

Minutes of Prees Parish Council Meeting held at Prees Village Hall on Tuesday 19th July 2016.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons (Chairman), J Whelan (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Finch, Mrs S Short, J Allen, B Collins P Gill, M Lanham, R List and J Smith. Mrs L Rumney Clerk to the Council, CSO Graeme Baines and 4 members of the public.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Cllrs Mrs S Jones and Mrs B Rainford – prior engagement.

Disclosure of Interests: none declared.

074/16 Public Session.

Mr Martin, Sandford, spoke to the Council about speeding through the bends in Sandford on the A41. Traffic is ignoring the advisory speed limit and a recent accident (17/07/16), which closed the road, illustrates the problems this causes.

075/16 Minutes of the previous meetings.

Proposed by Cllr P Gill, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short that the minutes of the previous meeting held On Tuesday 21st June 2016 be signed as a true record of that meeting. **All agreed.**

Proposed by Cllr P Gill, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2016 be signed as a true record of that meeting. **All agreed.**

076/16 Matters arising.

071/16 – Cllr J Whelan asked the Council if it would pursue a complaint on a resident's behalf. Cllrs agreed if given more information they would investigate further. Clerk has made enquiries to SC regarding the policy on such matters and is yet to receive a reply.

077/16 Shropshire Council (SC) report.

No report received, no comment required.

078/16 Planning

16/02528/FUL – Mr R Williams – Garage, rear of The Old Constable House, Shrewsbury St, Prees – Erection of 3 dwellings with associated access, parking and garden areas following demolition of a garage building and shed. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr P Gill that the Council supports the application provided the ecologists report is enacted and the Conservation Officer is satisfied the Police lock up, a listed building considered a heritage asset, is unaffected. **All agreed.**

16/02599/REM – Mr K Carty - The Pines, Mill Lane, Higher Heath - Reserved Matters to include appearance, landscaping and scale in accordance with 14/05182/OUT residential development of 20 dwellings; alterations to existing vehicular access and formation of estate roads; demolition of all existing buildings. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr P Gill that Council supports the application, provided, restricted working hours are included in the conditions and acoustic fencing promised by the agents is included and constructed before any development takes place. The sewage pipe from the existing dwelling runs through/under the adjacent property, Lokoja. This situation is unacceptable and the application must include a plan of how sewage will be collected and removed from the site, agreed with Severn Trent, prior to any development any taking place. **All agreed.**

16/02309/FUL – The Roberts Family Trust – Land off Shrewsbury St, Prees - erection of 2 detached dwellings. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr J Smith that Council supports the application, if highways provide a full report on the suitability of the access onto Shrewsbury St adjacent to the listed building, including assessing the number of dwellings the access can support. **All agreed.**

16/02573/FUL – Mr A Middle – 2, 3 & 4 Turnpike Rise, Prees – Installation of replacement UPVC windows to 3 properties. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr R Hirons that the Council supports the application provided the Conservation Officer agrees. **All agreed.**

16/03193/TCA – Mr Rickets - Land adj High Meadows Moreton Street Prees – Crown reduce 1Ash by 25% and Fell 1 Scotts Pine within Prees Conservation Area. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr P Gill that the Council supports the application. **All agreed.**

16/02933/FUL –Proposed dwelling West of The Spinney, Heathwood Road Higher Heath - Cllrs agreed to seek an extension to allow for a site visit prior to consideration at the August meeting.
16/02472/AMP – Cheshire Game Supplies - The Tumps, Lower Heath – Non- material amendment to increase height and reposition silos relating to 15/04977/FUL. Cllrs agreed – no comments.

079/16 **Parish Matters.**

Community Policing – CSO Graeme Baines reported, responded to 40 calls leading to 22 crimes since last meeting. Serious accident at Sandford involving a motor bike, working with other agencies to educate bike riders, difficult to get a speeding conviction for motor bikes using speed cameras. Shortage of personnel to use hand held speed guns, Parish Council could consider Community Speed Enforcement, volunteers use hand held device and record offenders. Cllr M Lanham asked if a domestic dispute, which is using up Police resources in Prees, is being resolved – difficult to judge. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr J Whelan that Council write to West Mercia Police to ask about Policing policy for traffic control and road safety in North Shropshire. **All agreed.**

Fibre Optic Broad Band for Fauls – Cllr R List had resident’s questions about faster broadband, North Shropshire Area Committee Meeting has it on its next agenda – Cllr List invited to attend.

Whitchurch Rd, Millennium Lime trees – Cllr P Gill reported that the trees do require some pruning to retain shape. Cllr J Allen agreed to look at the trees and tell the Clerk what needed to be done, quotes could then be sourced and work carried out in the Autumn.

080/16 **Parish Council (PC) matters.**

SC – Road Safety submission – Cllrs reviewed previous submission and agreed it should remain unchanged until some of those issues have been fully addressed. Proposed by Cllr P Gill, seconded by Cllr J Allen that Priority one – includes Sandford bends – should be highlighted due to recent accidents, traffic data from a survey in 2015 to be requested. 20mph zone for Prees to be removed. That in addition to the submission Council approaches Highways for a site visit to further consider the Heathgates junction, drivers continue to cause near misses and disregard the junction. **All agreed.** Cllr Hirons suggested the Council should advertise in the Parish Magazine to ask residents to raise areas of concern, in writing to Cllr Hirons, collect data, times and locations of incidents. Cllrs to consider at August meeting with a view to placing an item in the Sept Venture magazine.

SC – Devolution of services to Town and Parish Councils - Local Commissioning, Clustering of Town & Parish Councils. Meetings were all cancelled, SC has extended the deadline, there will be meetings in the future and decisions to take regarding budgets.

Clustering work shop for Whitchurch proposed week commencing 25/07/16- yet to be confirmed.

Recruitment of new Clerk – Cllr P Gill reported, Committee had met and agreed a condensed advert for the Shropshire Star, longer version for the notice boards, Job Centre, circulation to SALC and SLCC. Interview panel, to consider CV’s and select candidates, will comprise Cllrs M Lanham, R Hirons and Mrs S Short. Clerk will receive applications and interviews will be held at Prees Village Hall on 9th August. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr J Whelan that the Clerk should remain on a salaried basis until end of Aug. **All agreed.** Documents and hand over of office equipment still to be agreed, quotes for new IT equipment on hold until new Clerk in Office.

NSAC - Edinburgh House, Wem 19/09/16, 7.15 p.m. Presentation on rural broadband, Cllrs J Whelan and R List to attend.

Accounts – Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr P Gill that the Council approves the end of quarter bank reconciliation and appoints Cllr J Smith to carry out the book checks. **All agreed.**

081/16 **Payment of Accounts.**

Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr M Lanham that the following accounts be paid:

19th July 2016

Mrs L Rumney – July salary	£ 487.06
Mrs L Rumney – expenses 1/06/16 –30/06/16 (see below)	£ 29.27
Jones Lighting – street light maintenance	£ 125.62
North Shropshire Wheelers - annual grant	£ 200.00
Scottish Power – Pavilion electric	£ 25.75
BT – Phone bill	£ 129.26

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Prees Village Hall – hire fees 01/04/16 – 30/06/16.	£ 57.00	
Midland News Association Ltd – job vacancy advert.	£ 173.16	
Scottish Power – Street light energy	£ 180.05	Total £1,407.17

Clerks expenses in detail 01/06/16 – 30/06/16		
06/06/16 – Post Office – agenda postage	£ 7.68	
22/06/16 – Post Office, special delivery rate for grant application	£ 6.45	
24/06/16 – Tesco, ream of paper x 2	£ 6.50	
27/06/16 – Post Office - Stamps	£ 8.64	Total £29.27 All agreed.

082/16 Play areas

Clerk confirmed the Parish Council has now received the grant money for Higher Heath, project could now go ahead. Cllr R Hirons has requested a site visit with the contractors. RoSPA reports are due from the June inspections.

083/16 Correspondence.

Noted.

084/16 Future Agenda Items

The Square – ask Cllr P Wynn to report.

Severn Trent – on going issue of sewage and water supply in Prees Parish and capacity to deliver in future.

Chairmanship boards – require updating.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATED

26/2016