

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 8th January 2018 at 7:00pm**

Present Mrs R Heseltine (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs P Allen AA Bourke N Caine
Naomi Caine Mrs G Davis C Evans
M Francis D Glynn Mrs A James
AK James R Moreton RR Simonds
Mrs L Turner
Parish Clerk - Becky Hodgetts
Members of the Public - One
PCSO S Fryer and PCSO M Tromans
Mark Keeling - Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, Staffordshire County Council

Councillor Mrs R Heseltine chaired the meeting.

378/17 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

The member of public requested that the approach roads into Perton are litter picked more often. The litter does not give a good impression of Perton. The clerk was asked to contact District Council with the request. Quarterly litter picks are carried out by volunteers, perhaps these areas could be looked at.

He also thanked the council for the recent road sweeper visit.

A paddling pool is still in the river Penk between the wooden bridges, this has been pointed out recently to SSDC. The water level of the Penk is high so SSDC will be assessing what action is required.

A fallen tree is causing a blockage at the weir, Clerk to report.

People helping People

Mark Keeling addressed the Council and explained that the Lengthsman Scheme finished in April 2017 and at present he is unsure what capacity the Neighbourhood Highway team will run, if at all for 2018.

Further information on the 'People helping People' Agenda was given and explained. This initiative is to encourage residents/parish councils/voluntary groups to take on some of the small tasks for example cleaning road signs, litter picking and removing overhanging branches. Major tasks such as pot holes would still be carried out by the County Council.

Unfortunately there is no money available to support volunteers/parishes but they will help look for grants and there is also the Members fund.

If the volunteers are working on behalf of the Parish Council they would be covered by the parishes insurance. The Staffordshire Parish Council Association is looking at other implications.

The issue of gritting was raised. The gritting route for Perton is being reviewed. There are currently 4,000 grit bins across the county which are difficult to restock while carrying out gritting operations. The Ice Buster Scheme will be further promoted with the hope that volunteers can work together to grit areas as required. Parish Councils could be asked to store stocks of salt if appropriate.

When temperatures are forecast to drop there is a dedicated night shift that work between 10pm and 5am to enable the vehicles to move freely.

7.40pm The Chairman imposed Standing Orders

379/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr PE Davis

380/17 **POLICE MATTERS**

An issue reported on Facebook was explained.

Other issues:

- The main concerns are petty criminal damage.
- Anti Social behaviour has reduced.
- There has been a van theft and 2 or 3 burglaries over the last 3 months, entry being gained through conservatories.

Cllr Heseltine thanked the PCSO's for visiting the Carpet Bowls Club

Codsall and Bilbrook have separate crime reports, is it possible to have the same for Perton? The area PCSO creates the report. This issue has been raised several times at Parish Council and also raised at the accountability forums. **Resolved** that the Clerk write to the Inspector to see if this is something that can be done.

381/17 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following

385/17 b) **Cheque no. 100031 - Cllr AK James**
BACS payment to A Moreton - Cllr R Moreton

382/17 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests received.

383/17 **MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th December 2017 having previously been distributed, were confirmed as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

384/17 **MANAGEMENT MINUTES**

Resolved that the draft minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 6th December were accepted for information.

385/17 **FINANCE**

a) **Resolved** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 2nd January 2018 together with the income statement for December 2017 were accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

Payments made since the last parish council meeting

December

01/12/17	DD	South Staffordshire Council Non-Domestic Rates	1340.00
01/12/17	S/O	Kalidescope - email/web hosting	30.00
01/12/17	BACS	Wages week 35	1603.04
05/12/17	BACS	Halls SMS	122.09
05/12/17	100029	M Kocanova - Ceroc Addiction (deposit refund)	150.00
05/12/17	100030	South Staffordshire Council	960.00
06/12/17	100031	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance	462.00
06/12/17	100031	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance	108.00
06/12/17	BACS	Custom Forms	140.14
07/12/17	100032	Edge IT Systems Ltd	570.00
07/12/17	100033	Bradsports Ltd	163.20
08/12/17	BACS	Wages week 36	1671.92
08/12/17	100034	ESPO	251.95
11/12/17	BACS	A Moreton - meeting refreshments	20.30
11/12/17	100035	Mrs C Williams (deposit refund)	150.00
14/12/17	100036	Weston Sawmill	75.00
14/12/17	100037	SLCC	282.00

15/12/17	BACS	Wages week 37	1449.20
16/12/17	100038	Williams (deposit refund)	32.50
17/12/17	DD	BT	123.60
18/12/17	DD	Npower - gas	316.11
19/12/17	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Pension	2584.25
19/12/17	BACS	Inland Revenue - Tax & NI	2681.87
22/12/17	BACS	Wages week 38 / Salary month 9	3770.99
22/12/17	BACS	Members Allowance month 9	1011.29
22/12/17	Debit card	Petty Cash top up	263.33
29/12/17	DD	Npower Gas	506.08
29/12/17	BACS	Wages week 39	1282.58
30/12/17	DD	Veolia	126.72
Month end total			22248.16

c) **Budget-to-date 2017/2018**

The information was noted.

386/17 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **People Helping People Agenda**

There are a lot of issues to consider when deciding if this is something the parish wishes to take on. **Resolved** to consider further when setting the precept.

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

Member for the Perton Division of Staffordshire County Council

Due to the Christmas and New Year Holiday periods that took place between the last report and the present one for activities concerning the County Council programmes. There has been a limited amount of information available.

The County Highways dealt with heavy snowfall and the clearance of snow and the gritting of all main highways was carried out to enable access to the road systems in Staffordshire. Conditions within Perton village for travel were affected by the weather as in other parts of Staffordshire grit boxes were kept replenished to cope with demand.

The Highways Manager, Mark Keeling has reported that his assistant Simon Griffiths is to leave the Authority in January. A replacement has yet to be appointed to fill the post of overseeing the area for road repairs and concerns affecting Perton and Pattingham Parishes.

Additional Comments

The meeting was informed that there will be no County funding for the Connect Bus Service in the next financial year therefore the service will cease operating in April. SSDC are looking at the available options.

Issuing travel tokens to Connect Bus users could be suggested to District Council.

387/17 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Report from District Councillors**

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

Nothing much to report, Council meetings before Christmas were cancelled due to the weather.

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

Due to adverse weather condition on 12th.December the Local Priorities Meeting was cancelled and for the same reason the main District Council was re-arranged for the 19th December.

During a gap in conditions for clearing the leaves along the A41. The District Council managed to remove a large quantity of leaves and debris at this location. There was also

a concerted effort to catch up with Bin collections throughout South Staffordshire and return quickly to regular timetables.

The £500 District Council Community Fund has been used to provide items for the newly opened Youth Club in Perton and also to obtain a Kit shed for Perton Playing Fields Organization to store Football and team items used for matches on the playing fields.

Additional comments

Cllr AK James was pleased to report that the A41 had been cleared of leaves. It does require another sweep as not all the leaves have been collected. The pavement will never be right until it is resurfaced.

388/17 CLERK'S REPORT

Email Distribution

December 7th, 14th - SPCA weekly bulletins

Various Smart Alerts

- 07/12/17 Staffordshire Police - Press Release - Cannabis factory
- 07/12/17 SSDC - Funding for the Voluntary and Community Sector in South Staffordshire
- 12/12/17 SSDC - Bin collection information due to weather
- 13/12/17 Pedestrian crossing information
- 14/12/17 Resident to request a grit bin as part of ice busters for IDONIA Road
- 19/12/17 SSDC - Grit bin refilling information
- 19/12/17 SCC - Update on crossing patrol vacancy
- 19/12/17 Staffordshire Police - warrant updates & press release
- 19/12/17 NALC - Thank You for Supporting the Tree Charter
- 21/12/17 Community Council of Staffordshire - NHS services consultation
- 21/12/17 Alzheimers Society - DAA action plan details
- 22/12/17 Community Council of Staffordshire - Voluntary Car Scheme response
- 07/12/17 Staffordshire Police - Press Release - Cannabis factory

Other Matters

- Bench installed at Perton Playing Fields.
- Veolia waste collection price increase of £1.52 per bin per week from January 2018
- Notification received from South Staffordshire Council of tax base for 2018/19
- PPC reported faulty street light Tangmere Close ref: **MREP-70337-5537**
- PPC reported fallen tree in Lowry Close
- Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust - representatives to view the rooms available to assess suitability for speech and language sessions.
- PPC reported directional sign on roundabout Wrottesley Park Road/Parkway - ref: **4099859**
- PPC reported to SCC fault at bus lane, Gainsborough Drive Ref: : **4099929**

Facebook /Website Posts

- Various Smart Alerts
- Staffordshire Police Advice: Winter is here - Stay safe on the roads - Reminder

Ongoing matters

- ❖ Skatepark funding
- ❖ Lower Lake desilting

Councillor Glynn reported that all four traffic islands have power if the council consider installing Christmas lights on the trees.

389/17 PLANNING

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish Council since the last Council meeting

Application No.	Proposals
17/01050/FUL	Double and first floor side extensions, driveway alterations, new porch and bay window, relocation of boundary wall - 53 Leasowe Drive, Perton, WV6 7TX

Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above proposals although concerns were raised on the reduced line of sight for vehicles and proximity of the side extension to the pavement.

17/01053/LBC	Replacement sash windows and French doors and new automated gates - Wrottesley Hall, Holyhead Road, Codsall WV8 2HT
17/01061/FUL	Proposed side single-storey bedroom and en-suite extension and rear conservatory - 9 Pugin Close, Perton WV6 7TT

Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above proposals

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
17/00877/LBC	Partial removal of original external wall and replacement of windows within the grade II listed property. Installation of roof lights and roof lanterns in 19 th Century extension, including the erection of a timber clad single storey utility extension under permitted development - Trinity Cottage, Jenny Walkers Lane, Perton, WV6 7HB	GRANTED

- 390/17 **DATA PROTECTION**
Data Protection rules will be revised in May 2018. SSDC will carry out an audit at a cost of £400. **Resolved** that further information is required. To consider at Precept meeting and also add to future agendas.
- 391/17 **SKATEPARK**
The project is no further forward. The proposal is to install a more 'street scene' area. This will require more ground works but less equipment. The parish clerk is currently arranging quotations.
- 392/17 **CHILDRENS PLAY AREA**
Two designs were presented to the council. It was agreed that the original brief was accurate. **Resolved** the clerk to organise a third quote.
- 393/17 **FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY**
An update was given for information.
- 394/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**
Perton Primary Academy - Acorns Nursery noted for information.
- 395/17 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 15th January 2018 @ 7.00pm - Precept

Members of the public left the meeting 20.52pm

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

In pursuance of the powers contained in section 1 of the above act the press and public may now be 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

- 396/17 **PERTON YOUTH CLUB**
Cllr Mrs P Allen declared an interest in this item

8.53pm Cllr AK James left the meeting

Resolved to look at alternative youth worker options. Delegated power of appointment, within budget, to be given to Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

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 9.04pm

Signed
Chairman

Date: 12th February 2018