# **Minutes of the meeting of Perton Parish Council, held at Perton Civic Centre on Monday 9th January 2023, 7.00pm**

## **PRESENT:**

## Councillors Mrs P Allen, AA Bourke, N Caine, P Davis, Mrs L Dew, K Elder (Chairman), D Glynn

## (vice Chairman) Mrs A James, C Rathbone, J Sherlock, J Turner and Mrs B Walters

Parish Clerk Mrs B Hodgetts

Assistant Parish Clerk Mrs L Higgins

Also in attendance:

Members of the public – 5

## 130/22 - PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

Residents of Silver Poplars, Holyhead Road introduced themselves to the council.

## 131/22 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

## Apologies received and noted from Councillors R Bradley and Mrs R Heseltine.

## 132/22 - POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME REPORT

PCSO S Fryer presented a written report. Staffordshire Police has a very small supply of Faraday pouches but will try to order another supply.

Any support the Parish Council can give to a camera being installed in Anders Square would be welcome. CCTV at the rear of the Civic Centre caught some of a robbery but a camera in Anders Square may have helped with identification.

A large number of vehicles have been caught using the bus lane. Councillor Caine to find out more detail in relation to fines etc.

## 133/22 - DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

The following declarations were made:

136/22 a) transaction no. 4858 payment for Christmas Meals – Cllr Mrs P Allen

## 134/22 - CODE OF CONDUCT DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensation received.

## 135/22 – MINUTES

1. **Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2022 were agreed as a true and correct record.
2. Noted for information the draft minutes of the following committees/working parties:
   * 1. Finance meeting held on 5th January 2023

## 136/22 - FINANCE

1. **Paid Expenditure Transactions** between paid between 01/12/22 and 31/12/22

**Resolved** payments approved.

**Payment Date Tn**

**Ref Paid no Net Details**

DD ASH11 01/12/22 4834 £176.57 Ash Waste Services General & Recycle Waste Collection

DD Rates 01/12/22 4835 £1,435.00 South Staffordshire Council Rates - December

DD Elec10 02/12/22 4836 £436.40 Eon Next Electricity Electricity Charges - 1st Oct-16th Nov

DD 06/12/22 4837 £10.51 Bright Pay Connect Monthly Subscription

Bacs DLS 07/12/22 4838 £890.00 D L S Electrical Installation of Christmas Lights in Anders Square

Bacs SLCC12 07/12/22 4839 £167.80 Society of Local Council Clerks 13th Ed Local Council Admin

Bacs PEN11 08/12/22 4840 £4,952.48 Staffordshire County Council Pension - November

Bacs IT11 09/12/22 4841 £5,159.05 Inland Revenue Tax & NI - November

DD Gas10 09/12/22 4842 £282.86 Total Energies Gas & Power Gas Charges - 23rd Aug - 28th Oct

Bacs DepRef 13/12/22 4843 £100.00 Refunded Deposit Edwards - 26/11/22

Bacs SPCA11 14/12/22 4844 £36.00 PPC Staffordshire Parish Council Ass Training Course - VAT

Bacs 14/12/22 4845 £63.47 CC Halls SMS Centre Feed Rolls

Bacs WSM11 14/12/22 4846 £600.00 Weston Sawmill Anders Square Christmas Tree

Bacs DTE09 14/12/22 4847 £108.00 Down to Earth Grass Cutting to Playground

DD BT11 19/12/22 4848 £78.06 British Telecom Telephone & Broadband Charges

Bacs DepRef 19/12/22 4849 £100.00 Refunded Deposit Carpet Bowls - 11/11/22

Bacs DepRef 19/12/22 4850 £150.00 Refunded Deposit Dhalwal - 10/12/22

Bacs BFS12 21/12/22 4851 £229.20 Banner Fire & Security Fire Extinguisher Annual Maintenance,

DD Gas11 21/12/22 4852 £442.42 Total Energies Gas & Power Gas Charges 23/10/22 - 24/11/22

CHG HSBC11 21/12/22 4853 £5.80 HSBC UK Bank Charges

DD Elec11 22/12/22 4854 £491.93 Eon Next Electricity Electricity Charges - November

Bacs PCR12 22/12/22 4856 £252.93 Ricoh Rental Charges: 1st Dec - 28th Feb and copies

Bacs 23/12/22 4855 £11,457.91 Salaries M9

Bacs AE12 23/12/22 4857 £84.00 Acquiesce Environmental Compliance Ltd Legionella Monitoring

Bacs 23/12/22 4858 £103.15 Wrottesley Arms Christmas Meals Reimburse PA

DebitCard 23/12/22 4859 £36.00 PPC CPRE Annual Membership

DD Water12 28/12/22 4860 £106.74 Waterplus water Charges 08/11/22 - 08/12/22

**Total £27,956.28**

1. Cash book to date received and noted for information.
2. Income statement to date received and noted for information.
3. Expenditure and budget to date received and noted for information.
4. The purchase and installation of additional grit bins for the most treacherous areas was considered. An extra grit box has been requested for Roundway Down and Turnham Green. Staffordshire County Council will not install any further bins as the location does not meet their criteria. Staffordshire County Council have said they will also not refill any empty grit, but will re-assess the situation should we have another cold spell. Richmond Drive is one of the most dangerous roads as cars skid into the Parkway, Councillor Abrahams will be asking for an assessment. Following a vote it was **Resolved** that the Parish Council should not provide these, it was agreed that this is a County Council matter and as such the Parish Council should continue lobbying to install and manage some additional grit bins.

Councillors N Caine and D Glynn requested it be noted that they voted for the proposal of installing grit bins.

## 137/22 – CIVIC CENTRE

Consideration was given to the quotation for the lighting bar electrical and load testing in the Lakeside Hall at a cost of £1547.24. The electrician contracted to complete the 5 year fixed testing will include the lighting and the sockets as part of his work, therefore it will just be the load testing required. Harlequin have confirmed they do not require the testing for their January performances, but it was **Resolved** to arrange for the testing to be completed when possible in the new financial year.

## 138/22 – ALLOTMENTS

* + - 1. One revised tender has been received. Further submissions should be received no later than 23rd January 2023.
      2. An update on the development was given. The showhome and view homes are fully kitted out but due to difficulties in completing the road off the roundabout, they have had to provide a temporary safe access. They are waiting to hear from highways when the appropriate legal agreements can be progressed, this is now holding up the handover of the new homes.

## 139/22 – HEALTH & SAFETY

No update was available due. A meeting has been arranged for 1st February 2023.

## 140/22 – QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

1. An update on the rose garden was given. The volunteers were thanked for their hard work in preparing the ground and planting the 63 rose bushes.

At a recent Parish Council meeting it was mentioned that the garden could be designated the smallest park in the UK if it is smaller than the one in Burntwood.

## 141/22 - STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1. A verbal report was received from Councillor Abrahams.

A statement regarding funding for flooding is due sometime in January which could help flooding issues in Perton. This is part of some work being carried out in Wolverhampton. No further information where the prevention measures will be in place. Will report back when further information is received.

The surface repairs in Severn Drive were also raised. Pressure will continue on County Highways to repair properly.

1. Issues at the pump house were raised. **Resolved** to arrange a meeting with Severn Trent to discuss how they communicate with the Parish Council and what the general issues are and where they want to be in five years. They seem to be reactive not proactive which is disappointing.

## 142/22 - SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

1. District Council written report presented from Cllr P Davis and Mrs R Heseltine. Verbal reports presented by Councillors Mrs P Allen, AA Bourke and N Caine. The reports were noted for information.

Councillors asked about the youth club. At present there is no more information. This is being organised and funded by the District Council, therefore the council to contact Maggie Quinn for further information.

1. Planning Applications:

**Applications for consideration previously distributed: None received**

**Applications returned since last meeting:**

**Application no**. : 22/00193/FUL – **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

**Location:** The Farm Shop, Wrottesley Park Road, Perton, WV8 2HS

**Proposed**: Siting of storage containers (retrospective)

No further information to add.

**Application no**. : 22/00680/FUL

**Location:** The Old Pump House, Bennetts Lane, Pattingham, WV6 7EY

**Proposed**: Retrospective application for stables and barn

**Applications returned since last meeting:**

**Application no**. : 22/01070/FUL

**Location:** 112 Richmond Drive, Perton, WV6 7UQ

**Proposed**: Installation of Dakin Air Source Heat Pump

**Comments**: No objections received

**143/22 – REPORTS TO NOTE AND RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

1. Weekly Clerk’s reports previously distributed

Highlighted on the clerks report dated 6th January were statistics from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Severn Drive. There were some recorded speeds over 35mph, **Resolved** the Clerk to breakdown the times for the speeding.

Members were also invited to see what food the foodbank hold.

## 144/22 – DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Perton Civic Centre, Board room 7pm

Precept meeting - 16th January 2023

Full Council Meeting – 13th February 2023

**Meeting closed at 8.28pm**

Signed ………………………………………………………………… Date: …………………………………………

Chairman

Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary of receipts and payments between 01/04/22 and 31/10/22 inclusive. This may include

transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

**Ordinary Accounts**

Co-operative Bank £2,544.22

HSBC Current Account £20,262.42

Petty Cash Account £250.00

Public Sector Deposit Fund £156,000.00

Total £179,056.64

RECEIPTS Net Vat Gross

Parish Council £225,944.37 £0.00 £225,944.37

Civic Centre £38,575.29 £0.00 £38,575.29

Total Receipts £264,519.66 £0.00 £264,519.66

PAYMENTS Net Vat Gross

Parish Council £92,893.90 £3,790.22 £96,684.12

Civic Centre £79,950.92 £3,260.98 £83,211.90

Total Payments £172,844.82 £7,051.20 £179,896.02

Closing Balances

**Ordinary Accounts**

Co-operative Bank £2,044.22

HSBC Current Account £5,386.06

Petty Cash Account £250.00

Public Sector Deposit Fund £256,000.00

Total £263,680.28

Uncleared and Unpresented effects

Statement Closing Balances

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Total £263,680.28