# **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for**

# **Perton held at Perton Civic Centre on**

# **Monday 29th April 2019 at 7.00pm**

P Davis [Chairman)

Mrs RA Heseltine (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs P Allen

A A Bourke

C Evans

D Glynn

Mrs L Turner

N P Caine

R Simonds

Members of the public – Three

Parish Clerk – Becky Hodgetts

## 1. WELCOME

The Chairman, Cllr Philip Davis welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

## 2. MINUTES

## RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th April 2018 were a true and accurate record.

## 3. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Good evening and a warm welcome to all members of the public and members of Perton Parish Council who have come along this evening

The total expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2018 was £2286,473

**Income & Expenditure 2018/2019**

The Parish Precept was increased in 2018/19 to £205,000, this equated to a 7.55% (£4.19) annual increase for a ‘Band D’ property. The Parish Council also generated £75,000 of additional income mainly through Civic Centre bookings.

The total expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2018 was £286,473

Some of the expenditure incurred during the last 12 months is as follows:

£30,900 Refurbishment of civic centre heating

£735 Internal and External audit

£25,161 Play area repairs & new equipment

£8,132 Civic Centre Gas and Electricity

£13,397 Civic Centre Rates

£5,245 New Bus Shelter

£5981 was given in grants to local community groups.following grants were made to local community groups:

**The Civic Centre**

Perton Civic Centre continues to offer a range of regular activities including fitness classes, Karate, slimming clubs, Village events and a Pantomime Production. A number of private functions were also held at the centre. Various charities and local non-profit groups receive ‘Concessionary’ room hire rates which are subsidised by the Parish Council. Unfortunately the Nursery provision, which had been here for over 25 years ceased operating in September 2018, not only was this difficult for parents, it also saw a huge drop in Civic Centre income.

This year the council were challenged with replacing all three heating boilers at the Civic Centre, at cost of over £30,000.

**Playground , multi-use Games Area & Outdoor Gym**

Our children’s playground and the Multi-Use Games Area were again very well utilised over the last twelve months. A brand new piece of equipment was installed to enhance the facilities. Repair of the safety surface and littering are always an ongoing issue.

**Communication**

The Notice Boards, Parish website and Facebook page remain the main source of information for parishioners. Monthly ‘News Updates’ are also given to the local advertising magazines which are delivered free to all homes in the village.

**Entertainment**

We have screened six ‘films in the last year at a total cost of £1500 and attendance remains steady with approximately 80 per film. Films screened over the last twelve months included The Greatest Showman, The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society and most recently ‘Stan & Ollie’ which had an audience of 171

**Christmas Decorations**

The installation of a 22ft Christmas tree in Anders Square was completed following much discussion with Sainsburys. Support was also given to the independent ‘Christmas Lights’ committee who organise the Christmas Fair and are continually looking to improve the festive lighting around the village centre.

**Spring & Summer Planting**

Eight multi-tier planters containing an array of mixed coloured flowers to brighten up Anders Square were once again installed for 3 months during the summer.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the Councillors and the Civic Centre staff for their continued support and involvement during the past year.

A special thank you to the many volunteers who give up their time making Perton a better place to live for us all, whether it is weeding the traffic islands, planting spring bulbs or litter picking.

## 4. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

Members of the public present raised the following points:

* They are very pleased with how much work has been done this year.
* The addition of the Christmas Tree in Anders Square has made quite a difference and they give thanks to all involved.
* There was thanks given for the tremendous effort given this year, including the litter picking which Gillian Davis was thanked. They would like to see this done monthly and one Parish Councillor to take ownership of this going forward.
* It was commented that Phil Davis as Chairman was even handed and enabled the Parish Council to work together and was thanked from all.
* Thanks was also given to all the staff at Perton Civic Centre, specifically Alison in the office, Louise who has taken some of the weight away from the office and all the caretaking team. As without them bookings at the Civic Centre would not happen.
* Specific thanks was given on behalf of Perton Carpet Bowls to Graham and Hugh for their enormous help which makes such a difference to them.
* The members of the public were thanked for their attendance

## DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MONDAY 27th APRIL 2020

The Information was noted.

## 6. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

The Chairman invited all present to join him in the Airmans lounge for light refreshments.

**The Meeting closed at 7.07pm**

**Signed ………………………………………………………. Date ………………………………….**

**Chairman**