

Minutes of the Prees Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons; J Whelan; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs L Baer; M Lanham; J Allen and P Wynn.

Also present were 10 members of the public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff.

123/18. Public Session. Three members of the Public expressed their concerns about Planning Application 18/04298/FUL. Site access was cited as a problem as was the site's proximity to housing and the SSSI.

124/18. Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D Foster; Mrs S Short; Mrs S Jones; R List and D Ladd.

125/18. Disclosure of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest: Cllr J Allen completed a disclosure form.

126/18. Signing of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th September 2018 (previously circulated.) The Minutes were agreed to be a true record. Cllr Mrs L Baer proposed that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

127/18. Shropshire Council report. Cllr P Wynn reported that there are only two floating ambulances in Shropshire and this means that most of the time residents in our parish face a forty-minute wait for an ambulance coming out from Shrewsbury or Telford. Concerning the travellers' site, Cllr P Wynn reported that the kennels are being removed to make more room, that the Travellers Liaison Officer is in support of the expansion and that the Planning Officer at SC has a mind to approve it. Cllr Wynn believes this will be the last expansion.

128/18: Community Policing Report. There was no Report available this evening but PCSO Chris Hirons attended the meeting to take his leave of the Parish Council on his appointment to the Youth Engagement Team in Shrewsbury. Cllr R Hirons spoke on behalf of the whole Parish Council to thank PCSO Hirons for all his hard work and to wish him every success and happiness in his new role.

129/18: Planning.

Validation of Local Connections.

Mr and Mrs G Robbins of Higher Heath attended to support their request to have their Local Connection validated by the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors perused the supporting documentation, which had been circulated previously, and were in agreement that there was robust evidence supporting Mr and Mrs Robbins' claim and that they did indeed satisfy the requirements as set out by Shropshire Council. It was proposed by Cllr J Whelan that the clerk should convey this decision to the proper party and this was seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

Current Planning Applications:

(Cllr J Allen left the room while the following application was discussed, as he is the applicant.) **18/04159/VAR:** Variation of Condition No 2 (approved plans) and No 6 (uses) attached to planning permission 18/01556/FUL dated 18/05/18 to allow for amended plans and to enable the business to sell a greater range of goods to remain viable.

Holly Farm Garden Centre, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DD.

Applicant: Holly Farm Garden Centre and Nursery.

The Parish Council resolved to support this application. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour. (Cllr J Allen returned to the room at this point.)

18/04298/FUL: Change of use to provide Commercial Vehicles and Plant auction. Use to include office, auction area, preparation building and customer parking along with 2m high earth bund around perimeter and 10m landscaping strip to South-East boundary (relocation of existing Auction Site from the A49 Grain Store site.) Applicant: Harrison (Malcolm Harrison Auctions c/o Agent.)

It was noted that Highways say that the Applicant has failed to demonstrate the likely impact of this development on the adjacent principal road network. Local residents object on the grounds of road concerns; impact on the Site of Special Scientific Interest; impact on the rare butterflies; loss of amenity for users of the area and impact on nearby residences. Discussion revealed that the feeling amongst the Parish Councillors was that the proposed A41 site is very different to the existing A49 one. The A41 site is a much more potentially dangerous one and there are many more residential properties to be impacted. A complex traffic-management scheme would be necessary to ensure safety. The Parish Council also believed that the original, temporary permission given included a planning condition that imposed the requirement for an 'impact assessment' which was never undertaken.

Natural England has apparently not been consulted on this new Application. It was also acknowledged in discussion that the site often is very untidy and unsightly; this would impact on more residents if moved to the proposed new site on the A41. The Parish Councillors felt strongly that everyone knows what the impact of re-siting the Auction will be because it is seen at the current site: but everything will impact more, and be more detrimental, on the A41. It was

resolved to object to the Application. Clerk to draft Objection and pass to Chairman. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

18/04124/FUL: Erection of single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension and conservatory. Kent Place, Mill Lane, Higher Heath. SY13 2HR. Applicants: Mr and Mrs C Wilson

This Application had been approved already, so there was no need to discuss it.

Amendments to 17/04470/FUL: Erection of 13 dwellings (resubmission for planning approval of a similar scheme 16/04040/REM and 14/01877/OUT) Land to the North of Station Road, Prees. Applicant : Mr P Jones

It was resolved to object to this Application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

18/04646/OUT: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of 1 dwelling following the demolition of existing dwelling. Shirlee Sajana, 40 Twemlows Avenue, Higher Heath.

It was resolved to support this Application with the proviso that the new house has the same footprint as the old one and that the existing asbestos is dealt with according to regulations. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

18/04491/FUL: Erection of a detached dwelling and single garage: formation of vehicular access and visibility splay (renewal of extant permission NS/05/00664/DET) (part retrospective) (resubmission)

Land at The Dell, Shrewsbury Street, Prees. Applicant: Mr Jim Dale.

It was resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

18/04556/COU: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for change of use of grassed area to residential curtilage (retrospective.) Land East of Rose Cottage, Primrose Lane, Prees. Applicants: Mr and Mrs A White.

It was resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

130/18: Parish and Parish Council Matters

Remembrance Day and Battles Over commemoration November 11th 2018. Cllr J Whelan advised that the brazier was ready for action. Final arrangements were made for the laying of wreaths at 10.45 am in Prees and at 6.00 pm in Fauls. In the evening, at 6.45 pm the Names of the Fallen will be read, followed by the Last Post and 2 minute silence. At 7 pm the Beacon will be lighted by Cllr R Hirons, Mrs Cwredwyn Duncan and children from the two local Primary schools. At 7.05 every church will ring a peal of bells. Mrs Amber Noss is organizing family activities at the Cricket Club in the afternoon. Clerk to check public liability insurance for Beacon event.

There was discussion about where to place the Silent Soldier obtained for the Parish Council by Cllr Mrs B Finch. It was decided the decision should be made in conjunction with the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

Smartwater Roll-out The meeting was reminded that the next Smartwater roll-out would be on Saturday October 27th at Prees Village Hall 2-5 pm and then on November 3rd at Fauls Church Hall from 2 to 5 pm. Volunteer helpers were recommended to phone the clerk first.

Twemlows Wood Paths

Cllrs R Hirons and M Lanham spoke of their intention to map and document the use of these long-used paths. The matter is to be put on the Agenda in 4 months' time.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Group Report In the absence of Cllr S Short due to ill-health this item was carried forward to the next Agenda.

Rabbit-holes causing problems at Higher Heath playground. Clerk has sought advice from Shropshire Council and SALC but no practicable alternative to a cull has been found. Clerk to find someone to carry it out.

RoSPA report: carried forward.

Consideration of other vehicle speed monitors: carried forward.

Consideration of Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. It was resolved to ask Shropshire Council if Section 215 could be invoked to tidy up the development site at The Square at the centre of the village. It was resolved that the clerk should write to SC with the request. This was proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

Community Planning Meeting. Clerk asked to set up an evening meeting in the VH and circulate date to all.

Pavilion demolition. The clerk reported that demolition appears to be happening gradually: internal structures are being dismantled.

Mobile Phone Tower, Mill Street. Whilst having every sympathy for those most closely affected by the situation, after discussion the Parish Council was of the opinion that it had pursued all routes of complaint that it could usefully follow in objecting to the handling of the Mobile Phone Tower Planning Application.

Possible purchase of Illustrated Map of the Parish. There was no current appetite for pursuing this.

131/18 Accounting matters

2017-18 Annual Governance and Accountability Return is back from External Auditor. The External Auditors pointed out one error the clerk had made in the Return and that was to include the Council Tax Support Grant in with the Precept received, instead of recording it in with other grants in the following box. External auditor had reminded Clerk to correct this when carrying figures forward at the end of the year and this was duly noted. The External Auditors certified that apart from this error the information provided to them was in accordance with Proper Practices. The clerk advised the Parish Council that the audited AGAR had been published on the website and on the notice-boards, and copies advertised as available for purchase, since the end of September as required.

Quarterly Budget Review. The Councillors considered a document showing the Actual Spend against Budget at the end of the second quarter of the current financial year (up to end of September 2018.) There were no inexplicable anomalies and none that caused alarm. The following points were noted:

- The expenditure of £1,428.08 (ex VAT) on replacing two streetlamps in Mill Street will be reimbursed by SP Energy Networks.
- Under Admin there had been £300 to pay for election expenses for the previous year.
- The Miscellaneous expenditure includes purchase of Smartwater for the community at a cost of £3586.70 (ex VAT) and the intention was always to subsidise this expenditure with £2,429.25 from Reserves.
- The period shows VAT of 1319.69 to be reclaimed.

Payment of Accounts October 2018 (previously circulated.) It was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that the following accounts should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

Accounts for Payment October 2018

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary October 2018	421.69
HMRC PAYE	3.80
Clerks expenses carried forward to next month	
Jones Community Lighting:	
streetlamp maintenance (September)	132.19
replacement of unrepairable lamp at Pinfold	264.17
total:	396.36
RBL Poppy Appeal: purchase of two wreaths @ £25.00 + donation	100.00
Prees Village Hall hire: 17/7;21/8;3/9;15/9;18/9;22/9 @ £20 per	120.00
Total	£1041.85
Late invoices	
PKF Littlejohn External Auditors Fee	240.00
Scottish Power streetlamp energy (31.8.18-30.9.18)	154.26
Grand total	£1436.11

132/18 Correspondence

- Correspondence received from a parishioner in Wem Lane Soulton who is having her peace badly disturbed by lorries rattling across a sunken drain grid outside her house. Clerk to contact Highways and ask for remedy.
- Letter received from the Friends of Lower Heath School asking for a donation towards the funds for new playground equipment. Clerk to write regretting that there is no money left in this year's budget for donations.

133/18 Items for next Agenda

Christmas meal /Potentially dangerous trees /Parking at Lower Heath school.

The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

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