

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 13th February, 2017 at 7:00pm**

Present PE Davis (Chairman)
Mrs R Heseltine (Vice-Chairman)
Naomi Caine
Mrs G Davis
Mrs A James
A A Bourke
C Evans
D Glynn
AK James
R Moreton
N Caine (part of meeting)
RR Simonds

Parish Clerk - Becky Hodgetts
Members of the Public - Four

155/17 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

A resident said how lovely it was to have the Pantomime back again this year, and so well supported.

Meeting commenced 7.00pm

The Chairman imposed Standing Orders

156/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P Allen, Mrs L Turner and M Francis.

Cllr N Caine sent apologies, he would be arriving late to the meeting.

157/17 **POLICE MATTERS**

a) Police Report

- A suspicious man reported, confirmed collecting on behalf of Air Ambulance.
- An attempted house break in on Perton Ridge, Police looking for a silver Vauxhall.
- Bus timetable case vandalized at the shelter sited at Richmond Drive. **Resolved** Clerk to add to next agenda for discussion.

158/17 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following:

161/17 d) Perton Bowling Club committee members - Cllrs Mrs R Heseltine, P Davis and D Glynn

173/17 c) Speed Gun - Cllrs P Davis, D Glynn

159/17 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Requests for dispensations on items

161/17 d) received from Cllrs Mrs R Heseltine, P Davis and D Glynn - Committee members for Perton Bowling Club.

173/17 c) received from Cllrs P Davis, D Glynn

Resolved approve dispensations for one meeting only.

160/17 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2017 and Precept Meeting held on 16th January 2017, having previously been distributed, were confirmed as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

161/17 **FINANCE**

- a) **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2017 together with the income statement for January 2017 were accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

Payments made since the last parish council meeting

January			£
01/01/17	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1479.00
04/01/17	DD	Npower - Electricity	1007.33
04/01/16	104981	Post Office Ltd - Petty cash top up	227.60
05/01/17	104982	Assa Abloy Entrance Systems Ltd	197.76
05/01/17	104983	Drinkmaster Ltd (rental)	171.29
06/01/17	BACS	Wages week 40	1336.22
08/01/17	DD	Kalidescope Limited	48.00
09/01/17	104984	John Ellis Associates Limited	250.00
10/01/17	BACS	Inland Revenue	2318.72
10/01/17	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	2236.33
13/01/17	BACS	Wages week 41	1294.80
13/01/17	104985	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	99.68
16/01/17	104986	Anthony Weatherington - PJC Building	1045.00
17/01/17	DD	BT One Bill (Broadband & Telephony)	120.56
20/01/17	BACS	Wages week 42	1504.07
20/01/17	DD	Npower Gas	895.82
23/01/17	104987	MGD Solutions	196.00
05/01/17	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd (rental)	171.29
26/01/17	BACS	Halls SMS	155.28
27/01/17	BACS	Wages week 43/month 10	3725.56
27/01/17	BACS	Members allowance month 10	1034.15
30/01/17	104988	SLCC	41.40
30/01/17	BACS	Arts Alive - Flicks in the Sticks	300.00
30/01/17	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	112.22
TOTALS			19968.08

c) **Budget-to-date 2016/2017**

The information was noted.

d) **Application for concessionary room rate**

- i) Chris Ford Music sessions- **Resolved** approve concessionary rate on the proviso that the sessions are open for others to join.
- ii) Perton Bowling Club - **Resolved** approve free use of the Airman's Lounge to hold a fundraising/information Coffee morning.

e) **Application for grant**

Perton Day Care Centre requested funding towards a new wheelchair. Cllr Mrs A James informed the meeting that she has one she is willing to donate. **Resolved** Perton Day Care should reapply for a grant with a properly costed scheme.

162/17 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Gritting**

Cllr Mrs G Davis informed the council of a recent conversation with bus drivers. The drivers were going to start refusing to come to Perton if roads were left untreated during icy conditions. It was agreed that the bus companies need to take the County Council to task over this issue. The clerk has contacted the bus companies but received no reply.

Resolved Clerk to enquire when Perton was downgraded to a non-priority route by the County Council. Clerk to invite Mark Keeling to a future Parish Council meeting.

b) **Road Conditions - Jenny Walkers Lane, Tough Guy Event**

Jenny Walkers Lane was left in a poor state after the Tough Guy event, especially mud on the road. The event organizer should be made to tidy up all litter and debris and also to ensure that the road is left in a safe manner for motorists. **Resolved** County Councillor AK James will take this matter up with Staffordshire Highways

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

Member for the Perton Division of Staffordshire County Council

After making enquiries to the Community Liaison Officer, Sarah Garner concerning the Youth facility Fund being held for use in providing a financial back up in starting this project. I was assured that this was still in existence and they were aware of the progress in the final details being worked out.

Local Priority Meeting was held on 10th.January 2017 between the County and District Council Members to discuss District Commissioning Lead and Community Partnership Officer Update following Members Matters covering Highways and Social Care provisions.

In the decisions that will be involved in providing infrastructure requirements for future housing development within the Perton village boundary . It will be necessary to inform the County Council of suggestions and proposals to accommodate any increase in traffic. Once the sites are confirmed and the effects are considered. An approach can then be initiated to the County Council for appraisal.

An increase in the provision of extra Grit containers for has been made to the County Highways as there is a need to cover places where there are problems highlighted when frosts create icy road conditions on minor roads are not visited by the gritting lorries in Perton.

Additional comments

Parish Council support will be required for any future plans on Highway infrastructure

163/17 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Site Allocations Document - Publication Plan Consultation**

The consultation is focused on the legal compliance. **Resolved** no comments

b) **Police Accountability Forum**

Resolved Cllr P Davis to attend on behalf of Perton Parish Council

c) **Report from District Councillors**

Verbal report from Cllr Rita Heseltine

Member for Perton Lakeside Ward of South Staffordshire District Council

Since the last Parish Council meeting I have attended the following:
10.01.2017 Member Training : Scrutiny

Wellbeing Select Committee: The topic for this meeting was Breast Screening Provision in South Staffordshire. Unlike the December meeting, we did have representatives from Public Health England in attendance - Stephanie Cook NHS England, Interim Head and Alison Teale who is Ruth Goldstein's replacement. They gave a presentation but many questions remain unanswered - they said that they just did not have the information. However, the question and answer session which followed was very good and Committee members were quite forceful in voicing their concerns and dissatisfaction with the present situation. Stephanie and Alison were concerned that not everyone was given a choice of different locations and that if an appointment was missed - for whatever reason - the only option was Cannock. A completely unacceptable state of affairs which needed to be investigated. They left the meeting with more investigations to be made. Watch this space!

12.01.2017 Member Training.

16.01.2017 Let's Work Together - The Good Life, Student Survival School and how to eat well/healthily on a budget or with time constraints, Compassionate Communities/Hospice at Home, NHS and Social Care in South Staffordshire- Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

17.01.2017 Your Council Challenge Panel.

Planning Committee.

24.01.2017 Member Briefing on the proposal for the South Staffordshire lottery.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

26.01.2017 Standards and Resources Committee.

31.01.2017 Member Training: Fraud Awareness.

Written report from Cllr AK James

Member for Perton Dippons Ward of South Staffordshire District Council

Following a meeting at Perton Civic Centre with the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Mrs.Mary Bond and her Officers on 11th.January to discuss issues affecting the maintenance of footpaths and the upkeep of some areas of Perton. A detailed account was presented on the schedules and methods employed by the Council in carrying out sweeping and grass cutting and the costs per head of these operations. A commitment was given to tackle the accumulation of leaves along the A41 and other parts of the Village.

The Silver Poplars Residents Association at Kingswood held their bi-monthly Meeting at Perton Civic Centre and one of their concerns centred on the vehicle speeds along the A464 (Holyhead Road) at the County Lane junction. This matter has been passed on to the Police. There is a 50mph limit along this road and they have asked if a speed camera check could be arranged to deter excessive speed at this location.

In view of the reduction in funding that affects the District Council's ability to provide the level of services that are needed by the residents of South Staffordshire. A District wide Prize Lottery Draw is to be introduced for making a contribution to the finances and making a return back to the participants through cash prizes at regular intervals. Details will be published in due course.

Additional comments

Cllr AK James to attend a meeting with the Silver Poplars Residents Association to discuss their issues.

164/17 CLERK'S REPORT

Email Distribution

- 04/01/17 Planning Masterclass - SAVE THE DATE - 15th February 2017
- 05/01/17 SCC - Positive Outcome From The Community Reassurance Project
- 05/01/17 SPCA weekly bulletin 5th January 2017
- 10/01/17 SCC Highways update w/c 9th January 2017
- 10/01/17 SPCA - Development Control : How to respond to Planning Applications" - Training Course
- 13/01/17 SSDC - South Staffordshire lottery survey link
- 13/01/17 SPCA weekly bulletin 12th January 2017
- 16/01/17 Consultation on South Staffordshire's draft Housing Enforcement Policy
- 17/01/17 SSDC Site Allocations Consultation information
- 17/01/17 SCC Highways update w/c 16th January 2017
- 20/01/17 SCC Highways update on gritting
- 23/01/17 Grounds maintenance meeting notes and frequency tables.
- 24/01/17 SCC Highways Update w/c 23rd January 2017
- 24/01/17 Resident email regarding traffic issues Perton
- 26/01/17 SPCA weekly bulletin 26th January 2017
- 02/02/17 SPCA weekly bulletin 2nd February 2017

Other Matters

- Wild about Perton Spring Festival Saturday 20th May 2017
- PPC reported vandalised bus shelter timetable case near Leasowe Drive. Incident no. 421/10th January 2017. Crime number FZ2339-2017.
- Reminder - Closing date for Citizen of the Year is 24th February 2017
- Flyposting on bus shelters, organisers have been asked to remove.
- Decking boards replaced/repared in 'Bluebell Wood '
- County Council have spoken to builders using the footpath for delivery of building materials, permission for works given under planning application no. 16/00252/FUL
- PPC 'Staging Date' for automatic enrolment was 1st January 2017. To comply with the workplace pension law all existing and non-scheme members of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) have been written to informing them how the change in the new law affects them.
- PPC reported lighting columns not working in walkway from Anders Square to Perton First School report number: - MREP-49730-8716
- PPC - requested installation of litter bin at bus shelter Mercia Drive following parishioner request. SSDC installed within 3 days.
- BT contract renewed for 24 months. Broadband upgraded to infinity from ADSL with a reduction of £6 per month.
- Confirmed with Plantscape that Summer Planters will be a colourway of their popular 'bright mix'
- SSDC Planning Enforcement officer to review current works for 16/00252/FUL
- PPC reported grit bins require refilling at bottom of Richmond Drive. Ref 4069129
- Bus shelter at Richmond Drive front of timetable case vandalised.

165/17 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish Council Planning Committee since the last Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017

Application No.	Proposals
17/00009/FUL	Proposed two storey extension to side and detached garage - 60 Hawksmoor Drive, Perton WV6 7TE

Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above application subject to the proposal remaining as one dwelling and any trees removed are replaced. The following observations were also made;

- The pitched roof if the detached garage would be above the height on the retained section of hedge
- whether the detached garage breaches the building line

166/17 **GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

Resolved approve the framework with no amendments. An updated Risk report was signed by the chairman

167/17 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE - BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Resolved to consider forming a committee for entry in 2018. Flyer to be handed out at the Village Show in September to gain support.

168/17 **DEFIBRILATOR**

- a) BT has agreed to the adoption of the telephone kiosk at Leasowe drive for £1. BT have guaranteed to provide an electricity supply for a minimum of 7 years if the site is to be used for a defibrillator. **Resolved** accept the agreement provided by BT, noting item 5.52 and 5.53.
- b) Three quotes for provision of Defibrillator were presented. **Resolved** to purchase a CPAD kit from Cardiac Science at a cost of £1495.

169/17 **LOWER FISHING LAKE - DESILTING OPTION**

A product called Siltex could be added to the water creating an environmentally friendly bacteria which dissolves the silt. This would not be a quick fix but a long term solution. District Council is waiting for a response from the Environmental Agency before any

decision is made. **Resolved** defer until March meeting. Clerk to follow up with District Council copying in District Councillors and Portfolio Holder.

170/17 **SAINSBURY'S CAR PARK, PAINTING OF KERB**

The kerb nearest to the Chip shop and Café requires repainting as it is a trip hazard. A report of someone already tripping has been made to Sainsbury's. The Clerk has contacted the Perton Store, Head Office and the Management Company that arranged painting of the kerb in 2012 to try and resolve this matter unfortunately no response has been received to date. **Resolved** Clerk to contact District Council Health and Safety Officer for guidance.

171/17 **YOUTH STRATEGY**

Unfortunately the Youth Club Committee needs to recruit 2 new members following resignations. An EGM will be called in the hope that the vacancies will be filled, if not the youth club project will not proceed.

8.38pm *Cllr N Caine arrived at the meeting*

Resolved Clerk to confirm when the meeting is to be held. A parish Council representative must be allowed to attend the committee meetings, even if as a non-voting member.

172/17 **PERTON CHRISTMAS FAIR COMMITTEE - PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Resolved Cllr Mrs G Davis will join the Christmas Fair Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

173/17 **TRAFFIC ISSUES PERTON**

- a) Morning Traffic - this issue was covered by the County Councillors Report.
- b) Speeding - The Crossing patrol wardens are concerned with the increase in speeding vehicles at school times. They are also receiving abuse from some parents even when children are in the car.
- c) Speed Gun - the current gun has broken, a replacement would cost £199. Volunteers would be willing to have the school crossing sites assessed and hold speed watch sessions at relevant times. **Resolved** to approve cost of replacement speed gun

174/17 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13th March 2017 @ 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 9.00pm

Chairman - 13th March 2017