



# PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

## **Present:**

**Parish Councillors:** Chairman Eleanor Abbs, Kay Darby (KD), Chris Jones (CJ), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

**District Councillor:** **Stephen Cawley (SC).**

**Members of the public:** six.

**Clerk to the Council:** Eugene Smith (ES).

## **24/65 Apologies**

Vice Chairman Sheila Brighton's apologies were approved (proposed EA, approved unanimously).

County Councillor Ian Gardener's apologies were received.

## **24/66 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda**

None.

## **24/67 Report from District Councillor**

SC's report is attached as Appendix One.

## **24/68 Open forum for public participation**

The ongoing issue with speeding vehicles in the village was raised. ES advised that Cambridgeshire County Council has provisionally approved the LHI buffer zone bid, and that the 20mph proposal decision will now be made in October 2024. Interest has been registered for the 2025/2026 scheme.

Obstruction of the speed-activated warning sign at the Buckden end of the village was raised.

**Action:** ES to arrange sign clearance.

JS suggested that the Perry Events Group could be involved in warm spaces provision or similar.

**24/69 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Perry Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. EA, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

**24/70 Clerk's report**

Attached as appendix two.

**24/71 Events Working Party**

JS provided an update. Volunteers are still required for the bulb planting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**24/72 Parish / village matters**

a) HMP Littlehey developments

No updates.

b) Pill pack recycling

It was agreed to proceed with a trial period, commencing November 2024.

**Action:** ES to arrange.

**24/73 Environmental health**

The reported instance of fly tipping has been resolved.

**24/74 Highways and green spaces**

a) Overgrown vegetation

Four areas requiring attention were collated.

**Action:** ES to arrange reduction as appropriate, and

b) No parking signs

Two areas of problem parking were identified.

**Action:** ES to arrange installation.

c) Chichester Way line painting

No update. ES has made several requests for updates to Cambridgeshire County Council.

d) Tree plaque

Ann Jackson provided an update.

**Action:** ES to liaise with Ann.

e) Perry in Bloom

Some planters need repairing or possibly replacing.  
JS mentioned an unadopted planter at the end of The Drive.

**Action:** ES to ask the village handyman to look at the planters. ES to advertise the unadopted planter.

f) Biodiversity

ES explained the requirement for the council to consider biodiversity.

g) Proposed quiet way – Grafham / Brampton Road

The council was strongly opposed to this plan, with a suggestion that a reduced speed limit may be desirable.

**Actions:** ES to convey the council's objections to Grafham Parish Council. Councillors (tbc) to attend GPC action group meetings.

**24/75 Publications**

The council expressed disappointment with the wording of the published articles.

**Action:** ES to convey the council's observations to the editors.

**24/76 Update on meetings and training attended**

EA and ES attended the joint councils meeting hosted by Buckden Parish Council on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. ES attended Grafham Parish Council's Extraordinary Meeting (re quiet route) on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

ES has completed Excel Intermediate (parts one and two), The Psychology of Community Engagement, GDPR e-learning and London Bridge Planning training courses, all run by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

**24/77 Finance**

a) The following authorised and regular payments were **noted**.

Antony Abbs	Four Seasons grass cuts 7&8	£440.00
BWP Creative	Website & email hosting	£216.00
CAPALC	Auditor	£135.85
CCC	GWC hire for festival	£1,220.00
Chris Halsall	Perry in Bloom	£35.54
Colin Beesley	Handyman's wages	confidential
Eugene Smith	Clerk's salary	confidential
Eugene Smith	Working from home allowance	£52
Eugene Smith	Festival expenses	£28.00

GWS	Clubhouse use x3	£90.00
HMRC	Income tax	£147.20
Lisa Hemus	Festival ice creams	£134.44
Lloyds Bank	Multipay (see below)	£352.83
Martin Wilson	Perry in Bloom	£8.10
Natalie Upson	Festival performance fee	£100.00
QPrint	Festival flyers (second set)	£46.64
Simon Nelson	Festival performance fee	£720.00
SLCC	Training courses	£144.00
St John Amb.	Festival cover	£171.60

#### Multipay card payments

A4 plastic sheets	£5.25
Access Protection Marking fee	£120.00
Book swap boxes	£22.50
Book swap boxes	£16.28
Envelopes and festival marker pens	£3.75
Festival programmes	£162.00
Folders	£17.05
Monthly fee x 2	£6.00

- b) A credit of £550 from Huntingdonshire District Council's Futures Grants Scheme for the Perry Festival and Family Fun and a stallholder fee of £10 were **noted**.
- c) Charity payments of £462.50 each from the Perry Festival and Family Fun Day have been made to MAGPAS, Prostate Cancer UK, SERV and Woodgreen Pets Charity were **noted**.
- d) The completed bank reconciliation for Q1 (April – June 2024) was **noted**.

#### **24/78 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (9<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

Damaged wooden barriers by the pond, and lamppost flyer attachment.

**Action:** ES to research and add to October's agenda.

**Meeting closed at 2030 hours.**

**END OF MINUTES**

## **APPENDIX ONE – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Awaits.

### **APPENDIX TWO – CLERK’S REPORT**

- Recycling litter bin, Huntingdonshire District Council don't install them for parishes, I've asked if they would empty a PPC-installed one.
- Letters of thanks and certificates have been received from the nominated charities for June's Festival and Family Fun Day, they're on the website and the certificates will be displayed on the village noticeboard soon.
- The Christmas tree has been ordered.
- The council has a new phone number, which will be publicised once the phone is operational.
- The Access Protection Marking application for Crow Spinney Lane / East Perry has been submitted.
- Volunteers for community gritting are being sought by Cambridgeshire County Council, if anyone is interested please contact the clerk.
- The village handyman has been asked to attend to the bench overlooking Grafham Water at the rear of Glebe Road.
- A reminder that representatives from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service are due to attend October 9<sup>th</sup>'s meeting.
- A representative from Cambridgeshire Constabulary has kindly agreed to attend November 13<sup>th</sup>'s meeting, if there are any specific issues to raise please let me know over the next two months.

**END OF APPENDICES**