

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held at the Perton Civic Centre on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:00pm**

Present Mrs P Allen (Chairman)  
D Glynn (Vice-Chairman)  
AA Bourke R Bradley N Caine  
PE Davis Mrs L Dew K Elder  
Mrs RA Heseltine C Rathbone J Sherlock  
J Turner Mrs B Walters Ms S Wilkes

Parish Clerk - Mrs B Hodgetts  
Members of the Public - 2  
Also Present PCSO S Fryer and Special Jorja Whittingham

**187/19 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- a) A brief presentation was given by Ryan Taylor from South Staffordshire District Council on grounds maintenance. There is some confusion identifying who is responsible for some areas. The Parish Council will receive a schedule of maintenance. The District Council are wondering how to balance natural life with the views of residents. One idea is Wildflower Meadows. Staffordshire Highways are happy to allow areas of their responsibility to be managed at a local level. There would be a frame cut around the area to ensure visibility. The areas would need careful management and the cost of a wildflower meadow is comparable with the sq. metre cost of cut grass.

Various areas were discussed for a trial, a formal decision to be made at the February meeting.

- b) A resident enquired if the parish council knew when the pedestrian crossing on Church Road would be repainted by Sainsburys, this was first raised in April 2019. Clerk agreed to contact Sainsburys for an update.

7.30pm The Chairman imposed Standing Orders.

**188/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies received.

**189/19 POLICE MATTERS**

Verbal report given by PCSO S Fryer. The PCSO's will be temporarily covering neighbouring parishes due to a decrease in numbers. Staffordshire Police are currently recruiting more PCSO's but they will require training. Concerns were raised.

There is another change in Chief Inspector, the Parish Council expressed its concern that there is no opportunity to build a relationship.

**Resolved** to contact the Chief Inspector and congratulate him on his new post, express concern regarding the PCSO situation and invite to a future meeting.

**190/19 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

**Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest received from the following**

193/19 c) PPFA - Cllrs Mrs P Allen, P Davis, K Elder, Mrs L Dew, Mrs RA Heseltine, C Rathbone, NP Caine, J Sherlock, Ms S Wilkes

193/19 d) Support Staffordshire - Cllr K Elder

**191/19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests for dispensation received.

**192/19 MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 having previously been distributed, were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**193/19 FINANCE**

- a) **Resolved** the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 together with the income statement for December 2019 and the 2019/20 Budget update were accepted for information.

b) **Accounts for Payment**

Payments made since the last Parish Council meeting.

02/12/19	DD	Ash Waste	136.68
02/12/19	BACS	South Staffordshire Council	1412.00
02/12/19	SO	Kaleidoscope	30.00
02/12/19	BACS	Halls SMS	147.21
02/12/19	100277	Acquiesce Environmental Compliance Ltd	84.00
02/12/19	100278	Tutorcare Ltd - legionella training	426.60
02/12/19	100279	Down to Earth Grounds Maintenance	108.00
02/12/19	DD	Npower - Electricity	922.64
06/12/19		Petty Cash top up	231.35
06/12/19	BACS	Seimens - hot drink machine rental	372.67
09/12/19	100280	ESPO	282.06
09/12/19	100281	Refundable deposit - function held 9th December	100.00
12/12/19	100282	Lighthouse Photography Ltd	307.20
13/12/19	BACS	Inland Revenue M08	2793.72
13/12/19	BACS	Staffordshire County Council - Pension M08	3426.33
13/12/19	BACS	Halls SMS	37.76
13/12/19	100283	Weston Sawmill - Christmas Tree	540.00
16/12/19	100284	Ref Dep Function 14/12/19	100.00
20/12/19	DD	CNG - Gas	641.65
20/12/19	BACS	Salary Month 9a	4768.94
23/12/19	DD	Npower - Electricity	624.46
23/12/19	100285	Bradspports Ltd - staff uniform	56.40
23/12/19	100286	1st Class Hygiene	210.00
24/12/19	100287	Onsite First Aid training	300.30
27/12/19	BACS	Salary Month 9b	5076.37
27/12/19	BACS	Members Allowance month 9	1034.15
<b>Monthly total</b>			<b>24170.49</b>

**Grant Applications**

- c) Perton Playing Fields Association - **Resolved** to approve the second half yearly grant of £2,000.
- d) Support Staffordshire - Perton Volunteers Day 11<sup>th</sup> March. **Resolved** that a grant of up to £150 be made towards the buffet lunch. Cllr K Elder left the room for this item.

194/19 **STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Councillor report accepted for information, copy attached to these minutes.

Additional issues raised:

- CCTV installation at the bus lane - County Councillor to seek an update and continue to press for action.
- The Parish Council were disappointed that some of the additional Divisional Highway Programme DHP budget wasn't spent in Perton.
- The council requested that the County Councillor confirm that the remaining budget from the People Helping People fund has been allocated for the VE day commemoration.

195/19 **SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- a) District Councillor Mrs Allen informed the members present that South Staffordshire Council have agreed to impose a green bin collection charge of £43.60 per bin. The District Council still have compost bins available and would encourage households to consider using one for their garden waste. Consideration could be given to composting at the new allotment site.
- b) Stronger Three Tier Working - The Parish Council **Resolved** to opt into the SSDC initiative.
- c) (i) The Strategic Gap Policy is currently being explored as part of the Local Plan Review.  
(ii) Flooding - further research is required. **Resolved** clerk to contact the Flood Risk Officer at Staffordshire County Council

196/19 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Report accepted for information; copy attached to these minutes.

Additional information:

- Jet washing of the upper lake is not sufficient. Frame is rotting, boards are loose and still slippery. Members of the Council believe there may be a path underneath.
- Clerk informed the members of the comments regarding the traffic survey from Land Fund. Clerk to contact Staffordshire County Council to enquire if the timing of the lights on the A41 has been completed. It is noted that the queue of cars leaving Perton in the morning appears to be longer at the moment. The Chairman asked all Councillors that exit/enter Perton at peak times to note the time, date and length of queue if possible.

197/19 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/00948/FUL 44 Edge Hill Drive - Proposed side and rear single storey extensions  
The Council raised concerns in regard to the space about dwellings.

198/19 **SKATEPARK**

Unfortunately, the funding application through Sport England was unsuccessful. The Council has been given 3 months free access to a fund finding website.

199/19 **YOUTH WORKING PARTY**

- a) An update was presented to the Council. The committee have made contact with SCVYS for advice on policies and DBS checks. It is envisaged that the policies will mirror the junior youth club.
- b) Solar lighting for the MUGA is being looked at. Further investigations are showing that Solar lighting is not adequate for the MUGA. Further quotations are being sought for mains powered lighting.

200/19 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT YOI BRINSFORD**

Unfortunately, no further progress has been made.

201/19 **FREE TREE PLANTING**

There will be a wide variety of trees to be planted including, Hawthorn, Hazel, Crab apple and Dogwood. Planting will be on two sites: to create a hedge along the roadside edge on the corner of St. Andrews Drive and The Parkway and also extending the orchard along the Wolverhampton boundary between Dippons Lane and the bus lane. In addition, the Community Gardeners and 3 volunteer members of the public have ideas of other potential sites.

202/19 **VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS**

A working party meeting is scheduled and the Carnival Committee will be discussing this further at their next meeting.

203/19 **KINGSWOOD BUS SHELTER**

Correspondence from Codsall Parish Council confirms that they will not support a joint project to install a new bus shelter. **Resolved** to contact Staffordshire County Highways to confirm if permission is required from Codsall Parish Council or just Highways.

204/19 **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

- a) Cllr PE Davis has agreed to lead this initiative and has set the date for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am - Middy. 4 routes are being proposed, The Parkway both sides, Dippons Lane and Wrottesley Park Road. The Parish Council will promote the event through social media and noticeboards.
- b) **Resolved** to purchase additional litter pickers and hoops. Cllr AA Bourke will donate some of his remaining district council members fund. Also agreed to purchase additional Hi-Viz vests.

205/19 **TRAINING**

Training sessions for First Aid and Legionella have been arrange. Councillors are welcome to attend. Costs have been shared with other parishes.

It was brought to the Parish Councils attention that the De-fib at the library was missing.

206/19 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council, Precept 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm  
Parish Council - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm

**Meeting closed at 9.20pm**

***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: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

County Council Report for Perton Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>. January 2020.

As a result of the Christmas and New Year's break there were limited meetings at the County Council for members to convey items to their Parish Councils in their Divisions.

The Local County Council members attended a session at South Staffordshire offices to discuss issues relating to the South Staffordshire and a discussion concerning police matters and the appointment of a new Police Commissioner was covered by a member of the Police and Fire Authority Scrutiny Panel. Questions that I put to this representative were to establish any increased coverage and presence of officers in Perton and PCSOS to combat the problems of car theft and burglaries especially in view of increased funding for the police services around the country. It was explained to me that with the election of the incoming Commissioner this would be a priority item for review.

In the Parish of Perton which covers a rural area as well as the Village here at the centre. There has been thefts of tools and equipment from houses and farms that are near to urban developments. I therefore asked that beside Neighbourhood Watch in Perton that there was also A Rural Watch scheme that I hoped that these organizations would be supported and that reports should be more frequent to show progress in their operations to tackle crime and provide prevention advice to the public.

Helen Marshall from South Staffordshire District Council was also in attendance and as she had been in touch some time ago about the Bus Lane at Gainsborough Drive. I asked if she would support the desire to install CCTV cameras to prevent the abuse of vehicles illegally using this lane including the use by criminals for ease of access to Perton. She stated she would back this suggestion.

Keith James.  
County Councillor for Perton Division of Staffordshire County Council.

## Clerks' Report

### Email Distribution

SPCA weekly bulletins: November – 29<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
SSDC Council news round up: 147, 148, 149

11/12/19 SSDC reply to election recharges  
13/12/19 Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Controlled School Admission Arrangements 2021/22 - Consultation  
16/12/19 SSC Street Scene Update  
17/12/19 NALC Chairman's letter  
20/12/19 Let's Work Together - Monday 13th January 2020  
23/12/19 NALC Chief Executive Newsletter

### Other Matters

- PPC has reported to SSDC a dangerous broken board in Bluebell Walk
- SSDC jet washed the decking at the upper lake to try and make less slippery
- PPC reported to SSDC fallen tree in Smiths Rough. SSDC removed the tree
- PPC reported to SSDC hedge cutting requirements at Lingfield Grove. SSDC organised work within 24 hours

- PPC submitted the Local Plan Review comments (11<sup>th</sup> December 2019). Details also to published in the January edition of Perton Pages
- PPC delivered completed local Plan Review consultation forms to District Council
- Reported to SCC: Harold Close underpass lights stopped working. Ref number MREP-167843-7588
- Staffordshire Local Government Pension Scheme – Draft 2019 Valuation report will recommend employer contribution rates rise by 1% for the period April 2020 to March 2023
- Reported various potholes along Wrottesley Park Road ref: 4166442 and 4182304
- PPC requested that the path around the upper lake be swept due to a large amount of leaves
- Clerk has requested a copy of the latest electoral role

### **Facebook/Website**

- SSDC Council news weekly round ups

### **On-going matters**

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