



PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Chairman Eleanor Abbs, Vice Chairman Sheila Brighton (SB), Kay Darby (KD), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

Members of the public: four.

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES).

24/52 Apologies

Councillor Chris Jones' apologies were approved (proposed EA, approved unanimously).

District Councillor Stephen Cawley and County Councillor Ian Gardener gave their apologies at June's meeting.

24/53 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

24/54 Open forum for public participation

A request was made to view the parish verge-cutting map.

Action: ES to send a copy.

The pill packaging recycling project will be on September's agenda.

24/55 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Perry Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2024 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. EA, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

24/56 Clerk's report

Attached as appendix one.

24/57 Events Working Party

Feedback on the Perry Festival and Family Fun Day has been wholly positive. Any future similar events would need an increased number of active helpers. The working party will be having a debrief meeting with Grafham Water Centre.

24/58 Parish / village matters

- a) HMP Littlehey developments
No updates.
- b) Christmas tree (i)
It was **agreed** to waive Perry Parish Council's Financial Regulations regarding contracts in respect of this item only (prop. EA, app. unanimously).
- c) Christmas tree (ii)
It was **agreed** to hire a tree for three years from The Christmas Decorators, ice white twinkle with star (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to contact The Christmas Decorators.

- d) Recycling litter bin
Requesting a public bin or bins from Huntingdonshire District Council was **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to progress application.

24/59 Environmental health

- a) Vermin
The vermin situation requires no immediate action, but will continue to be monitored.
- b) Bus shelter urination
Various preventative measures were discussed.

Action: ES to discuss with Wheatsheaf, and signage to be agreed at September's meeting.

24/60 Highways and green spaces

- a) Parking obstructions
It was **agreed** to apply for Access Protection Markings to cover the pedestrian crossing points at the junction of Crow Spinney Lane / East Perry and East Perry / village green (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to submit application.

- b) Chichester Way line painting
No update.
- c) Tree plaque
Item deferred to September's meeting.

24/61 Update on meetings and training attended

EP has received Cambridgeshire County Council's community energy draft action plan and feedback survey. These are available via <https://perryparishcouncil.gov.uk/community-energy-action-plan-and-survey>.

ES attended a Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups training course run by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

24/62 Council administration

It was **agreed** to approve Perry Parish Council's Risk Management Policy regarding authorisation of payments (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to update policy appropriately.

24/63 Finance

a) The following authorised and regular payments were **noted**, and the payment schedule signed by EA.

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary for June): **confidential**
Eugene Smith (working from home allowance for June): **£26.00**
Eugene Smith (dog waste bags): **£5.50**
Eugene Smith (caution tape): **£4.59**
Eugene Smith (festival hospitality expenses): **£28.00**
Colin Beesley (handyman's wages for June): **confidential**
HMRC (June income tax): **£50.00**
ASK IT (internet security for 2024-2025): **£35.00**
Arthur Ibbett Ltd (handyman materials, various): **£123.13**
Phil Wheatcroft (festival stall materials): **£222.19**
Christine Halsall (festival materials, various): **£33.37**
Grafham Water Sailability (use of Clubhouse 12/06/2024): **£30**
Antony Abbs (Four Seasons cuts 3&4): **£440.00**
Antony Abbs (Four Seasons cuts 5&6): **£440.00**
Unity Trust Bank (service charge): **£18.00**

Lloyds Bank Multipay Card: £191.25
(Book swap boxes: **£22.50**
Festival pens: **£3.75**
Festival programmes: **£162.00**
Monthly fee: **£3.00**)

b) Payments of **£160.00** from stallholders at the Perry Festival and Family Fun Day (to be donated to the nominated charities) were **noted**.

24/64 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (11th September 2024)

SB raised the following three items.

A village bench of historic interest which is in a state of disrepair.

Action: ES to research and add to September's agenda.

The hedge opposite the Wheatsheaf which is overgrown (ES has this on the list of overgrown areas, and requested those present to send similar areas to him for collation and action).

A request for Cambridgeshire Constabulary to attend a future meeting.

Action: ES to make this request, and to research Blue Line and report back.

EA raised some recent fly-tipping on the Gaynes "Estate".

Action: ES to add to September's agenda.

Meeting closed at 2040 hours.

END OF MINUTES

APPENDIX ONE – CLERK'S REPORT

- A grant of £550 for the Perry Festival and Family Fun Day has been received from Huntingdonshire District Council's Huntingdonshire's Futures grant scheme. Many thanks to everyone at the scheme.
- Wild flower seeding and improved signage for the Roundhouse Drive biodiversity area have been requested from HDC.
- This year's Perry in Bloom letters will be sent out soon.

END OF APPENDICES