

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 9th April 2018 at 7:00pm**

Present PE Davis (Chairman)
Mrs R Heseltine (Vice Chairman)
Mrs P Allen AA Bourke N Caine
Mrs G Davis D Glynn AK James
Mrs A James R Moreton RR Simonds
Mrs L Turner

Parish Clerk - Becky Hodgetts
Members of the Public - Four

447/17 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Further details provided for the additional planting scheme. Decision to be made at agenda item 458/17

Applicant for concessionary room hire rate for Perton Beer Festival explained further how the event would work. Decision to be made at agenda item 453/17d

7.14pm The Chairman imposed Standing Orders

448/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Naomi Caine, C Evans and M Francis

449/17 **POLICE MATTERS**

- Any major issues are now publicised via Smart Alerts
- Two burglars have been caught in connection with issues in Perton and Codsall, investigations still ongoing
- ASB is down this month
- The last car theft was reported at the February meeting

It has been reported that the life belts around the lake are being removed and thrown, the Police need to be informed of this.

Cllr N Caine is still not satisfied with the Crime reports that Perton receives in comparison with Codsall and Bilbrook.

Middle school parents are obstructing the bus lane and parking on yellow lines, it is in the school newsletters constantly. **Resolved** that the clerk to confirm if PCSO's still have access to tickets, if they do, why isn't this happening?

450/17 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following

- 453/17 c) i Perton Indoor Carpet Bowls - Cllr P Davis, D Glynn, Mrs R Heseltine
453/17 c) ii Perton Playing Fields Association - Cllrs Mrs P Allen, C Evans,
Mrs R Heseltine and Mrs L Turner,
Dispensations previously granted, minute ref. 223/17
450/17 d) Perton Beer Festival - Cllr AA Bourke
460/17 Perton Youth Club - Cllr Mrs P Allen
Dispensation previously granted, minute ref. 200/17

451/17 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests received.

452/17 **MINUTES**

- a) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 2018 having previously been distributed, were confirmed as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- b) Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 3rd April 2018, were noted for information

453/17 **FINANCE**

- a) **Resolved** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th April 2018 together with the income statement for March 2018 and 2017/18 Budget to date were accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

Payments made since the last parish council meeting

March

01/03/18	SO	Kalidescope - email/web hosting	30.00
02/03/18	BACS	Wages week 48	1282.38
09/03/18	BACS	Wages week 49	1281.98
15/03/18	100060	Staffordshire County Council	456.00
16/03/18	DD	Npower - Gas	869.61
16/03/18	BACS	Wages week 50	1410.78
16/03/18	BACS	Inland Revenue - Tax & NI	2276.34
16/03/18	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Pension	2373.04
16/03/18	100061	SGS Systems Ltd	36.00
17/03/18	DD	BT	120.34
23/03/18	BACS	Wages week 51 /month 12	3737.18
23/03/18	BACS	Members allowance month 12	1036.55
23/03/18	100062	MGD Solutions	268.30
23/03/18	100063	Codsall Arts Festival	100.00
28/03/18	DD	Npower - electricity	460.04
29/03/18	BACS	Wages week 52	1352.12
29/03/18		Petty Cash repayment	54.22
29/03/18	BACS	Arts Alive - flicks in the Sticks	300.00
30/03/18	DD	Veolia	141.31

Month end total 17586.19

c) **Grant Applications**

- i) Perton Indoor Carpet Bowls. **Resolved** to approve a grant of £1,000
 ii) Perton Playing Fields Association. **Resolved** to approve a grant of £2,000

19.32pm Cllr AA Bourke left the room

d) **Concessionary room hire rate -**

- i) Perton Beer Festival - **Resolved** to apply the concessionary room hire rate.

19.37pm Cllr AA Bourke rejoined the meeting

454/17 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

Member for the Perton Division of Staffordshire County Council

In connection with the future housing developments within Staffordshire. The Leader of the County Council has passed his comments to the Government Cabinet member for Housing concerning the need for early consultation in respect of the need for early planning in conjunction with the developers and the planning authorities to cover infrastructure cooperation between these parties for joint workings on the strategic matters to show that agreements are being met in the areas selected for housing provision in Staffordshire.

The County Council Cabinet Member for Schools has been informed by me of the situation in Perton for provision of a statement outlining the future plans for school crossing points along the Parkway and I have requested a visit by an officer to meet on site to examine the concerns of residents for a safe resolution to the matter on this road. I have received a reply indicating that a Mr James Bailey will be contacting me on this issue in his capacity as Commissioner for Highways and Built County.

Other items that the County Council reported centred on the additional 5 billion pounds that has been allocated for dealing with the increase in pot holes after the extreme weather conditions that have occurred. The aim of the Highways Department is to start making progress to repair the worst examples within the County as soon as weather conditions making this possible. I will be asking for the schedules in due course.

Additional Comments

Cllr K James requested that all potholes were reported directly to Highways, Parish Council or himself.

Resolved Clerk to contact the Staffordshire County Council Cabinet support member for Highways and Transport to attend a Parish Council meeting. Clerk to also clarify procedure for claiming damages caused by highway defects.

The Flood Risk Officer is now involved with the Dippons Lane issues.

The 'pot hole list' is available on the Staffordshire County Council website.

The Parish Council will be informed when a site visit is arranged to look at the school crossings.

Resolved Clerk to contact South Staffordshire Council requesting that the previous year's costs are shown on the Council Tax bills not just the percentage change.

455/17 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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:

20.03.2018 Planning Committee

22.03.2018 Standards and Resources Committee.

We received a report from the Assistant Director, Democratic and Regulatory Services, on Data Protection and GDPR. There was also an update on the work programme for this Committee. Member Training-GDPR. This was a very important and necessary briefing session as all Councillors need to be aware of how the new GDPR will affect them in their Council business. Many of the issues raised/explained affect everyday life, too. The fact that those of us on the Standards and Resources Committee had some previous knowledge on the subject due to our earlier meeting stood us in good stead!

Library Drop-in Session (Perton Library). A presentation was given outlining future proposals for how libraries may be managed in the not too distant future. There were question and answer opportunities. Those in attendance took great pains to stress how well our Library is used and that our residents value it as an integral part of our village.

23.03.2018 Let's Work Together- Organised Crime Professional Development Day. There were to be 5 modules - Loan Sharks, Modern Slavery/ Human Trafficking, County Lines (exploitation of children to sell drugs), Trading Standards and Immigration. Some shocking statistics regarding loan sharks but also information on measures and support. Unfortunately, due to operational requirements there was no Slavery/ Trafficking presentation. However, requests have been made to have this at a future date. Useful warning signs/ indicators to watch for with regards to drug operations/exploitation. Mark Wilson from SCC Trading Standards gave an interesting and very informative presentation. The remit of trading standards officers is wide and varied as there are at least 10 areas of legislation where their expertise is required ranging from animal health through to illicit goods and doorstep crime. An in -depth and impassioned presentation by Nikki Bhamra, Chief Immigration Officer Criminal and Financial Investigations. So much information and detail of what this branch of immigration enforcement entails and what powers the officers have. Gave us an insight into what they do and that the media do not often report on the successes.

27.03.2018 Full Council.

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

As there has been a discontinuation of the Connect Bus Service within Staffordshire. The District Council have made enquires and undertaken to approach local passenger operators to ascertain any interest in providing a service in South Staffordshire. As this is early days to make any definite decisions any bids will be needed to be made by 16th. April 2018. It is only therefore possible to estimate that it will be towards mid- June before any services could commence.

A request for a grant has been received from a local school to convert the library at the school into a classroom to provide space for rising numbers of pupils. A Library would then be located within the school from an existing space that was previously used as an office, to create a mini Library. An area for the school's young children to browse and see the front covers before choosing a book would then be available.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at the District Council on the 12th. April 2018 to hear the reports of the Challenge Committees. These Panels have looked at methods and procedures within the District Council and will be able to explain the recommendations that are set out in their publications to the Overview Committee. These will be based upon three principles that are focused on :

A Skilled and Prosperous District.

A Safe and Sustainable District.

A Connected District.

456/17 CLERK'S REPORT

Email Distribution

SPCA weekly bulletins 15th March, 22nd March,

SSDC weekly news updates - issues 59,

07/03/18 Localities Celebration Masterclass - Save the date

19/03/18 Dates for visit to Pattingham allotments distributed

22/03/18 SCC - update on Dippons Lane flooding

26/03/18 Let's Work Together - Supporting Our Communities - 20th April 2018

26/03/18 Localities Celebration Masterclass on Thursday 26 April 2018 from 9am-1pm.

29/03/18 SCC Library consultation presentation slides

29/03/18 SCC results of Rights of Way Consultation

Other Matters

- Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime (POCA) and People Power funding opportunities open for applications on Thursday 1 March 2018 until 14 April 2018.
- The crocus bulbs planted on the island near to Stephenson Drive have started appearing.
- SCC ref: 4099859 - Directional sign on roundabout - works completed (6th March 2018).
- PPC Reported Pot hole, The Parkway (nr Coleridge Drive) ref:4112685.
- Freedom of Information request received from resident regarding members allowance. Clerk provided details.
- Enquiry from resident regarding delivery of proposed Wrottesley Development consultation event being held on 28th March. Queried who was delivering the leaflets.
- Community Council of Staffordshire to merge with Support Staffordshire to create a Countywide voluntary and community sector support organisation for Staffordshire. Formal unification anticipated at the end of August. Parish Membership to be extended until this date.
- SSDC - grass cutting to commence Thursday 22nd March, the cut will be slightly higher due to the condition of the ground. If the ground is found to be too wet the cut will be missed.
- SSDC looking at the possibility of removing the weeds from the lower lake, de-silting may be another issue that requires looking at. The lease will need to be re-arranged as it has currently been suspended. SSDC to keep the Parish Council informed.
- Civic Centre office staff to complete a DBS on behalf of Little Treasures Nursery.
- Section 137 expenditure for 2018-19 is £7.86 per electorate.

- SCC - recycle material will be laid along Dippons Lane (after the pumping station flooding area) for a length of approx. 300 meters, also some ditching work along this section which will assist with the lower level of holding water along this section. The drainage Engineer will assess what can be done with regards to the issue of the pond/brook over flowing from the unregistered land onto the lane near to the pumping station for future consideration.
- Resident complaint regarding Virgin works being completed on a Sunday and blocking of grit bins. Contractors have provided response to resident.
- SSDC looking at quotations for weed removal and de-silting of the lower lake.
- Clerk met with SCC Highways to discuss possible installation of bus shelters at Trescott and Richmond Drive. A report will follow shortly.

Facebook /Website Posts

- Various smart Alerts
- SSDC weekly news updates
- SSDC Spring 2018 South Staffordshire Review
- Dippons Lane update from SCC

Ongoing matters

- ❖ Lower Lake desilting

457/17 **PLANNING**
Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish Council since the last Council meeting

DECISIONS - The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	
17/00981/FUL	Double garage with hobby room - 'Overedge', Pattingham Road	G R A N T E D
18/00034/FUL	Ground and first floor extensions - 'Plas Gwyn', Pattingham Rd	
18/00063/FUL	First floor side extension over existing garage and refurbishment works to ground floor - 10 Adwalton Road	
18/00105/FUL	Replace the existing high wood along a new fence-line 3m north of the existing line with concrete post and gravel boards - 1 Cabot Grove (Condition: The fence to be constructed from timber close board fencing panels)	

458/17 **SKATEPARK**
 A meeting with District Council has been arranged to discuss the re-siting of the gym.
 A planning application may be necessary.
 Skatepark committee to arrange their next meeting date.

459/17 **ALLOTMENTS**
 No further information available.

460/17 **PERTON YOUTH CLUB**
 Update noted for information.

461/17 **FIRST WORLD WAR CENETARY**
 Update noted for information.

462/17 **ANDERS SQUARE FINGER POSTS**
 3 quotations were presented to the council. **RESOLVED** to approve Signs Express Telford at a cost of £1584.04 + VAT, subject to permission from Sainsbury's.

463/17 **RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, Wrottesley Park Road**
 a) The minimum number of properties for Perton is 163, the developers have capacity for 219 which is a 35% increase. On this basis the parish agreed that more community money should be available under s106. **Resolved** Cllr AA Bourke will discuss this further with South Staffordshire Council.

- b) Concern was raised that there may not be sufficient capacity at the doctors' surgeries. Members of the South Staffordshire District Council Health & Wellbeing Select Committee were informed that building of any new health centre would not be viable due to the cost.

464/17 **REVISED GRANT PPLICATION FORM**

Resolved to adopt the revised form with the agreed amendment.

465/17 **CHRISTMAS TREE INSTALLATION**

Resolved to install a metal stand for a 22ft Christmas tree in Anders Square, subject to approval from Sainsbury's. The stand can be used to hold a pole for hanging baskets when there is no tree in situ. Authority given to the clerk to speak to the Christmas Fair Committee.

466/17 **GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILTY FOR LOCAL COUNCILS (Amendments)**

Resolved that the amendments for 2018/19 were noted.

467/17 **ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

Resolved to contact South Staffordshire District Council to obtain their views on using these agencies.

468/17 **ADDITIONAL BULB PLANTING FOR PERTON**

Resolved clerk to purchase plugs/bulbs to the value of £350 as per the suggested list.

469/17 **INSURANCE - INDEMNIFY NON COMMERCIAL HIRERS**

Resolved that the Friendship Club will be indemnified through Perton Parish Council's Insurance Policy

470/17 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 16th April 2018 at 7.00pm
Parish meeting - Monday 14th May 2018 @ 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 20.58pm

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.

Signed
Chairman

Date: