

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 12th February 2018 at 7:00pm**

Present PE Davis (Chairman)
Mrs R Heseltine (Vice Chairman)
Mrs P Allen AA Bourke N Caine
Mrs G Davis C Evans M Francis
D Glynn Mrs A James AK James
RR Simonds Mrs L Turner
Parish Clerk - Becky Hodgetts
Members of the Public - Four

400/17 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No comments or questions raised by the public.

7.00pm The Chairman imposed Standing Orders

401/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Naomi Caine and R Moreton

402/17 **POLICE MATTERS**

- Car stolen Worcester Grove
- Egg throwing issues - Civic Centre also targeted.

Sergeant Heath has informed the PCSO that a report similar to Bilbrook and Codsall will not be provided for Perton.

Concerns with policing in Perton were discussed.

403/17 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following
406/17 e ii) Perton Carnival Concessionary Room Hire rate - Cllr Mrs P Allen

404/17 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests received.

405/17 **MINUTES**

- a) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2018 having previously been distributed, were confirmed as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- b) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Precept meeting held on 15th January 2018, having previously been distributed, were confirmed as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

406/17 **FINANCE**

- a) **Resolved** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2018 together with the income statement for January 2018 were accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

Payments made since the last parish council meeting

January

01/01/18	100039	Banner Fire & Security	152.40
01/01/18	100040	MGD Solutions	196.00
01/01/18	DD	South Staffordshire Council	1340.00
01/01/18	S/O	Kalidescope - email/web hosting	30.00
03/01/18	100041	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	70.83
03/01/18	100042	John Ellis Associates Ltd	250.00
05/01/18	BACS	Wages week 40	1281.98
05/01/18	100043	Drinkmaster Ltd	171.29
08/01/18	100044	S Khan	200.00
09/01/18	100045	Youth Work Toolbox	942.50
09/01/18	100046	Assa Abloy Entrance Systems Ltd	345.91

12/01/18	BACS	Wages week 41	1315.50
12/01/18	100047	Drinkmaster Ltd	79.52
12/01/18	100048	ESPO	44.82
16/01/18	DD	Npower Gas	973.68
17/01/18	DD	BT	110.46
17/01/18	100049	One Stop Promotions Ltd	91.74
17/01/18	100050	Waterplus	289.49
19/01/18	BACS	Wages week 42	1463.73
19/01/18	BACS	Inland Revenue - Tax & NI	2678.70
19/01/18	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Pension	2788.07
26/01/18	DD	Npower - electricity	571.81
26/01/18	BACS	Wages week 43 /month 10	3897.92
26/01/18	BACS	Members allowance month 10	1009.33
29/01/18	100051	Ms Batool	165.00
29/01/18	100052	SPCA	9.72
30/01/18	DD	Veolia	126.72
Month end total			20597.12

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

The information was noted.

d) **Grant Application -**

- i) Friends of Perton Middle School - **Resolved** that a grant of £500 be approved.
- ii) Perton Library Code Club - **Resolved** that a grant of £456 be approved.

e) **Concessionary room hire rate**

- i) Codsall Arts Festival - **Resolved** to apply concessionary room hire to this event.

CLlr Mrs P Allen left the room

- ii) Perton Carnival - **Resolved** to apply free of charge room hire for the 2018 event.

CLlr Mrs P Allen rejoined the meeting

407/17 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Member for the Perton Division of Staffordshire County Council

There is an ongoing problem caused by the difficulty in replacing a school crossing warden at one of the crossings along the Parkway. This post has been advertised by the County Council for some time and they have not received an application from any suitable person. The problem is now being compounded by the retirement of a further employee there. The County are now going to look at the situation for future arrangements. As Perton originally had 4 wardens I have contacted the County Highways to cost an automatic traffic warning system for installation on the Parkway. Presently there is one of these at the Pear and Partridge end A subway off Mercia Drive and a traffic warden at one end of Gainsborough and another at the other end. I hope that a way forward can be found for this situation which will continue to keep this road safe.

The forthcoming upward trend of the County Council rates are of concern to residents as confirmation of the increase is about to be published. In essence the financial cost of providing social care continues to escalate as more money is needed to fund people in need to receive specialised medical attention at home which is the County Council's responsibility. There is also a change in Government funding that is being reduced as we approach 2020 when it finishes and Business rates as well as present domestic rates will replace Government funding.

The Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is an organization that includes members of the County Council has for some time pushed for multi-occupied housing to be fitted with sprinkler devices to protect residents in these places. There has been some support for

fitting them in buildings over five stories high. This is an ongoing lobby to change the requirement include a system in the planning stages for new buildings of this type.

Additional Comments

Cllr AK James will try to find out where the post for School Crossing Warden is being advertised.

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) is in the process of holding consultations on the library services. There is concern that Perton will become a community managed service. All councillors encouraged to attend the consultation to be held on 22nd March 7 - 9pm. **Resolved** to invite a representative from SCC to provide further information also to include in the parish news updates for the local magazines.

408/17 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- a) Infrastructure Delivery Plan - **Resolved** no further comments to add to the plan.
- b) Cranmoor Street Signs - **Resolved** further clarification required before the Parish Council make a decision.

- c) **Report from District Councillors**

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

Since the last Parish Council meeting I have attended the following:

09.01.2018 Member Engagement: Asset Strategy and One Public Estate Updates.

16.01.2018 Member Training: Scrutiny. A comprehensive overview of the scrutiny structure within the District Council - Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Wellbeing Select Committee, Asset Scrutiny Panel, Challenge Panels, Co-optees allowed (non-voting) - and how the process works. Since every member of the District Council is involved in the vital role of scrutiny it was an extremely useful training session which reinforced knowledge, understanding, and confidence .

19.01.2018 Let's Work Together: Raising Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) (Police). A fascinating and informative module which included a counter terrorism overview for South Staffordshire, a presentation by a representative of the Civil Contingencies Unit and a detailed presentation, workshops and discussions about Prevent. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act gained royal assent on February 12th 2015. As part of this, amongst other provisions, the Act considers CONTEST which is the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. The aim of the strategy is to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence. CONTEST has four strands:

PREVENT: To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.

PURSUE: To stop terrorist attacks through disruption, investigation and detection.

PREPARE: Where an attack cannot be stopped, to mitigate its impact.

PROTECT: To strengthen against terrorist attack, including borders, utilities, transport infrastructure and crowded places.

The Prevent Strategy (within schools) has three main objectives:

Respond to the **ideological challenge** of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it.

Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.

Work with **sectors and institutions** where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address.

The afternoon session was altogether a much lighter affair since the topic covered was to explore how football can evolve to be a game for all communities, thus encouraging an active lifestyle and inspiring diversity through participation by all sections of the community.

22.01.2018 My Place Challenge Panel. The work undertaken by this Panel to review grants is still progressing.

23.01.2018 Member Training: Fraud Awareness. An update on the progress and achievements of the District Council's Corporate Fraud Team 2017/2018 and also a presentation to revisit members' understanding of what is fraud and how it can arise. A most informative and valuable session.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A report was given concerning Planning Enforcement and Environmental Crime.

25.01.2018 Standards and Resources Committee . Topics covered were Comments, Compliments and Complaints Annual Report 2016/17, Workforce Information and an Update on the Work Programme.

30.01.2018 Wellbeing Select Committee. An extra meeting of this Committee to discuss the imminent closure of the GP's surgery at Pattingham. Once again, the lack of communication was appalling. In attendance were two representatives from the CCG.

06.02.2018 Members Update on the Local Plan. Lots of information. Report on the progress of the SAD- there will now be a 6 week consultation starting on February 7th 2018 - March 21st 2018 to consider main and minor alterations. Towards the end of 2017 there had been several members' workshops on the Local Plan Review and part of this update was to give a feedback summary of this work.

Additional comments

The Wellbeing Select Committee is still looking at the closure of Perton Clinic. Infection Control from Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust is visiting the civic centre to assess its suitability for future use.

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

The Local Priorities Meeting was held on 11th.January and the County Council have appointed the replacement for Sarah Garner. Graham Hunt is to preside at these meetings between County and District Councillors.

Items that members discussed included the arrangements being consulted upon concerning the establishment of a Community Library at Perton to fall in line with workings of other Staffordshire villages and towns where local volunteers run their local libraries. The details of these arrangements are available for members.

Other matters concern the South Staffordshire Community Budget which meets to allocate funds to organizations in South Staffordshire for projects and services that benefit communities around the District. The object of these grants are to encourage the provision of facilities like sports equipment and children's play areas to be able to provide them.

Further meetings are in place to demonstrate to Councillors the progress of local plans for housing development in villages of South Staffordshire. Every step of the way is conveyed to members for discussion and updates of proposals and facilities required for inclusion in the final presentation of the plans to be sent to Central Government for examination that conforms with their requirements.

Verbal report from Cllr AA Bourke - Member for East Ward of SSDC

South Staffordshire Connect is still being looked at by District Council, if funding can be found there could be a service but it would be greatly reduced.

409/17 CLERK'S REPORT

Email Distribution

December 7th, 14th - SPCA weekly bulletins

Various Smart Alerts

04/01/18 Crib festival thank you, Church at Perton

08/01/18 SSDC - pruning schedule

15/01/18 SSDC - South Staffordshire's Infrastructure Delivery Plan

17/01/18 SSDC - Photographs of works completed on the River Penk

17/01/18 Perton Parish Council Proposed budget

22/01/18 SSDC - District Design Guide & Sustainable development supplementary Planning

- Documents
- 25/01/18 Safeguarding information, e-learning and SSDC led session
 - 26/01/18 SCC information regarding School Crossing Patrols
 - 29/01/18 SSDC Local Football Facilities Plan questionnaire
 - 05/02/18 Details of the SSDC Chairman's Charity - Musical Evening - 23rd February 2018
 - 06/02/18 SSDC - Fly a flag for the Commonwealth 12th March 2018
 - 06/02/18 SSDC - Code of Conduct Training for Parish Councillors

Other Matters

- PPC reported to SCC overhanging tree/hedge , reference 4100916
- PPC reported flooding at Dippons Lane - Ref: 4075167
- PPC reported fallen tree at the weir between upper and lower lake - removed 10/01/18
- PPC reported drainage issues to Sainsbury's
- Directional sign, Wrottesley Park Road island, reported and notified repair will be completed as soon as resources are available. Ref: 4099859
- 'what's on' leaflet for Perton Civic Centre distributed at Pantomime and Flicks in the Sticks
- Clerk and Assistant Clerk attending a briefing session in Stafford on 27th March regarding the new audit regime
- Perton Parish Flag and pole delivered ready for Remembrance Service 2018
- Approach roads to Perton should be litter picked weekly, SSDC to confirm this is being done
- Damaged bus shelter at Richmond Drive - contractor appointed to complete repairs.
- Flicks in the Sticks - Victoria and Abdul attracted an audience of 141 (41 paid £3.50 entrance). Normal attendance is approximately 70-80

Facebook /Website Posts

- Various Smart Alerts
- SSDC - Christmas tree recycling
- SSDC - Weekly news up dates
- SCC - Library Consultation and 'whats on'

Ongoing matters

- ❖ Lower Lake desilting

An update on Perton Youth Club was given.

410/17 **PLANNING**

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

Application No.	Proposals
18/00011/FUL	First floor extension over existing garage, WC and utility to provide extended front bedroom and new master bedroom suite - - 1 Ayrton Close, Perton, WV6 7PE
18/00063/FUL	Proposed first floor side extension over existing garage and refurbishment works to ground floor - 10 Adwalton Road, Perton, WV6 7SH

Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

17/00981/FUL	Double garage with hobby room - Overedge, Pattingham Road, Perton, WV6 7HD
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Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above proposal but a concern was raised the proposed extension could be used as housing accommodation and not a garage.

18/00034/FUL	Ground and first floor extensions - Plas Gwyn, Pattingham Road, Perton WV6 7HD
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Perton Parish Council raised no objections to the above proposal but a request was made that because of road width, construction vehicles be parked on site.

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
17/00979/FUL	Two storey front extension and alterations to existing conservatory to form an orangery - Old Coach House, Holyhead Road, Kingswood	G R A N T E D
17/01002/FUL	First floor side extension above existing garage - 5 The Pastures	
17/01050/FUL	Double and first floor extension, driveway alterations, new porch and bay window, relocation of boundary wall - 53 Leasowe Drive	
17/01053/LBC	Replacement sash windows and French doors and new automated gates - Wrottesley Hall, Holyhead Road, Codsall	
17/01061/FUL	Proposed side single storey bedroom and en-suite extensions and rear conservatory - 9 Pugin Close, Perton	

411/17 **DATA PROTECTION**

Details of the Data Audit and 12 steps to compliance distributed for information.

412/17 **SKATEPARK**

The committee looked at various concrete designs which would fit in with the landscape better than metal and wooden ramps. Companies are reluctant to visit the site so early in the process. One company has agreed to look at providing a starting design. Access to the site could be an issue.

The committee would like to recommend that the outdoor gym equipment be re-sited and create a trail with distance markers around the lake. **Resolved** to add to the March agenda. Clerk to investigate with the District Council.

413/17 **CHILDRENS PLAY AREA**

Designs for an additional play unit from four different companies were presented to the council. Following discussion it was **Resolved** to accept the quotation from Hags-SMP at a cost of £23,350 plus VAT.

414/17 **FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY**

Update given by working group.

415/17 **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Resolved not to enter this year.

416/17 **ALLOTMENT SITE REQUIREMENTS**

It was suggested that visits to local allotments would be beneficial. **Resolved** Clerk to arrange a visit to the Codsall site on Saturday 24th February, 10am. Further discussions with Land Fund to be held on Monday 26th February 2018.

417/17 **SPEED AWARENESS SIGNS**

Resolved further design details required. These could be considered if the school crossing patrols are not replaced.

418/17 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

The issues of vehicles parking on the parkway verges and the mowing of grass verges especially when wet was discussed. All complaints should be photographed where possible and forwarded to South Staffordshire District Council.

419/17 **GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

Resolved to approve with no amendments.

420/17 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12th March 2018 2018 @ 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 20.53pm

Signed
Chairman

Date: 12th March 2018