

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 10th April, 2017 at 7:00pm**

Present PE Davis (Chairman)
Mrs R Heseltine (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs P Allen
Naomi Caine
Mrs G Davis
Mrs A James
Mrs L Turner
N Caine
C Evans
M Francis
D Glynn
AK James
R Moreton
RR Simonds

Parish Clerk - Becky Hodgetts

Members of the Public - Three

Also present Ros Burton - SSCVA Keith Elder SSCVA Community Connector

196/17 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Resident wondered when the road sweeper was going to finish sweeping the gutters, Jenny Walkers Lane has been done twice in the last couple of months? The Chairman made reference to a meeting held with District Council and the constraints that they have regarding this matter. Sweeping of specific areas can be requested.

Ros Burton from South Staffordshire Community Voluntary Association (SSCVA) gave a brief overview of what the SSCVA can do to help not for profit/charity groups.

Keith Elder gave a brief overview of his involvement as a Community Connector.

Community Voice Forums are held twice a year and is an opportunity for people who are active in the community to learn and talk to each other. The next forum is to be held at Perton Church on 9th May 9.30am - 1.00pm.

7.10pm Ros Burton- SSCVA Keith Elder SSCVA Community Connector left the meeting

Meeting commenced 7.10pm

The Chairman imposed Standing Orders

197/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr A A Bourke

198/17 **POLICE MATTERS**

- Criminal damage reported to another bus shelter time table cases
- 1 theft from motor vehicles reported. No witnesses have come forward so unable to follow up
- Drug dealers caught in Perton and charged. 2 houses searched.
- No ASB youth reported, most ASB is neighbour disputes or mental health issues. Working with other agencies where appropriate.
- Car seized with no insurance, driver had no licence.
- Drink driver caught leaving the Pear & Partridge, car seized.

199/17 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following:

202/17 b) Perton Carnival committee members - Cllrs Mrs P Allen, Mrs G Davis and Mrs R Heseltine - Cheque no. 100501

202/17 b) Cheque no. 100500 - Cllr Mrs P Allen

202/17 e) Perton Carpet Bowls Committee members - Cllr Mrs R Heseltine, P Davis and D Glynn

207/17 Perton Youth Club committee member - Cllr Mrs P Allen

211/17 b) SPCA Executive Committee member - Cllr N Caine

200/17 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Requests for dispensations:

202/17 e) received from Cllrs Mrs R Heseltine, P Davis and D Glynn Committee members for Perton Bowling Club.

RESOLVED to approve dispensations for one meeting only.

201/17 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2017, having previously been distributed, were confirmed as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

202/17 **FINANCE**

a) **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4th April 2017 together with the income statement for March 2017 were accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

Payments made since the last parish council meeting

<u>March</u>			£
01/03/17	DD	Kalidescope Limited	48.00
01/03/17	104999	Peter Dorrell & Co. - LSH refurbishment	2238.00
01/03/17	105000	D Allen - Xmas lights installation	250.00
03/03/17	Bank Chg	Co-Op Auto Cheque Encashment Fee	1.50
03/03/17	BACS	Wages week 48	1294.60
10/03/17	BACS	Wages week 49	1304.07
15/03/17	105001	Perton Carnival Grant	300.00
17/03/17	DD	BT	186.18
17/03/17	BACS	Wages week 50	1543.04
17/03/17	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	2193.02
17/03/17	BACS	Inland Revenue	2248.85
17/03/17	105002	Your Printer Cartridge Co.	98.34
24/03/17	BACS	Wages week 51/month 12	3585.57
24/03/17	BACS	Members allowances month 12	1036.55
24/03/17	DD	Npower Gas	679.14
24/03/17	BACS	Arts Alive - Flicks in the Sticks	600.00
24/03/17	105003	MGD Solutions	196.00
28/03/17	BACS	Kalidescope Limited - domain name renewal	18.00
28/03/17	DD	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	126.72
30/03/17	BACS	Wages week 52	1369.96
31/03/17	105004	Post Office Ltd - petty cash top up	242.02
		Monthly total	19559.56

- c) **Budget-to-date 2016/2017**
The information was noted.
- d) **Alternative Banking Arrangements**
Perton Parish Council currently complete the day to day banking through Co-op bank. There is some concern regarding the uncertainty of the Co-op as it is currently for sale. Any interruption to service by the bank would disrupt the running of the centre. Alternative banking arrangements were presented by the clerk. **RESOLVED** to open a new account with HSBC.
- e) **Application for concessionary room rate**
Perton Indoor Carpet Bowls - **RESOLVED** to approve concessionary room hire rate
- f) **Application for grant**
Perton Day Care Centre - **RESOLVED** to grant £500 towards the purchase of new appliances.

203/17 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) **Community Paths Initiative**
Various footpaths were discussed. **Resolved** Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the Rights of Way Officer.

County Councillor AK James will contact Highways regarding the flooding at Dippons Lane which is reportedly starting to smell stagnant.

- b) **Crematorium**
An amended application for a crematorium has been received at District Council. Perton Parish Council has not been consulted but it was agreed that they should make representation. There is some concern regarding the proposed access on the A41. A 55m filter lane will be installed with no vehicular access from Heath House Lane. The first application has been called in by Gavin Williamson MP and is under appeal. **Resolved** Clerk to respond to consultation with highway concerns
- c) **Written report from County Councillor AK James**
Member for the Perton Division of Staffordshire County Council

At the main Meeting of the County Council. The prime item was the setting of a balanced Budget for the forthcoming year. The main features included proposals to fulfil the legal duty for the provision of social care. There is a figure of 300 million pounds to be spent looking after the elderly, people with disabilities and children in need of care. There is also a continuing commitment to invest in the local economy to help create jobs and opportunities for working families in Staffordshire. In order to carry out these programmes, Council Tax is to be increased by 4.95 per cent. This will be the equivalent of just over £1 a week for a Band D home.

Local Member Priority Meeting was held to discuss and update the Local Plan and the District Deal to co-ordinate the County and District Council matters affecting South Staffordshire. The aims for measures being implemented included Community Capacity and Social Action, People helping People. Members Matters and tackling Obesity in Staffordshire.

A meeting was arranged with the Highways Manager, Mark Keeling to put forward the future plans for developing and retaining maintenance to the infrastructure in Perton and it was revealed that the Neighbourhood Highways Team would be operating to work in the area during the next year. They will require a schedule of work to be carried out in advance of any visit. These visits will not be programmed as in the past. It will be essential that a survey is carried out to submit our needs well before the start of the growing season. School Hedges will need to be identified for the Head Teachers to be notified concerning their responsibility to maintain.

204/17 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Lower Fishing lake**

Clerk is monitoring the Angling Trust website for any funding opportunities.

Resolved Clerk to investigate help from the Canal and Rivers Trust, to be included on the next agenda

b) **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:

Celebration of 'Fly a flag for the Commonwealth' on March 13th

14.03.2017 Planning Masterclass. Available for both District and Parish Councillors to attend. One of the best events of its kind that I have attended. There were two workshops – The Development Process: How a Planning Application is determined and Overview of Planning Strategy: Covering the Local Plan, Housing and Economic Development. If you were new to the planning process it was a real eye-opener as to how much work goes into each application.

17.02.2017 Overview & Scrutiny Committee

16.03.2017 Standards and Resources Committee

17.03.2017 Let's Work Together Event. There were 5 modules included in this event:- South Staffordshire Lottery Scheme, South Staffordshire's Locality Profile 2017, TOOLBOX, Age Uk & Dementia Friends.

We were given an update /recap on the proposed SSC lottery scheme, things are moving quite quickly, so 'watch this space'. The locality profile 2017 is a very substantial piece of work, full of interesting and sometimes surprising information. The locality profile identifies challenge which the council faces, but also highlights examples of how the council has recognised new ways of working – such as the South Staffordshire Business Hub. It's also good to note that the latest 'My Place My Say' results revealed that resident satisfaction levels remain high and that 91% of residents recommend South Staffordshire as a good place to live.

However it is recognised that there are still some areas where more can be done to signpost information and the council is not resting on its laurels.

17.03.2017 SSC Charity Chairman's Civic/Charity Dinner in support of his charity, the Steve Bull Foundation.

21.03.2017 Planning. It was at this meeting that permission was granted for land to be developed for a car park in Codsall to cope with the influx of those rail travellers who park at Codsall.

28.03.2017 Full Council.

Written report from Cllr AK James

Member for Perton Dippons Ward of South Staffordshire District Council

The District Council have been asked to confirm the responsibility of tree maintenance and the upkeep of Dippons Lane in Perton Village. Trees that have been affected by recent high winds are in need of attention and the lane is flooded in areas because of blocked drains. Although the council say they clear litter from the lane. They are not responsible for it as it is the County Council's job to carry out the work.

There is a planning application by Dignity to build a Crematorium on land off the A41 trunk road that Codsall Parish Council have received from the District Council. As Perton share this road for access out of Wrottesley Park Road at the traffic signals. It would be a consideration to know how the access from the Crematorium onto the A41 would affect the traffic flow turning right at the light signals for those vehicles travelling to Wolverhampton. An enquiry is to be made for information.

Also there was a planning meeting held to determine the use of land at Codsall for rail travellers to use for parking at the train station. The application was approved and the facility will be built.

205/17 CLERK'S REPORT

Email Distribution

- 07/03/17 SSDC Invitation to visit the Hilton Green Environmental Education Centre
- 09/03/17 SPCA Bulletin - 9th March 2017
- 10/03/17 SCC Highways update w/c 6th March 2017
- 15/03/17 SSDC Press Release - from Staffordshire Police
- 16/03/17 SPCA Bulletin - 16th March 2017
- 23/03/17 SCC Highways update w/c 13th March 2017
- 23/03/17 SCC Highways update w/c 20th March 2017
- 24/03/17 SPCA Bulletin - 23rd March 2017
- 27/03/17 SSDC - grounds maintenance frequency table 2017/18
- 27/03/17 SCC Highways update w/c 27th March 2017
- 28/03/17 Details of scheduled traffic controlled road works on the Parkway
- 30/03/17 SPCA Bulletin - 30th March 2017
- 04/04/17 SSC - Information regarding PPC reported issues around Perton

Other Matters

- PPC reported to SSDC and SCC fallen trees, Dippons Lane - SCC have raised an order for a Tree Surgeon to attend site.
- Other debris in Dippons Lane will be removed when further works are required in the area. SCC confirm they do not have the resources to remove at present. Bonfires started in the area show household items.
- PPC reported Flooding at Pumping Station, Dippons Lane Ref: **4075167**. Followed up with photographs.
- Uneven surface causing trip hazard at Pedestrian crossing, Severn Drive Ref: **4075811**
- Criminal damage reported to Staffordshire Police; timetable case The Parkway/Mercia Drive bus shelter, reported to the police Ref: **FZ/21987/2017**
- Notice placed in BT phone box informing residents of proposed Defibrillator installation.
- SSDC have confirmed that SCC are responsible for the maintenance of Dippons Lane, SSDC do litter pick the area.
- Flicks in the Sticks Christmas family film to be shown on 11th November 2017, film to be decided.

Facebook Posts

- 07/03/17 *Shared* - SSDC Wild about Perton Library Clean up
- 08/03/17 Staffordshire Police Smart Alert - Drug dealers caught in Perton
- 27/03/17 Staffordshire Police - Off road bikes article
- 28/03/17 SCC - The Parkway, scheduled road works by Virgin Media
- 03/04/17 SSDC - The Goodlife weather watchers

206/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish Council since the last Council meeting held on Monday 13th March, 2017.

Application No.	Proposals
17/00145/FUL	Single-storey rear extension - 29 Edward Road, Perton WV6 7NA
17/00217/FUL	Single-storey side extension and rear conservatory - 3 Bader Road, Perton, WV6 7UY

Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above application.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
17/00009/FUL	Proposed two storey extension to side and detached garage – 60 Hawksmoor Drive, Perton	Granted

207/17 YOUTH STRATEGY

a) Perton Youth Club - Cllr Mrs P Allen updated the councillors. It was agreed that the parish council would cover the cost of room hire and photocopying at the Civic Centre until the committee are able to meet at the pavilion.

RESOLVED Clerk to confirm what equipment is still available from the previous youth club.

Quotations for refurbishment of the Pavilion have been received and reviewed.

RESOLVED to accept the quote from PJC Building at a cost of £4105 to include external lighting and fire door repair. £3530 available from the County Council grant.

Following a vote **RESOLVED** with 13 members in favour, 1 abstention, that the Parish Council contribute the short fall of £575.

8.35pm Cllr AK James left the meeting.

b) Skatepark - **RESOLVED** Clerk to start the process for funding from the Community Asset Fund.

208/17 HIGHWAY VERGES

It was felt that some of the verges around Perton are being used as car parks, this is ruining the village and could be detrimental to any future application to the Best Kept Village Competition. It was suggested that the County Council may consider putting some white posts on the worst affected sites at approximately £13 each. The Parish Council would have to choose the most salient areas.

209/17 FOAMEX GEESE INFORMATION SIGNS

RESOLVED to purchase 6 x signs to put around the lake at a cost of £90

210/17 NALC - CHARTER BRANCH REGISTRATION

RESOLVED to register Perton Parish Council onto the scheme. There is no cost to the council. NALC partnered with over 60 organisations to set out how local communities and trees can best benefit one another.

211/17 MEMBERSHIP/ SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

a) Community Council of Staffordshire - **RESOLVED** that the subscription for 2017/18 be renewed at a cost of £25

b) Staffordshire Parish Council Association **RESOLVED** that the subscription for 2017 /18 be renewed a cost of £745.

212/17 REVALUATION OF BUILDING

Following quotations received for valuation of Perton Civic Centre for insurance purposes **RESOLVED** to approve Cunningham Lindsey at a cost of £900

213/17 LAKESIDE HALL FIRE DOOR SECURITY

Perton Village Nursery has continued concerns regarding the security issues that the fire doors from the lakeside Hall into the 'nursery corridor' pose. Doors could be fitted with a magnetic break glass system that will be controllable by centre staff. Following a vote, 13 members in favour and 1 abstention from Councillor NP Caine **RESOLVED** to install the system at a cost of £395

214/17 CORRESPONDENCE

A resident letter offering to plant bulbs in the meadow opposite the Pear and Partridge was discussed. Wild about Perton have briefly advised that there are plants of importance already on the land which will need to be taken into consideration.

The council is happy to consider the proposal but would also like to consider planting of

the north roundabout. **RESOLVED** that In the first instance permission be sought from South Staffordshire District Council as it is their land.

A thank you letter from Perton Carnival was read to the Councillors

215/17 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 8th May 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.

9.10pm Members of the public left the meeting 9.10pm

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

In pursuance of the powers contained in section 1 of the above act I move that the press and public be now excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the business about to be transacted is of a confidential nature and that publicity will be prejudicial to the public interest

216/17 **SOCIAL MEDIA CONCERNS**

A concern was raised verbally by a member of the public regarding use of social media and the implication it may have on a voluntary group. No additional information has been received therefore the matter cannot be considered further and is dismissed.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed Date