



PERRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Perry Parish Council Meeting held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at the Grafham Water Sailability Clubhouse.

Present:

Parish Councillors: Chairman Eleanor Abbs (EA), Kay Darby (KD), 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: six.

Clerk to the Council: Eugene Smith (ES).

24/93 Apologies

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

24/94 Councillors' declarations of interest for items on the agenda

None.

24/95 Guest speaker

Inspector Colin Norden from Cambridgeshire Constabulary spoke on policing in the district, and answered questions. He requested that residents contact him with *non-urgent* concerns and complaints (colin.norden@cambs.police.uk). Urgent matters should always be reported to 999.

Action: ES to add contact details to council website.

24/96 Report from County and District Councillors

IG's report is attached as Appendix One.

SC's report is attached as Appendix Two.

24/97 Open forum for public participation

The overgrown upper vegetation on the cul-de-sac between the B661 and Rosecroft was raised.

Action: ES to add to December's agenda.

The sign for the footpath leading to Grafham Water Centre needs repointing, as it currently sends people down the Rosecroft cul-de-sac.

Action: ES to report to Cambridgeshire County Council.

The book swap needs some new boxes / repairs, and signs explaining that there is no charge.

Action: ES to deal.

24/98 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Perry Parish Council meeting held on 9th October 2024 were **approved** as a correct record (prop. NN, app. unanimously) and signed by the Chairman.

24/99 Clerk's report

Attached as appendix three.

24/100 Events Working Party

JS provided an update. Many positive comments have been received re the Remembrance display.

Ann Jackson and Helen Oddy were thanked for their hard work planting bulbs.

24/101 Parish / village matters

a) HMP Littlehey developments
No updates.

b) Litter bins
Decision **deferred** to December's meeting. CJ asked what the process would be for rejected recycling loads.

c) Large bin bags purchase (large dog waste bin opposite Gaynes Hall)
Approved (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to purchase.

CJ stated that the bags currently provided at the Ridgeway End of Chichester Way are being removed very quickly.

Action: ES to fashion a notice requesting moderation and consideration.

24/102 Highways and green spaces

a) Chichester Way line painting

IG has requested a complete line repaint for the village from Cambridgeshire County Council.

b) Boat planters

Fay Wheatcroft has had a very generous offer of a boat, for use as planters. She and the Events Working Party will deal.

- c) Local Highways Improvement.
ES provided an update on the options available. LHI decision to be made at December's meeting. 20mph zones to be discussed in 2025.

Action: ES to circulate details and add to December's agenda.

- d) Perry in Bloom.
A resident's suggestion re changing the current system was discussed, the council **decided** to keep the scheme as it is. CJ asked if labelling could be applied to the existing boxes.

Action: ES to inform the resident of the council's decision, and add labels to December's agenda.

24/103 Planning permission consultation

Proposal: Construction of 3no. Dwellings and Alterations to Existing Vehicular Access

Site Address: 26 West Perry

Reference: 24/01701/FUL

The applicant addressed the meeting and answered questions.

The council **approved** the application (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to inform Huntingdonshire District Council.

24/104 Section 137 donation

It was **decided** to make a donation of £300 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for hedgehog care in Perry (via Ann Jackson), which will be put towards the purchase of a microscope (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

24/105 Huntingdonshire Local Plan Response

It was decided to oppose potential developments which were perceived to be likely to cause unacceptable demands on the local infrastructure.

Action: ES to submit the council's response to Huntingdonshire District Council's development portal.

24/106 East Park Solar Farm

To be retained as a standing agenda item.

24/107 Update on meetings and training attended

EA and KD reported back on the Ouse Valley's Trust Living Landscape workshop they attended on October 3rd. Findings to be discussed at December's meeting.

KD and ES attended the Huntingdonshire District Council Town and Parish Council Forum on 23rd October.

ES attended the Sustrans Brampton Quietway briefing on 25th October, Perry will be included in any consultations.

ES attended the following Society of Local Council Clerks training courses: What Makes People Become Challenging? and Understanding Psychopathic and Narcissistic Behaviour.

24/108 Council administration

It was **agreed** to form a standing committee for personnel (prop. EA, app. unanimously).

Action: ES to circulate terms of reference.

24/109 Finance

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

Eugene Smith (clerk's salary for October): confidential
Eugene Smith (working from home allowance for October): £26.00
Eugene Smith (mileage): £17.73
Colin Beesley (handyman's wages for October): confidential
HMRC (October income tax): £134.75
Unity Trust Bank (service charges): £23.40*
Unity Trust Bank (manual credit handling charge): £8.50
Grafham Water Sailability (Sep/Oct Clubhouse use): £60.00
PKF Littlejohn (audit fee): £48.00
Eleanor Abbs (mileage): £5.85
Kay Darby (mileage): £20.07

Lloyds Bank Multipay Card: £55.67
(SMARTY monthly phone fee: £5.00
Tesco dog waste bags: £5.50
Amazon internal mail envelopes: £40.67
B&M pins: £1.50
Monthly fee: £3.00)

***last quarterly service charge on 30/09/2024, charged monthly from 31/10/2024**

EA **signed** the payment schedule.

b) The budget monitoring document for April – September 2024 was **noted**.

c) The following budget reallocations were **approved** (prop. EA, app. unanimously):

Transfers from earmarked reserves:
£149 from s137 payments, £431 from Events.

New expenditure items:

Multipay card and mobile phone charges: £150 to be moved from Highways.

d) The bank reconciliation for Quarter Two was **noted**.

4/92 Agenda items for the next Perry Parish Council meeting (11th December 2024)

NN raised the works at Grafham Water. ES has requested attendance at a future meeting by Anglian Water.

CJ requested that a representative from Anglian Water attend meetings on a regular basis regarding village/reservoir matters.

Action: ES to add Anglian Water (structural concerns and village relationships) as a standing agenda item, and invite an Anglian Water representative to a future meeting.

Additional items must be received by the clerk no later than Monday 2nd December.

Meeting closed at 2100 hours.

END OF MINUTES

APPENDIX ONE – REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Awaits.

APPENDIX TWO – REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Awaits.

APPENDIX THREE – CLERK'S REPORT

- Grafham Water Centre have requested expressions of interest for a Christmas lunch.
- New defibrillator pads have been purchased, a replacement case will be looked into next year.
- The pill recycling scheme launch has been deferred to February.

END OF APPENDICES