

# PERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting of Perton Parish Council held at Perton Civic Centre on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Present:** Councillors D Glynn (Vice- Chairman), AA Bourke, R Bradley, N Caine, P Davis, K Elder, Mrs R Heseltine, Mrs A James, C Rathbone, J Sherlock, Mrs B Walters

**Also present:** Parish Clerk Mrs B Hodgetts  
PCSO A Tooth (part of the meeting)  
Members of the public - Three

Cllr D Glynn chaired the meeting

211/19 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No questions raised from the public present.

7.00pm The Chairman imposed standing orders.

212/19 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllrs, Mrs P Allen, Mrs L Dew, J Turner and Ms S Wilkes

213/19 **POLICE MATTERS AND REPORTS** - Verbal report from PCSO Tooth

There were four burglaries - three domestic property disputes. Two vehicles were broken into and 1 had the fuel syphoned off.

There were nine reports of ASB, six of which were from one resident. A trained professional is dealing with this issue.

Cannabis was confiscated off two youths following a stop and search.

A nominal (not from Perton) has been arrested with links to car key thefts.

214/19 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest received for the following agenda items;

217/19c Perton First School grant - Cllr Mrs R Heseltine

217/19c Perton Library - Cllrs P Davis and K Elder

217/19d Perton Carnival - Cllrs Mrs Heseltine and Mrs B Walters

Chq 100293 - PPFA members - Cllrs N Caine, P Davis, K Elder, D Glynn, Mrs R Heseltine, C Rathbone and J Sherlock

215/19 **REQUESTS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT DISPENSATIONS**

No requests received.

216/19 **MINUTES**

- a) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2020, previously distributed, were a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) **Resolved** that the minutes of the Precept Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, previously distributed, were a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- c) Draft minutes of the Management Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> February were noted for information.

217/19 **FINANCE**

- a) Draft minutes of the Finance Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, together with income statement and budget to date were noted for information.

b) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Payments made since the last Parish Council meeting.

Date	Cheque No.	Description	Total £
02/01/20	DD	Ash Waste	130.20
02/01/20	SO	Kaleidoscope	30.00
02/01/20	DD	South Staffordshire Council	1,412.00
03/01/20	100288	John Ellis Associates Ltd	300.00

06/01/20	100289	Connect Pages	120.00
08/01/20	100290	Assa Abloy	381.36
14/01/20	100292	Thyssenkrupp Elevator UK Ltd	208.80
14/01/20	100291	MGD Solutions	196.00
14/01/20	100293	Perton Playing Fields Association (Grant)	2,000.00
15/01/20	100294	Banner Fire & Security	264.00
17/01/20	DD	BT	32.01
17/01/20	BACS	Halls SMS	129.47
17/01/20	BACS	Inland Revenue M09	2,613.13
17/01/20	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Pension M09	3,026.36
17/01/20	100295	ESPO	236.07
20/01/20	DD	CNG	768.07
21/01/20	DD	Npower	703.94
24/01/20	100298	Acquiesce Environmental Compliance Ltd	168.00
24/01/20	BACS	Arts Alive - Flicks in the Sticks	300.00
24/01/20	DD	Waterplus	270.80
24/01/20	100297	G K Beaulagh	348.60
24/01/20	100296	Edge IT Systems	680.40
30/01/20	BACS	Screwfix - (R Hodgetts)	1,065.52
30/01/20	BACS	Members Allowance month 10	1,032.95
30/01/20	BACS	Salary Month 10	10,045.24
		<b>Month End Total</b>	<b>£26462.92</b>

c) **GRANT REQUESTS**

Perton First School - **Resolved** to approve the grant of £269.85 following confirmation from the SPCA that this is legal under s137.

Perton Day Care Centre - **Resolved** to approve a grant of £600.

Perton Library - **Resolved** to approve expenditure to the value of £416.35 to support the voluntary community archaeology group, Archaeology in Mind (AiM). Perton Parish Council to purchase and donate to the project.

d) **CONCESSIONARY ROOM HIRE**

**Resolved** to approve room hire free of charge for Perton Carnival to be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

218/19 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) No report received from the County Councillor.

b) Traffic Management of Jenny Walkers Lane, A454 and A41 was discussed. **Resolved** Clerk to contact Staffordshire Highways to formally request that they look at the following suggestions to alleviate the traffic issues at peak times.

- Install a ghost lane, Wrottesley Park Road
- Install an island at the junction of Jenny Walkers Lane/Pattingham Road
- Install an island at the junction of Jenny Walkers Lane/A454 Bridgnorth Road
- Create a third exit from Perton

Removal of the traffic lights on the left filter lane at the junction of Jenny Walkers lane/A454 was also discussed. Councillors were not sure this was a suitable option as vehicles would be filtering onto a busy A road.

219/19 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

a) District Councillor reports were accepted for information, copy attached to these minutes.

b) District Council footpath maintenance, **Resolved** to contact the District Council to remind them formally that they have a duty to maintain the crushed brick paths in Perton especially at Penk Meadow.

- c) Wild flower verges along Wrottesley Park Road was discussed. There is a small section approximately halfway between the A41 junction and the north outer island, Wrottesley Park Road that is wide enough to be a trial area, other areas are too narrow. This project could take 5 - 10 years to properly develop.
  - d) Local Plan Review flooding issues. No further update from the Flood Risk Officer. Clerk to continue pursuing
- 220/19 **CLERK'S REPORT**  
Report accepted for information; copy attached to these minutes.
- 221/19 **SKATEPARK**  
Nothing further to update. Clerk to look at funding opportunities as soon as possible.
- 222/19 **YOUTH WORKING PARTY**
- a) An update was presented to the Council. Due to a clash of meetings it was requested that the Clerk look at having an electronic diary that all councillors can access. **Resolved** Clerk to investigate. This will only be considered if it does not add additional work for the Parish office, to report back to Full Council.
  - b) A Pre-application has been completed for the installation of lighting. **Resolved** Councillors agree the application can be submitted, there is no cost to the Parish Council. A full consultation will be required before any installation.
- 223/19 **TREE PLANTING**  
An update was given, 30 trees have been planted to date.
- 224/19 **COMPOSTING**  
A speaker has been provisionally booked for Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> to talk about composting and its benefits. **Resolved** the Parish Council will cover the £70 fee and provide the hall free of charge. The District Council will support this where possible.
- 225/19 **ALLOTMENTS**  
Specification costs for the design of the site have been received from one company at a costs of £5,400. **Resolved** Clerk to obtain further quotes.
- 226/19 **VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS WORKING PARTY**  
An update was presented to the Council. A representative from the library has joined the working party and helping with some of the planned events.
- 227/19 **KINGSWOOD BUS SHELTER**  
Following discussion and subsequent votes, 9 councillors were in favour of delaying a decision, Councillors N Caine and P Davis voted against. **Resolved** to add this item to the Precept meeting in January 2021.
- 228/19 **OPERATION BRIDGE POLICY**  
On the advice of District Council this item should be moved to confidential. **Resolved** to move as per Standing Order 10a xi.
- 229/19 **BEST KEPT VILLAGE**  
**Resolved** to enter the competition for 2020
- 230/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7.00pm

#### **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 the publicity will be prejudicial to the public interest.

- 228/19 **OPERATION BRIDGE POLICY**  
**Resolved** to accept the policy as previously distributed. Rosettes and armbands to be purchased

**Meeting closed at 8.36pm**

#### **Crime & Disorder Implications Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998**

Where relevant any decisions made at the Parish Council meeting have taken this duty of care into consideration.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## District Councillor reports

### Verbal report from Cllr Mrs R Heseltine - Member for Lakeside Ward of SSDC

Since the last parish council meeting, I have attended the following:

2 Cabinet meetings

4 informal Cabinet meetings

1 Licensing and Regulatory meeting

2 Lead member briefings

Overview and Scrutiny meeting

Planning Committee meeting preceded by some s106 training

Local Planning Workshop

2 Challenge Panel meetings - Your Place where our brief is looking at planning enforcement

S.E. Staffs and Seisdon Peninsula CCG locality board meeting

A Wellbeing Select Committee meeting where we received an update on the breast screening service. I am pleased to say that since we had a breast screening unit based at the District Council Offices, the uptake from all local practices has increased. This just shows the need for a locally based facility - a situation which will be reviewed ready for the next round of breast screening.

### Verbal report from Cllr P Davis - Member for Perton Dippons Ward of SSDC

Standards and Resources Committee

Overview and Scrutiny

\planning Training re:s106

Your Council Challenge Panel - Council Planning

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

#### **16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Standards and Resources Committee meeting**

Very interesting discussions regarding the District Councils Workforce Employment Trends and The Corporate Health and Safety update.

#### **21<sup>st</sup> January 202 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting**

Main discussion was the 5 year Financial Term Strategy. For the first time as a District Councillor I could not vote to approve their plan mainly because of the impending charges for Green Waste where it appears the Council are looking to not just cover the costs of service but appear to be making a healthy profit from residents who will be paying for this service.

#### **30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Local Plan Seminar**

After the last consultation, workshops are now continuing regarding future housing plans. This workshop was about what benefits we should be expecting from housing growth, for example, improvements in Highways, Health and Education. The next workshop is on the 'Duty to Co-operate'.

### Verbal report from Cllr N Caine - Member for Perton Lakeside Ward of SSDC

Reported 11 potholes and 12 faulty streetlights

## Clerks' Report

### Email Distribution

SPCA weekly bulletins: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
SSDC Council news round up: 150, 151, 152, 153

- 13/01/20 Staffordshire Police - PCSO changes
- 14/01/20 PPFA precept request
- 14/01/20 Staffordshire Police Chief Inspector response to concerns and invitation to Parish meeting
- 14/01/20 Dudley's draft revised CIL regulation public consultation. Further details available from the Clerk's office

### Other Matters

- Pot hole reported at traffic calming
- Repairs have been carried out to the stage backdrop
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council - draft public consultation on the revised CIL regulation 123 list. Further details available from the Clerk's office
- A 5 year contract renewed for the finance package, Edge IT systems after researching alternative options
- Re-declaration for workplace pensions has been completed, no changes. This is completed every three years after the original staging date (01/01/17)
- Complaint forwarded to South Staffs Housing Association regarding resident driving across grass verge
- Copyright permission given by Severn Homes to reproduce their maps for the Reserved Matters planning application, Wrottesley Road West. PPC comments forwarded to South Staffordshire Council
- Staffordshire County Council Highways Department have responded to the Wrottesley Park Road Development with numerous concerns. SSDC to consult with PPC again when amended plans are available
- Closing date for Citizen of the Year nominations is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has advised that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for 2020-21 is £8.32
- Staffordshire County Council have no record of s106 Highway money being received
- Library defibrillator has been returned

### Facebook/Website

- SSDC Council news weekly round ups
- SCC Library information
- Tool Theft from Vans

### On-going matters

1. Lower Lake de-silting
2. Civic Centre Renewable Energy
3. Allotments
4. Bus shelter – Kingswood
5. Skatepark