



# PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

## Present:

**Parish Councillors:** Vice Chairman Sheila Brighton (SB, chairman for this meeting), Chris Jones (CJ), Nigel Noon (NN), Emma Prew (EP), Jo Shirreffs (JS). The meeting was quorate.

**County Councillor:** Ian Gardener (IG)

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

**Members of the public:** five.

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

## 24/79 Apologies

Chairman Eleanor Abbs and Councillor Kay Darby's apologies were approved (proposed SB, approved unanimously).

## 24/80 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

## 24/81 Report from County and District Councillors

NN raised recent works at Grafham Water with IG. IG hadn't heard anything but would let the council know if he did.

**Action:** ES to enquire with Anglian Water.

IG's report is attached as Appendix One.

SC's report is attached as Appendix Two.

## 24/82 Open forum for public participation

The overgrown hedge between the sailing club and the Roundhouse Drive footpath was raised.

**Action:** ES to contact Anglian Water.

Littering in the layby opposite the Baptist chapel was raised.

**Action:** ES to research options and report back.

The possibility of a cycle path between Perry and Buckden was raised. IG said he's previously suggested this to Cambridgeshire County Council, and would do so again.

**24/83 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Annual Perry Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. SB, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

**24/84 Clerk's report**

Attached as appendix three.

**24/85 Events Working Party**

JS provided an update. The litter pick in September was a success. Volunteers are still required for the daffodil bulb planting.

SB thanked the Events Working Party for all their hard work.

**24/86 Remembrance Sunday**

Arrangements will be finalised at the Events Working Party meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Actions:** ES to write to the Baptist Chapel and Perry Women's Institute to invite them to lay wreaths.

**24/87 Parish / village matters**

a) HMP Littlehey developments  
No updates.

b) Grafham Water Christmas Lunch  
It was decided that the proposed funding of lunches was not practicable. If residents in need are identified please inform the council. The food bank organised by EP's daughters was also mentioned.

**Action:** ES to inform GWC.

**24/88 Highways and green spaces**

a) Wooden barriers on Chichester Way

It was agreed to replace the damaged barriers.

**Action:** ES to arrange.

b) Lamp post flyering

**Action:** ES to contact those responsible and ask them to remove after the event date, or to refrain.

c) Chichester Way line painting

No update. It has been reported frequently.

**Action:** ES to inform IG of areas requiring line painting as per his report.

d) Tree plaque

Work in progress.

e) Local Highways Improvement and 20 mph zone applications.

ES provided an update, the 40mph buffer zones have been approved by CCC. The 20mph zone was not prioritised (eight of the 91 schemes were successful this year, Perry was placed at number 20). Potential applications for both schemes to be discussed later in the year.

#### **24/89      Huntingdonshire Local Plan Response**

Discussed, council response to be formalised at November's meeting.

#### **24/90      Update on meetings and training attended**

Councillors Abbs and Darby attended Ouse Valley's Trust Living Landscape workshop on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Update to follow.

#### **24/91      Finance**

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

**Eugene Smith** (clerk's salary for September): **confidential**

**Eugene Smith** (working from home allowance for September): **£26.00**

**Colin Beesley** (handyman's wages for September): **confidential**

**HMRC** (September income tax): **£64.00**

**Cartridge Save** (printer ink): **£103.98**

**Fay Wheatcroft** (litter pick jackets): **£18.12**

**Ann Jackson** (Perry in Bloom and daffodil bulbs): **£33.37**

**Lloyds Bank Multipay Card: £213.00**

(Royal British Legion female statue: **£210.00**

Monthly fee: **£3.00**)

SB **signed** the payment schedule.

**24/92 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (13<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

NN requested that the East Park Solar Scheme be added to the next agenda. He also mentioned the large pothole in Chichester Way.

**Action:** ES to add to the next agenda and report, respectively.

Additional items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Meeting closed at 2015 hours.**

**END OF MINUTES**

**APPENDIX ONE – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Awaits.

**APPENDIX TWO – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Parish Council Update – October 2024

Land Availability Assessment – Local Plan

The Council has assessed the sites submitted through a Land Availability Assessment and a Sustainability Appraisal. The results of these assessments do not guarantee that a site will be allocated in the next local plan, but instead provide a selection of sites that have potential.

The final selection of sites will be based on a number of additional factors such as a chosen growth strategy, a final settlement hierarchy and evidence-based documents such as transport studies, strategic flood risk assessments, water cycle studies, employment land studies, climate change reports etc.

It is now proposed that these assessments are consulted on alongside the Further Issues and Options consultation document and the Sustainability Appraisal to allow members of the public, statutory consultees, landowners, developers and interested parties to see the results of the Land Availability Assessments and to provide comments.

The consultation is proposed to be held over 10 weeks between 18 September and 27 November 2024.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/search/?q=land+availability>

Annual Town & Parish Council Forum 2024

This years' Annual Town & Parish Council Forum will once again take place at the Burgess Hall in St Ives, and planning is underway to provide Town & Parish Council representatives with an informative and interactive session that is intended to be of great benefit to all.

Tickets still available via Eventbrite

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-and-parish-forum-2024-tickets-1008395326567?aff=oddtcreator&utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=sparkpost&utm\\_campaign=postpublish](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-and-parish-forum-2024-tickets-1008395326567?aff=oddtcreator&utm_source=email&utm_medium=sparkpost&utm_campaign=postpublish)

When: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 (09:00)

Where: Burgess Hall, St Ives

O&S Performance and Growth 2 October

The Council invited the Local Government Association (LGA) to undertake a Corporate Peer Challenge in May 2024. The Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) is a highly valued improvement and assurance tool that involves a team of senior local government councillors and officers undertaking a comprehensive review of key finance, performance and governance information and then spending three days at a council to provide robust, strategic, and credible challenge and support. Recommendations received and action plan drafted.

Corporate Director Vacancy – Oliver Morley

Final member of the previous Senior Mgmt team left and recruitment process for replacement begins.

### **APPENDIX THREE – CLERK'S REPORT**

- The Access Protection Marking application for Crow Spinney Lane / East Perry has been rejected.
- HMP Littlehey's Area Operations manager sent a letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> September saying that no action would be taken regarding the parking on Crow Spinney Lane, but they have requested that emergency services notify them of any issues.
- The recycling litter bin developments have been scheduled for November's meeting.

**END OF APPENDICES**