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| **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** Public Open session from 7pm Date of next meetings: Monday 10th March  Monday 14th April Monday 28th April – Annual Parish Meeting |
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| **‘FLICKS IN THE STICKS’ Movies at 2pm** **Wednesday 16th April 2025** **Film to be advised.***All welcome - £4.00 Perton Parish Senior Citizens – Free of charge***Future film dates:** 18th June, 17th September, 19th November, 11th February 2026 |
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| **What is the Precept?**The precept is a portion of the council tax that South Staffordshire Council collects on our behalf. The Precept is calculated as part of the parish budget and allows the Parish Council to provide services to the local community, for example:* Perton Civic Centre
* Children’s Play Area, Games Arena and Outdoor Gym
* Flower Planters and Christmas Tree in Anders Square
* Allotments
* Playing Fields & Pavilion
* Grants and subsidised use of facilities to local community groups
* Litter picking/Graffiti removal
* Firework display
* Flicks in the Sticks

Parish Councils do not receive any direct funding from Central Government; therefore, the precept is hugely important to the Parish Council’s income. | ***Budget 2025/26***A budget of £555,550 was agreed by the Parish Council on 20th January 2025 with a precept of £264, 705. **What does this mean for residents:** A Band D property will pay * **£75.00 per year**
* **£6.25 per month**
* **£1.44 per week**

**This is an increase of 4.81% or £3.44 on the 2024-25 precept request.**  |
| ***Grants*** Perton Parish Council has received grants from Staffordshire County Council, South Staffordshire District Council and Enovert which have helped the Parish Council to make improvements to the Civic Centre, Playing fields and Pavilion  |
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| **BEST KEPT VILLAGE**Perton Parish Council is entering this year’s ‘Best Kept Village Community’ Competition again. Last year we were commended in the large village category and won the CPRE Environmental Award. If you would be interested in joining the volunteers to keep the village tidy or are already a group in the community that would like to offer help or support please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@pertonparishcouncil.gov.uk  |

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