

**Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 10th December 2018 at 7:00pm**

Present PE Davis (Chairman)

Mrs P Allen	Naomi Caine	N Caine
Mrs G Davis	C Evans	D Glynn
Mrs A James	AK James	RE Moreton
RR Simonds	Mrs L Turner	

Parish Clerk - Becky Hodgetts
Members of the Public - Two, PCSO S Fryer & PCSO T Evans

151/18 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

A member of public questioned the members on the possible skatepark installation. The resident became abusive towards Councillors and was asked to leave the meeting. He was escorted out of the room by PCSO Evans.

7.06pm Chairman imposed standing orders

152/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs AA Bourke, M Francis and Mrs R Heseltine.

153/18 **POLICE MATTERS**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CRIME REPORT 08/10/2018 – 12/11/2018

Public bodies can only disclose information if they have the power to do so. Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act provides a power to exchange information where disclosure is necessary to support the local Crime Reduction Strategy and Partnership in achieving the aims of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and objectives outlined within it.

The degree of disclosure that takes place must be proportionate and relevant to the level of social ill or criminality it is intended to counter or prevent.

The information is only to be processed in relation to crime and disorder purposes. Information will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998 and any other relevant legislation governing disclosures and will ultimately be disposed of in a secure manner.

- ASB/drugs - Organised Crime gang member has been arrested along with associates.
- Hotspots are being patrolled regular and dealt with if needed. Group of males smoking outside Civic Centre have been caught and dealt with.
- Suspicious vans that have been reported verbally by residents x2 have been caught and seized for no insurance etc and no scrap metal carrier. Operations are being held by force re theft of and theft from motor vehicles, this will be on going.
- Operation to tackle drug dealing at Pavillion has been successful and we will continue to patrol.
- Any volunteers for speed watch?
- In process of doing joint work with enforcement officer from Council around parking at schools. Police still have no powers to deal with parking so hopefully this may help. Parking Buddies for parking are at Perton Academy and Perton Middle School and should be put out by school each morning and afternoon.
- Serious crime is put out on Smart Alerts. Vehicle that was stolen from Farleigh has been recovered in West Mercia and returned to owner. Forensics involved and ongoing enquiries.
- drop me an email and I will get back to you as soon as I can?

PCSO 23042 Fryer

Further Comments

- Thank you for looking at the issues at the Pavillion.
- The schools appear to like the Parking Buddies.

- Several vans have been seized but they are still looking for a red van with no number plate on the rear of the vehicle.

154/18 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following

- 157/18 b) **Cheque No. 100136** - Cllr AK James
- 157/18 b) **Cheque 100140 Perton Playing Fields Ass.** - Cllrs Mrs P Allen, Naomi Caine, N Caine, P Davis, C Evans, RE Moreton and Mrs L Turner

155/18 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests received.

156/18 **MINUTES**

- a) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2018 having previously been distributed, were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- b) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 10th October and 4th December 2018 were accepted for information.

157/18 **FINANCE**

- a) **Resolved** that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4th December 2018 together with the income statement for November 2018 and 2018/19 Budget update were accepted for information.
- b) **Accounts for Payment**

Payments made since the last Parish Council meeting

November

01/11/18	100136	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance	108.00
01/11/18	DD	South Staffordshire Council - rates	1380.00
01/11/18	SO	Kalidescope Ltd	30.00
01/11/18	BACS	Information Commission	35.00
02/11/18	BACS	Wages week 31	1481.39
02/11/18	BACS	Waterplus	282.59
05/11/18	100137	ESPO	300.64
05/11/18	100138	Kalidescope Ltd	36.00
07/11/18	BACS	Grove Print & Packaging	84.36
09/11/18	BACS	Wages week 32	1402.77
13/11/18	100139	Royal British legion	40.00
13/11/18	100140	Perton Playing Fields Association	144.00
13/11/18	100141	Ricoh UK Ltd	244.86
16/11/18	BACS	Wages week 33	1445.73
16/11/18	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Superannuation	2534.75
16/11/18	BACS	Inland Revenue	2421.75
16/11/18	DD	Npower - gas	312.74
17/11/18	DD	BT	129.62
19/11/18	100142	ESPO	46.18
19/11/18	100143	Refundable Deposit	200.00
19/11/18	100144	Hags-SMP	1351.20
19/11/18	100145	BPS - Plumbing	306.98
19/11/18	BACS	Arts Alive - flicks in the Sticks	300.00
19/11/18	BACS	Communicate Better	406.08
20/11/18	BACS	Dentons Solicitors	2400.00
20/11/18	DD	CNG Ltd	221.55
23/11/18	BACS	Wages week 34 / month 8	4050.50
23/11/18	BACS	Members allowance month 8	1017.55
26/11/18	BACS	Festive Lights	26.98
26/11/18	100146	Unitty Specialist Cleaning Ltd	37080.00
28/11/18	100147	MGD Solutions Ltd	196.00
28/11/18	BACS	Halls SMS	159.90
30/11/18	BACS	Wages week 35	1655.96
30/11/18	DD	Veolia	158.98
		Month end total	61992.06

134/18 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) **Codsall Community High School (CCHS) - School Transport**

The independent report for the walking route, Perton to Codsall, was submitted just before the deadline on Friday 16th November. A decision will be known by the 21st December. The High School has confirmed that they will continue to provide the subsidised transport until the end of January when hopefully there will be a favourable outcome in the review or an alternative, affordable transport solution in place.

b) **Community funded school crossing patrols**

A review of usage for each crossing should be completed to assess where the vulnerable areas are. Speed Watch could gather some numbers. Concern was raised regarding subsequent costs.

Will the County Council upgrade the pedestrian crossing at Mercia Drive and other crossing points?

Resolved Councillors should make representation through the on-line survey at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/patrols. This item will be looked at further when setting the budget for 2019/20.

c) **A41 Traffic lights sequence**

It has been suggested that the traffic lights on the A41 could be changed to give priority exit to Perton especially between 7.30am - 8.50am. **Resolved** Clerk to make a formal request to the Community Highways Liaison Officer.

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

The County Council are withdrawing their financial support for the provision of School Patrol Wardens that control traffic at crossings in Staffordshire. They are asking Parish Councils to look at ways to fill this gap in funding and will train and provide high visibility coats for these Wardens. Their reasons for the decision to discontinue the service are to avoid a shortfall in funding that requires them to cover a 20 million hole in their budget.

County Highways have to make a decision in relation to the bollard in the Bus Lane at Perton. A suggestion that a camera should replace this bollard has been suggested and I will follow up on this matter especially in view of some bus operators not installing transponders to access the bus lane.

School Transport issues are not resolved at present and an assessment of the route to the High School from Perton has been carried out by an independent organization, This has been delivered to the County Council.

Additional comments

Cabinet are awaiting a budgetary review from government, this should help with funding. Any extra funding should/could be used for transport to school.

Clerk to request information for the tenders received for the Home to school transport under Freedom Of Information(FOI). The clerk has received no acknowledgment following the submission of the assessment.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Codsall Community High School for keeping the transport going under very difficult times.

Cllr RE Moreton confirmed that the Director of Planning & Strategic Services had confirmed that the Community Facilities Contribution has been written into the s106 and could not see a problem as long as the Parish Council can evidence the projects.

159/18 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) **Report from District Councillors**

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

Plans for investment and improvements to Perton Library to provide more Community facilities are to be looked at and an application for funding is the first step in this project, the organizer for the scheme is Keith Elder, who is a prime mover in existing work with Wild about Perton that is a popular part of local activities.

The District Council Meeting covering Overview and Scrutiny matters looked at the workings of the Waste disposal and Bin collections before ratifying a further 2 year contract with the existing firm that carries out the service. The arrangements for these collections were considered to be satisfactory for South Staffordshire residents.

Cases of flooding along Perton Road towards Pittingham were causing problems for travellers there and these have now been addressed after jet spraying was carried out to move soil from the pipework.

Additional Comments

It was suggested that community groups like Wild About Perton and Friends of Perton Library should be invited to Parish Council meetings to give an update on their work as it was felt that there was a breakdown in communication. This would also highlight areas that the Parish Council could offer assistance. **Resolved** Clerk to invite to a mutually convenient Parish Council meeting

b) **Good life energy**

Resolved to invite the Goodlife Energy Team to hold a surgery at Perton Civic Centre.

160/18 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Email Distribution

SPCA weekly bulletins

SSDC weekly news updates

05/11/18 Reminder - SSDC Partnership Event

12/11/18 SCC - Changes to Older and Disabled bus passes and the Your Staffordshire youth card

13/11/18 SCC - Community Funded School Crossing Patrols

14/11/18 Harlequin email regarding Sunday show and storage

16/11/18 SSDC - Local election information and newsletter

23/11/18 Response from Staffordshire Police & Crime Commissioner - Parking issues

26/11/18 Perton Spring Festival 2019 - Date for the Diary

Other Matters

- PPC ordered a further 100 bookmarks from available budget, one school had not included nursery children
- SSDC Annual homelessness survey passed to CAB to complete for the night of 7th November 2018
- Life belt around lake was damaged by a fallen tree, this has been reported to SSDC
- A picture in the Airman's lounge which was donated has had a plaque put up to show the family who donated
- A response from Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson CBE MP regarding Staffordshire County Council cuts to the voluntary sector - 'I do know the County Council has raised concerns that they have over funding and this is something I have raised with ministers on their behalf. I will continue to do all I can to push this matter forward.'
- A letter of thanks received from a parishioner for the poppy trail. *'The memories of the whole range of events will remain with us for the rest of our lives' 'i know this sport of effort does not happen overnight'*
- Clerk has requested an electronic copy of electoral registers to be held in the Parish office
- Thank you from Perton First School – *'Can I just pass on my thanks to all of you at the parish council also for allowing us as a school, and myself, to be involved in your commemorations. Its been such a lovely project to be involved with and I cannot tell you just how engaged all of the children were with the WW1 week we held last week. Lots of children enjoyed the trail and they were really engaged with the library workshops we took part in. Congratulations on planning and delivering such a well-received and special tribute.'*
- Notification from SCC Highways - Fault Report 4075167 WESTCROFT ROAD. We can confirm that works have been undertaken and are now complete
- SCC - Grit bins have been restocked
- Letter to the Chief Constable regarding parking powers for PCSO has been passed to Chief Inspector Ward for a direct response.

- South Island replacement grasses. The site is exposed and open to a number of elements including the weather, traffic fumes, rock salt etc and would therefore envisage some deaths to the plants. SSDC can provide a quote for replacements
- Hags-SMP have laid some new turf around the new children's play equipment
- Grass areas around the play area have been seeded or turfed where necessary
- Slabs have been installed at the new bus shelter
- £7,796,84 raised from the sale of poppies in Perton this is approximately £500.00 up on last year
- Veolia bin collection price increase from January 2019. Cost per lift will increase by £1.57 to £16.29
- All fire extinguishers have been serviced or replaced as appropriate
- The chains on the basket swing have been replaced
- Lakeside Church have decided not to use the Civic Centre on New Year's Eve
- The gym equipment has been re-located around the lake

Facebook /Website Posts

- Various smart Alerts
- SSDC weekly news updates

On-going matters

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| 1. Lower Lake de-silting | 2. Civic Centre Renewable Energy |
| 3. Finger Posts - Anders Square | 4. Allotments |
| 5. Skatepark | 6. Bus shelter - Kingswood & Trescott |

161/18 PLANNING

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

Application No.	Proposals	
18/00795/FUL	Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension over existing single storey - 25 Moor Park, Perton	G R A N T E D
18/00775/VAR	Conversion of Barn 2 to accommodate 3 residential units. Replace approved drawing in 16/00227/FUL to create extra bedroom accommodation - Cranmoor Lodge Farm, Wrottesley Park Road, Perton WV8 2HS	
18/00741/FUL	Demolition of existing structures and extensions, and the extension and alterations to a single dwelling and garage - The Cottage, Bennetts Lane, Pattingham	

162/18 SKATEPARK

Nothing further to update. A meeting will be arranged in January.

163/18 WROTTESLEY PARK ROAD DEVELOPMENT

An update was given on this item during the District Council reports item 159/18a)

164/18 CHRISTMAS TREE - APPROVAL OF LICENCE TO OCCUPY

- a) The solicitors acting on behalf of Sainsburys have supplied an annual rolling licence documenting that the annual fee will be of a peppercorn sum (approximately £1) each year. **Resolved** the Clerk or Chairman to sign the licence on behalf of the Council.

The Clerk to pass on the Council's thanks to the Christmas Fair committee for all their efforts in hosting another successful day.

- 165/18 **ANDERS SQUARE FINGER POSTS**
 The Clerk has enquired with the solicitors, acting on behalf of Sainsburys, the cost for installing the finger posts, no information received.
 There was discussion on land ownership of Anders Square, **Resolved** Clerk to be confirm ownership through land registry is necessary.
- 166/18 **PENSIONS DISCRETIONARY POLICY**
Resolved to accept the revised policy. This will be added to the list of polices for annual review in October.
- 167/18 **SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS 2019 MEMBERSHIP**
 The cost has risen to £299 per year, it was **Resolved** not to renew membership for 2019
- 168/18 **'THERE BUT NOT THERE' SOLDIER SILHOUETTE PERMANENT SITE**
 Following much discussion, it was **Resolved** to display the soldier in the Civic Centre permanently where it can be seen and monitored. To be displayed at the War Memorial for the annual Remembrance Services.
 The standard purchased by the Parish Council was blessed at the Remembrance Service.
- 169/18 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
 Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.00pm
 Monday 21st January 2019 (Precept) at 7.00pm

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 8.14pm

Signed
 Chairman

Date: 14th January 2019