

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council
held in Prees Village Hall on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons (Chairman); J Whelan (Vice-Chair); Mrs S Jones; Mrs S Short; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs B Finch; Mrs L Baer; M Lanham; R List; J Allen and D Ladd. Also present were four members of the public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff.

Cllrs Mrs S Jones; Mrs B Finch and J Allen all completed Declarations of Acceptance of Office before the clerk before the meeting opened.

071/18 Public Session: A member of the public spoke of his concerns about the unstable fencing around the unoccupied houses at The Square in the centre of Prees village and also the nuisance and danger caused by speeding motorbikes in the local area. He was advised that discussion of situation at The Square was on the Agenda and that his concerns about speeding motor-bikes would be passed to local Police representatives.

072/18 Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs D Foster.

073/18 Disclosure of pecuniary/non-pecuniary interests in this Agenda. Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs B Finch and J Allen all completed forms to declare interests in items on the Agenda.

074/18 The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15th May 2018, previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record. Cllr M Lanham proposed that they be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

075/18 Actions arising from the minutes. There were none which were not included in the Agenda.

076/18 Shropshire Council Report. No Apology or report had been received.

077/18 Community policing. There was no report available.

078/18 Planning matters.

Current planning applications

- Appeal under Section 78 against refusal of a Householder Application. Application ref: 17/05750/FUL. Erection of two-storey side extension at Laurel Bank, Painters Lane, Fauls, Shropshire. Appeal ref: 18/02653/REF. As this appeal is proceeding under the Householder Appeals Service there is no opportunity to submit further comments, but all past representations have been passed on to the Planning Inspectorate. This appeal was noted by the Parish Council. There was no further action to take.
- FOR INFORMATION ONLY 18/02137/CPL: Lawful development certificate for the proposed installation of a water treatment plant. Highbury Poultry Farm, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HJ. This application was noted by the Parish Council. There was no further action to take.
- 18/02265/FUL: Erection of steel-framed workshop. NWS Motor Co Ltd, Showrooms and Workshops, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr S Edwards.
The Parish Council resolved to support this application with the proviso that great care was taken to ensure that adequate visibility of the road was maintained for those exiting the site, especially in the placing of advertising hoardings, etc. Support for the application was proposed by Cllr R List and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.
- 18/02420/COU: Change of use of former Doctor's Surgery to residential annexe. Walford House, 24 Shrewsbury St, Prees SY13 2DH. Applicant: Dr and Mrs G Carter.
The Parish Council resolved to support this application. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.
Cllr Mrs B Finch left the room before the consideration of the following two Applications.
- 18/02481/FUL: Erection of extensions to form covered unloading and offal collection. Highbury Poultry Produce Ltd, Highbury Poultry Farm, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch. Applicant: Highbury Poultry Farm Produce Ltd.

It was resolved to support this Application with the proviso that assurance would be provided at least that the offal collection area would be covered and preferably that a sealed-closed area for the offal vehicle would be provided, so that offensive smells, which are causing a nuisance locally, would be robustly contained. It was also felt that with the potential use of larger lorries even more damage to the road surfaces is inevitable and

of course Manor House Lane was only ever intended to cater for residential traffic.) With this in mind the Parish Council resolved to ask that Highways surveys the site to identify a better exit point: it is imperative that all lorries leaving the site turn left out to the A49. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

- 18/02479/FUL: Erection of extension to form cutting room, storage area and staff welfare facilities. Highbury Poultry Produce Ltd, Highbury Poultry Farm, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch. Applicant: Highbury Poultry Farm Produce Ltd.

It was resolved to support this Application with the proviso that the buildings would be coloured green, not grey, and that the oak trees on the site would be preserved.

Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

Cllr Mrs B Finch rejoined the meeting at this point.

- 18/02645/SCR: Proposed single wind turbine. Land adjacent Sandy Lane Farm, Hillside, Prees, Whitchurch, Shrops SY13 2EA. Applicant: Bethan Lewis.

This Application had been passed to the Parish Council for information only. It was noted and there was no further action to take.

Cllr R Hirons left the room before consideration of the next Application, as he had a personal interest in it.

- 18/02592/FUL: Erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling; 5 Woodlands Grove, Prees Higher Heath SY13 2JB. Applicants: Mr and Mrs Partington. (Cllr R Hirons left the room.) It was resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr Mrs L Baer and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour. (*Cllr R Hirons returned to the room.*)
- 18/02596/VAR: Variation of Condition No 2 (approved plans) and Condition No 13 (pitches) attached to permission 14/04248/FUL dated 29.4.15. Manor Park, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shrops. Applicant; Ms Katie Toogood.

The Parish Council could find no reason in the documents for the requested change in conditions and it resolved to object to the Application. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council

- 18/01556/FUL: Erection of a single storey retail and café building with roof-mounted solar panels. Holly Farm Garden Centre, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2DD. Decision: Grant permission.
- 18/01803/FUL: Erection of a single storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage. Ferndale, 27 Twemlows Avenue, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HE. Decision; Grant permission.
- 18/02027/VAR: Removal of Condition No 4 attached to planning permission NS/95/00558/FUL (N/95/657/PR/950) dated 15 November 1995 to remove the agricultural tie from the Cottage. Decision: Withdrawn.

079/18 Parish and Parish Council Matters

- Development North of Station Road. Cllr M Lanham reported that there were complaints from residents about speeding traffic through this area, a situation not helped by the fact that one of the 30mph signs is partly obscured by the developer's hoardings. He said that although the building on the site was apparently progressing there were as yet no service roads or services and the properties were not yet being marketed. Cllr Lanham also reported that the construction of the pavement on the opposite side of the road has started, and this was currently causing further obstruction of the road. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council to raise concerns about road safety issues.
- Road Safety Poster competition. Judges of the posters will be Cllrs Mrs S Short and Mrs B Finch and a representative from the local Police. Cllr Mrs B Rainford said that the Co-op would provide 8 prizes. All posters will be on display in Prees Village Hall on Saturday 15th September from 10 am until 2 pm.
- 'Right Home, Right Place' Shropshire Council's website launch in Prees June 2nd 2018. Cllr R Hirons reported that there had been a disappointing attendance from local people, although Belinda Doolan, Community Enablement Officer, had since told the clerk that several enquiries had been received subsequently.
- Prees Parish Council Facebook page. Cllr D Ladd reported that the page is up and running (and also demonstrated it.)
- Heathgates Crossroads. Cllr Mrs S Short reported on a meeting on-site held with David Gradwell from Shropshire Council Highways and Cllr P Wynn. Also present were Cllr Mrs B Finch and the clerk. As a result of

the meeting it was agreed that there would be two sets of rumble-strips set 75 yards back from the junction; hatching at the junction to reduce its apparent width and a review of attendant signage. The clerk was asked to write to Mr P Pemberton at Ford Farm, Darliston to ask him if he could kindly cut his hedges to ensure optimum visibility at this troublesome junction.

- Current Road Safety Priorities. An email had been received 22.5.18 from David Gradwell, Area Traffic Engineer at Shropshire Council, in response to one from the Parish Council outlining its current five top priority road safety concerns in the area. Mr Gradwell advised that the five issues will be put forward for consideration as part of a future Capital Programme: however, SC's Highways and Transport Capital budget is to be reduced by £5m in each of the next two financial years, and this means that the focus of this Capital programme of work will now be accident-data-led schemes and post-scheme safety reviews for the forthcoming two financial years. He reported that unfortunately, in view of the cuts, none of the community led road safety concerns put forward by town and parish councils for 2017 are currently included in this year's Capital Programme. However, Mr Gradwell was able to confirm the works to be completed at Heathgates Crossroads (as detailed in previous item, above.)
 - Complaint received about offensive odours emanating from Highbury Poultry during the Bank Holiday weekend. Cllr J Whelan relayed this complaint from a resident. Clerk was asked to keep a register of complaints of bad smells and to report them to Environmental Health. Hopefully the Parish Council's responses to current Planning Applications will ensure the serious addressing of this problem.
- Update on The Square, Prees. Clerk reported that she had received a response from the dealing solicitors to her enquiry about progress with the buildings. She had been advised that the future of the development would have to wait until a Grant of Probate has been obtained, and it was not possible to predict a precise time-scale for this. However, the Parish Council was asked to advise of any particular issues with the site that need addressing. It was resolved that the clerk should write advising of the unstable and potentially unsafe state of some of the fencing on the boundary with the public footway. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr D Ladd. All were in favour.
- Concerns about removal of trees/hedging along A49 (opposite Southern entrance to Prees village) and adjacent dumping of the debris. Cllr Mrs B Finch led on this item. Clerk asked to contact Shropshire Council about this matter.
 - Overgrown shrubs/trees at Turnpike Rise. This matter has been resolved, thanks to a public-spirited local resident.
 - Update on Croydon House. The clerk had learned from Building Control that as some of the rafters of the house had been found to be unsupported, the owners had been sent a letter requiring them to make the building safe within 28 days.
 - Vehicle speed monitors. The clerk reported that her enquiries of clerks whose councils are using vehicle speed monitors suggest that they are effective, particularly mobile units. Cllr R Hirons reported that he and the clerk had met with a salesman representing a manufacturer of these items, who had contacted the clerk as he was in the area. That company is currently offering a discounted price including free data software. We await the quotation which we will compare with those from other manufacturers. Carry forward to next Agenda.
 - Streetlamps issues Mill St/Station Road. The clerk reported that SP Energy Networks have in the last few days sent out an engineer to assess the situation on the faulty streetlamp in Station Road by the playground and she awaits their report. She has been told that engineers will come out within the next week for an assessment of the situation on Mill Street, where streetlamps were not put back in position when electricity poles were replaced with new ones.

080/18 Internal Auditors Report received. All categories on the Annual Internal Audit Report 2017/18, part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18, had been marked by the internal auditor as conforming to the required standard. He also reported that there were no financial transactions that required explanation and no evidence of any irregularities. The documents were perused by the Parish Councillors present and it was proposed by Cllr R Hirons that the Report should be formally accepted. This was seconded by Cllr M Lanham and all were in favour.

081/18 The Annual Governance Statement 2017/18, part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 was considered by the Parish Council. Cllr J Whelan read out the items one by one for consideration. The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously with each statement. It was proposed by Cllr J Whelan that the Annual Governance

Statement should be approved by the Parish Council and Cllr R List seconded this. All were in favour and the Chairman and the clerk duly signed the Annual Governance Statement.

082/18 The Accounting Statements for the period 2017/18 were considered by the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs S Short proposed that they should be approved by the Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour and the Chairman and the clerk signed the Accounting Statements.

083/18 Payment of Accounts June 2018

Mrs K Sieloff clerk's salary for June 2018	£421.69
HMRC payment of PAYE	£3.80
Clerk's expenses (detailed below)	£47.23
Scottish Power streetlight energy 30.4.18-31.5.18	£159.38
Jones Lighting streetlight maintenance for May 2018	£132.19
Bernard Townson internal auditor	£110.00
Prees Village Hall discretionary grant	£1000.00
Higher Heath Village Hall discretionary grant	£1000.00
Fauls Church Hall discretionary grant	£1000.00
Prees PCC grant for churchyard	£300.00
Fauls PCC grant for churchyard	£100.00
Shropshire Wheelers discretionary grant	£200.00
Total	£4474.29

Clerk's expenses 9.5.18-13.6.18

Delivery of May Minutes etc : 13 miles @ 45 ppm = £5.85

3 x 2nd class stamps @ 56p = £1.68

Delivery of accounts to internal auditor: 28 miles @ 45 ppm = £12.60

Collection of accounts from internal auditor: 28 miles @ 45 ppm = £12.60

1 x printer paper = £2.00

+ BT line rental June contribution : £12.50

Total = **£47.23**

Cllr Mrs B Finch proposed that the accounts should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

084/18 Correspondence

- Letter from Mr Roger West (previously circulated) asking the Parish Council to consider a donation to the Friends of Lord Hill's Column, for the upkeep of that monument, as Lord Rowland Hill was born in Prees Hall. After discussion it was resolved to donate £100.00. This was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr R List. All those present were in favour. Cllr Mrs D Foster, who had sent an Apology of Absence for the meeting had also asked it to be minuted that she did not support a donation to this cause. Clerk to raise cheque for next meeting.
- News from Connecting Shropshire that faster fibre broadband is now available to order in Fauls Green, Prees Green and Lower Heath. To make the switch consumers will need to contact their chosen internet provider to upgrade their broadband package.
- Healthwatch Shropshire is looking for more volunteers with good listening and communication skills to help gather local people's experiences of health and social care services. Contact tel: 01743 237884 or email enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk website: www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk

085/18 Future Agenda items

Local burglaries – Mobile telephone mast Mill St – Date of Pavilion demolition? – Allocated reserves
Write to recipients of annual discretionary grants – Vehicle speed monitors.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed..... Date.....

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