# **Minutes of the meeting of Perton Parish Council, held at Perton Civic Centre on Monday 20th January 2025, 7.00pm**

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs P Allen, N Caine, P Davis (Chairman), K Elder, Mrs J Evans, C Evans (Vice-Chairman), D Glynn,

Mrs R A Heseltine, Mrs A James, S Payne, C Rathbone, J Sargent and Mrs B Walters

Parish Clerk Mrs B Hodgetts

Assistant Parish Clerk Mrs L Higgins

## 164/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and noted from Cllrs. Mrs S Beardsmore and J Turner.

## 165/24 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations received.

## 166/24 CODE OF CONDUCT

No requests for dispensation received.

## 167/24 SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE - funding opportunities

1. Interpretation board for the war memorial – Unfortunately not all the information given at the meeting on 13th January 2025 was correct. The purchase cost of the item must be no more than £1,000 including vat. Two different options were presented for consideration. **Resolved** to purchase an A2 lectern from Nature Sign Design at a cost of £535 plus £200 for artwork. With delivery and vat the total cost will be £996.
2. A ‘Lest we Forget’ memorial bench at a cost of £489 + vat will be funded by SSDC. **Resolved** to approve the purchase from Black Country Metal Workers.

## 168/24 BUDGET

The previously distributed outline budget shows the anticipated cash balance carried forward from 2024/25 with projected income and expenditure for 2025/26.

There will be a minimum of £6,000 additional expenditure for the new National Insurance rules due to come In in from April.

To reassess the use of laptops/tablets in 2026 when further information will be available on Devolution. To look at contract lease purchase/rental.

The allotment Committee to look at plot rents and refer back to the Parish Council.

There is additional expenditure this year due to the allotments, playing fields and pavilion.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk to look into operating reserves, should this be increased due to inflation?

The outline budget and headings were discussed and **Resolved** that a total budget of £555,550 be set for 2025/26**.**

## 169/24 PRECEPT

Following agreement on the budget, it was **resolved** to request a precept of £264,705 for 2025/26.

The agreed Precept requirement is an increase of 4.81% with the annual charge of £75. This is an increase of £3.44 per annum based on a ‘Band D’ property.

## 170/24 - Date and time of next meeting – Perton Civic Centre, Board room 7pm

Full Council Meeting of Perton Parish Council - 10th February 2025

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**

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

Chairman