

# PERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Perton Parish Council held at Perton Civic Centre on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7pm

**Present:** Councillors Mrs PA Allen (Chairman), D Glynn (Vice- Chairman), AA Bourke, N Caine, P Davis, Mrs L Dew, K Elder, Mrs R Heseltine, C Rathbone, J Sherlock, J Turner  
Mrs B Walters  
Parish Clerk Mrs B Hodgetts  
Members of the public - Two

### Meeting

231/19 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No questions raised from the public present.

7.03pm The Chairman imposed standing orders.

232/19 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllrs R Bradley and Mrs A James.

233/19 **POLICE MATTERS AND REPORTS** - Written report from PCSO Tooth

Parish Council meeting Crime report was accepted for information.

Clerk to request that the PCSO's monitor the bus link and to confirm progress of the new PCSOs.

PCSO Fryer has arranged for the Crime Prevention Bus to visit Perton on 5<sup>th</sup> April. As part of this initiative they would like to give away some free mini window/door alarms at a cost of £3.92 + vat. Parish Council **Resolved** to provide 25 units in the first instance.

234/19 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

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

237/19b cheque 100305 Perton First School grant,- Cllrs Mrs PA Allen and Mrs R Heseltine

244/19 SPCA annual subscription - Cllr N Caine

235/19 **REQUESTS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT DISPENSATIONS**

No requests received.

236/19 **MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th February 2020, previously distributed, were a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

237/19 **FINANCE**

a) Draft minutes of the Finance Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 £
02/02/20	SO	Kaleidoscope - web hosting	30.00
04/02/20	100299	Connect Pages - advertising	120.00
04/02/20	DD	Ash Waste	127.80
07/02/20	100301	Vendaid - drinks machine supplies	29.24
07/02/20	100300	Refundable deposit (cancelled event)	150.00
10/02/20	100302	Ricoh UK Ltd	237.94
11/02/20	100303	Evac+Chair	1017.60
12/02/20	BACS	Halls SMS - consumables	62.96
12/02/20	100305	Perton First School	269.85
12/02/20	100304	Perton Day Care Centre	600.00
13/02/20	100306	Refundable Deposit - function held on 8th February	50.00

14/02/20	100308	SLCC - ILCA training course	118.80
14/02/20	100307	Thyssenkrupp Elevator UK Ltd	208.80
14/02/20	BACS	Inland Revenue M10	2866.15
14/02/20	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Pension M10	3141.05
17/02/20	BACS	Halls SMS - consumables	48.06
17/02/20	DD	BT	91.35
18/02/20	DD	Npower - Electricity	823.40
19/02/20	100309	R Hodgetts - Operation Bridge Expenses re-imbursed	49.69
19/02/20	100310	MGD Solutions graffiti removal	196.00
20/02/20	DD	CNG - Gas	654.27
24/02/20	100312	CANCELLED CHEQUE	0.00
24/02/20	100311	ESPO - library grant items	75.66
24/02/20	100315	Acquiesce Environmental Compliance Ltd - legionella testing	84.00
24/02/20	100314	Refundable deposit function held 22.02.20	100.00
24/02/20	BACS	R Hodgetts - Expenses re-imbursed - tools Selco	214.92
25/02/20	DD	Siemens - hot drink machine quarterly rental	169.87
27/02/20	BACS	Members Allowance month 11	1033.15
27/02/20	BACS	Salary Month 11	9436.47
28/02/20		R Hodgetts - error in repayment amount chq 100309	1.28
28/02/20	BACS	Industrial Cleaning Equipment Ltd - Floor cleaner spares	14.88
28/02/20		Petty Cash top up	205.41
28/02/20	100316	ESPO	248.40
		<b>Month End total</b>	<b>£22716.75</b>

238/19 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) County Council written report was accepted for information, copy attached to these minutes.

**Additional Comments.**

Unfortunately, Perton Parish Council were not able to claim any of the Divisional Highway Programme money for 2019/20 due to an overspend on the Burnhill Green speed reduction works. Further discussion on this matter at item 238/19c)

Clerk to contact the County Councillor to ask what projects he believes should be looked at in Perton.

The pothole repairs on Severn Drive at the chicane have made the carriage way surface worse than ever, it has created a real trip hazard. This needs immediate attention.

Can representatives from the Parish Council also attend the meeting with the Strategic Community Infrastructure Manager scheduled for April? Clerk to confirm.

There does appear to be a lack of pothole repairs in Perton, from the list of repairs on the County Council website, Perton had one repair.

Councillor Mrs P Allen to negotiate a suitable sign at Brownies warning that pedestrians cross from Jubilee wood.

- b) Planning application No. **SS.20/01/6015 W** also **20/00161/COM** for extension to an existing sewage pumping station and relocation of an existing agricultural access track at Wergs Sewage Pumping Station.

**Comments for submission**

- It appears that work has already started
- What is the process for switching to the new pumps.
- There is already evidence of effluent being dispersed into the local landscape
- The area is already subjected to anti-social behaviour. The area should be properly planted to minimise vehicle usage.

- The area already floods, additional hard standing will increase the flooding.
  - There is concern that the ecological report does not adequately take account of the bat population.
- c) Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). Due to increased costs for the Burnhill Green traffic calming measures we are unable to have the £2,000 Divisional Highway Programme Fund (DHP) we were allocated towards the installation of the posts. **Resolved** to apply for funding the whole project in the next round of funding. Posts £3120 plus VAS £2875. To consider applying for some Staffordshire Safer Roads funding if available in the next financial year.
- 239/19 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**
- a) District Councillor reports were accepted for information, copy attached to these minutes.
- b) The Chairman explained to the Council the Strategic Gap policy that is used by other areas to define a community. **Resolved** that the Chairman will discuss this further with South Staffordshire District Council.
- c) Local Plan Review - Flooding. Land Fund have been liaising with Staffordshire County Council (SCC) Flood risk Officers. SCC have completed their modelling and have passed it to Severn Trent. Land Fund have suggested a meeting be arranged with all parties concerned. **Resolved** Perton Parish Council to host the meeting.
- d) Wild flower verges. **Resolved** to include the additional site adjacent to the Parkway at the St. Andrews Drive chicane.
- 240/19 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
Perton Parish Council made the following comments;
- a) **19/00745/FUL** For the demolition of two existing outbuildings and the erection of a new self contained dwelling at Stone House, Holyhead Road, Kingswood, WV7 3AN  
**No Objections**
- b) **20/00091/FUL** for the proposed extension to the rear of the property at Southfork, Holyhead Road, Kingswood. WV7 3AP  
No Sunday or public holiday working be permitted. It was suggested that permitted development rights could be removed.
- c) **19/00966/FUL** for the proposed demolition of a pair of semi detached dwellings with proposed new dwelling and garage.  
The New Cottages, Pattingham Road, Perton WV6 7HD
- 241/19 **CLERK'S REPORT**  
Report accepted for information; copy attached to these minutes.
- Additional information**  
The Current Corona Virus situation is moving quickly. There are no government guidelines yet. Any information changes to be emailed to councillors.
- SSDC have confirmed that the crushed brick paths have not been renewed due to staff shortage.
- The ID number of the Defibrillator at the library is fading.
- 242/19 **SKATEPARK**  
**Resolved** to contact a funding bid writer for an initial consultation.
- 243/19 **YOUTH WORKING PARTY**
- a) The senior youth club committee will join with the Junior Club to discuss the way forward and use common policies.
- b) The MUGA lighting pre-application has been submitted reference 20/00023/PREAPP, it has not been allocated to an officer but there is a target date of 13<sup>th</sup> April for a decision.
- 244/19 **STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION**
- a) Annual subscription £745, this is no increase on last year. **Resolved** to approve subscription.
- b) LCR quarterly magazine subscription - £17 per annum. **Resolved** to approve subscription.
- 245/19 **ALLOTMENTS**  
Specifications costs have been received from two companies, estimated costs £5,400 and £1650 + £150 per meeting. Severn Homes have suggested that they may be able to add the specifications into their designs and project manage the whole project. Further details to be discussed.  
**Resolved** Clerk to contact all the residents on the waiting list to provide an update.
- 246/19 **VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS WORKING PARTY**  
An update was presented to the Council.

- 247/19 **UPGRADE OF CIVIC CENTRE CCTV AND INSTALLATION OF PANIC BUTTONS**  
 The cost of updating the CCTV to allow installation of a new camera in the foyer covering the entrance doors is £695. To install 2 portable panic alarms the cost would be £395. **Resolved** to accept the quotations from SGS Systems Ltd. Clerk to also seek advice on the installation of a new camera at the top of the stairs.
- 248/19 **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**  
 No nominations have been received. **Resolved** that the council will nominate a member of Wild About Perton for their help with planting of the Wrottesley Park Island. To be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- 249/19 **PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2020/2021**  
**Resolved** to accept the dates as proposed.
- 250/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.00pm  
 Annual Parish Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7pm

**Meeting closed at 9.07pm**

**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: .....

## 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

Requested a new litter bin off Beverston Road

### **Verbal report from Cllr P Allen - Member for Perton Lakeside Ward of SSDC**

Various workshops and presentations were attended. Designated community funding has been donated to the following; £150 Christmas Fair and £350 Carnival Committee. A short report on the carnival activities was given.

# 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