He added that on March 12th he will be distributing 17 litre polybags together with one potato per bag and the competition will be to determine who can produce the greatest yield, he said this will be restricted to a maximum of fifty entries.

Cllr AK James said that Community Fund grant money will be available to support the show and the Chairman Cllr R Moreton said that they have done very well so far and that the great enthusiasm being shown is clear for all to see.

Cllr Mrs R Heseltine said progress has been good given the first committee meeting only took place last October and she said that the event has been added to the local 'Good Life' website.

Cllr Mrs P Allen said the local schools wished to participate and she expects them to get involved.

132/16 **PERTON PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCIES: DIPPONS WARD & EAST WARD - UPDATE:**

The Clerk confirmed that the vacancies in each Ward will be contested via a by-election on Thursday 18th February 2016. The Airman's Lounge at Perton Civic Centre will be the polling station for Perton Dippons Ward and Perton Middle School will be used for Perton East.

RESOLVED that polling cards will be required and the Clerk will advise the SSDC Election office accordingly.

133/16 **NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST AWARD – CLLR MRS RA HESELTINE:**

Cllr Mrs R Heseltine explained that a Perton couple have been awarded MBEs in the new year's honours list for their services to child fostering with nearly two hundred children benefitting from their care over the last four decades of which ten were actually adopted by the couple. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to the couple on behalf of PPC to congratulate them on their awards and add their commendations.

There followed a brief discussion about the couple from the knowledge and perspective of the Members and it was agreed in principle that some form of local award should be considered for the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 8th February 2016 @ 7.00 pm

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.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm

Chairman - 8th February, 2016