

Pershore Town Council



Annual Report 2022/2023

18th May 2023

Annual Report from the Town Mayor – Matthew Winfield

Mr. Winfield thanked his colleagues and residents of Pershore for what he felt had been an exceptional year – the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, death of a HM Queen Elizabeth, accession of King Charles III, and the Coronation celebrations where the Placeboard were to thank for the erection of bunting and flags all over the town.

Mr. Winfield went on to praise the people of Pershore for their involvement in the Coronation celebrations – every street had gone some way to making an effort to celebrate, every trader had taken the opportunity to decorate and celebrate in their own way and Mr. Winfield stated he felt proud to be a Perscorian. He added that so many of the people of Pershore do good deeds, and he believes Pershore is the finest place in England.

Mr. Winfield asked the new Town Council to continue to address the biggest issue facing Pershore – housing development. He believes the town is beginning to divide into two – a residential town and a commuter town, and with the SWDP review near completion, along with the two new towns in Throckmorton and Norton Parkway, asked members to do all they could to mitigate the impact these settlements would have on Pershore. He added that the Town Plan, formed in 2018, must form the basis of decision making going forward.

Mr. Winfield urged everyone to remember the men and women of the forces, who made the ultimate sacrifice, the finest of the public servants. Mr. Winfield stated that it was an honor to lay a wreath in Pershore Abbey on Remembrance Sunday. He asked whoever succeeds him to continue to link with the forces. Mr. Winfield reminded the Town Council that they have committed to finding a home for the roll of honor in the Town Hall. Mr. Winfield went on to thank his colleagues at the Royal British Legion for their part in organising the Remembrance Parade.

Mr. Winfield continued by encouraging those present to celebrate democracy. He wished the new Mayor well in their role. He stated that it had been an honor to serve as Mayor and thanked members of the public present at the meeting for their support throughout his tenure.

Mr. Winfield finished by adding that Pershore was a lovely town, and that he felt everyone was lucky to live here.

Matthew Winfield
Town Mayor

Councillor Activities:-

During the year, as well as attending Council meetings and making decisions, councillors have also represented the Council on a number of outside bodies. These include:-

Citizens Advice Bureau
Persnore Volunteer Centre
Persnore Town Football Club
Persnore United Charities
Emergency Planning
Council for the Protection of Rural England
Vale Public Transport Group
Riverside Youth Centre
County Association of Local Councils (CALC)

A report from each of the Council representatives on these groups will be available on our website in due course and are available for residents on request.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DOES

The Town Council owns and manages:-

- Riverside land at King George's Field and Avon Meadows
- Avon Meadows Car Park
- Grassed play area at Cherry Orchard
- Allotments in Defford Road
- Persnore Cemetery and car park
- Town Hall and walkway
- Persnore Library and Visitor Information centre
- Land off Holloway – available to walkers for picnics and a rest area
- Small area of land adjacent to Holloway
- White Railings moorings (leased to A.N.T.)

The Town Council controls and manages:-

- St Andrews Gardens

The Town Council provides:-

- Street lighting in residential areas

- Bus Shelters
- Vehicle Activated signs
- Town Clock on the Town Hall
- Benches and litter bins
- Flower tubs, hanging baskets and floral displays
- Christmas lights
- Grants to local organisations
- Free accommodation at the Library and a grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau, reviewed annually
- Rooms in the Town Hall and the Library for hire to local groups in the town
- Exchanges, through the Twinning and Tourism Committee, to our twin towns
- The Visitor Information Centre
- The land for the Riverside Youth Centre on a lease
- The land for Pershore Town Football Club on a lease
- The land for the Leisure Centre on a lease
- Some of land occupied by the Avon Meadows wetlands
- Free accommodation for the Heritage Centre

Town Council Finances - Please see charts on the next page showing how the Council has spent your money during the year to 31st March 2023.

If you would like more detailed information, or a set of the accounts, please contact the Interim Town Clerk after the end of May.

Please note that 0% indicates income or expenditure of less than £3500.

Council and Committee meetings for the year 2023

Pershore Town Hall, 34 High Street, Pershore

(Cemetery Committee will take place at the Cemetery Chapel in summer)

2023

May	3 rd	Youth Council (High School)
May	4 th	Amenities and Environment Committee (cancelled)
May	8 th	Twinning and Tourism Committee (cancelled)
May	18 th	Town and Annual Meetings
May	23 rd	Planning Committee Town Council
June	1 st	Finance and Property Committee
June	7 th	Youth Council (Town Hall)
June	7 th	Cemetery Committee
June	15 th	Planning Committee Town Council
July	5 th	Youth Council (High School)
July	13 th	Amenities and Environment Committee
July	20 th	Planning Committee Town Council
Aug	2 nd	Cemetery Committee
Aug	3 rd	Finance and Property Committee
Aug	14 th	Twinning and Tourism Committee
Sept	7 th	Planning Committee Town Council
Sept	13 th	Youth Council (tbc)
Sept	14 th	Amenities and Environment Committee
Oct	4 th	Youth Council (tbc)
Oct	4 th	Cemetery Committee
Oct	5 th	Finance and Property Committee
Oct	19 th	Planning Committee Town Council
Nov	1 st	Youth Council (tbc)
Nov	9 th	Amenities and Environment Committee
Nov	13 th	Twinning and Tourism Committee
Nov	16 th	Planning Committee Town Council
Dec	6 th	Youth Council (tbc)
Dec	6 th	Cemetery Committee
Dec	7 th	Finance and Property Committee
Dec	21 st	Planning Committee Town Council

2024

Jan	3 rd	Youth Council (tbc)
Jan	11 th	Amenities and Environment Committee
Jan	18 th	Planning Committee Town Council
Feb	7 th	Youth Council (tbc)
Feb	7 th	Cemetery Committee
Feb	8 th	Finance and Property Committee
Feb	12 th	Twining and Tourism Committee
Feb	15 th	Planning Committee Town Council
Mar	6 th	Youth Council (tbc)
Mar	14 th	Amenities and Environment Committee
Apr	3 rd	Youth Council (tbc)
Apr	3 rd	Cemetery Committee
Apr	4 th	Finance and Property Committee
Apr	11 th	Planning Committee Town Council
May	1 st	Youth Council (tbc)
May	2 nd	Amenities and Environment Committee
May	9 th	Town and Annual Meetings
May	13 th	Twining and Tourism Committee
May	16 th	Planning Committee Town Council

NB: Youth Council meetings commence at 2.00pm, Planning usually 7:00 pm, all other meetings at 7:30 pm.

Members of the Council until the next election, planned for May 2027

Cllr Dan Boatright	10, Abbey View Road, Pinvin	Holy Cross
Cllr Peter Brookbank,	86, Station Road, Pershore	Holy Cross
Cllr Brian Burdon	90 High Street, Pershore	St Andrews
Cllr M Chapman Pincher	7, Broad Street, Pershore	St Andrews
Cllr Sharon Gibbons	33, Cherry Orchard, Pershore	Holy Cross
Cllr Richard Grantham	13, Meadow Walk, Pershore	Holy Cross
Cllr Julie Hemming	32, Nogains, Pershore	St Andrews
Cllr Art Lavelle	Church Street, Great Comberton	St Andrews
Cllr Julian Palfrey,	4, Mill Lane Close, Pershore,	Holy Cross
Cllr Chris Parsons MBE,	13 Allesborough Drive, Pershore	St Andrews
Cllr John Rees	Moien, Upper St, Defford	St Andrews
Cllr C G J Tucker,	10 Throckmorton, Pershore	St Andrews
Cllr Val Wood,	20 Bridge Street, Pershore	Holy Cross
Cllr Tony Wright-Jones	3 Gosney Fields, Pinvin	Holy Cross

All members may be contacted through the Town Hall on the number or email address listed below. Members also have their details on the Town Council website:-

www.pershoretowncouncil.gov.uk