

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday 26 June 2019
at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs S Short; Mrs L Baer; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; M Lanham; D Ladd; J Allen. Also present were Mr Tim Shrobbree from Shropshire Council; Mrs K Sioff clerk to the Parish Council and one member of the public.

065/19 Public Session. There were no contributions from members of the public

066/19 Apologies. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs D Foster; Mrs S Jones; J Whelan; R List and P Wynn.

067/19 Disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in items on the Agenda. There were none.

068/19 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st May 2019. These had been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Short that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

069/19 Prospective community-led housing development in Prees. The Chairman asked for this item to be brought forward, in order to not detain Tim Shrobbree longer than was necessary, and all were happy to concur. The Chair asked for a show of hands from those in favour of going ahead with a community-led building development in Prees and all were in favour. Cllr Hirons declared himself happy to be a member of the Steering Group and he was joined by Cllrs Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Short; Mrs B Finch and Mrs L Baer (who advised that due to work commitments she would only have limited daytime availability.),

Cllr Hirons suggested that the next necessary decision to make was which of the two Housing Associations who had favourably impressed the Parish Council with their presentations should be selected to work with. All agreed that quality, sustainable provision was the criteria, and after discussion, and on the basis of particular confidence engendered by their previous work, it was resolved to select Wrekin Housing Trust to work with. Cllr Hirons proposed that they should be invited to take on the project and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour. Tim Shrobbree was asked to convey the decision to the Housing Associations. Cllr Hirons expressed the Parish Council's gratitude to Tim and his colleague Carol Clarke, for their support in getting the project up and running. Tim assured the Parish Council that he would be liaising with it every step of the way and advised that the next step will be to set up a Steering Group which will be formed from representatives from the Parish Council; the local community; Shropshire Council and Wrekin Housing Trust. Tim will provide guidance on this. At this point Tim left the meeting, with assurances that he would be in touch within a couple of days to advise the way forward.

070/19 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (which are not on the Agenda.)

Mill St/ Station Road flooding by Prees Playground.

The remedial work on the fractured pipes has been concluded and the grass is due to be reseeded this week.

Unfinished development at The Square, Prees

An email from the solicitors handling the matter advised that 'Thelwell Property Services has been instructed to secure the site by the Executors and has quoted for security fencing and therefore matters are in hand.' 18.6.19

Litter-picking equipment

Mrs Judy Gosling told the clerk that she was invited to visit the Longden Road Depot and is now in possession of 8 litter-pickers, 8 pairs of gloves and 8 bag-holding hoops and that she awaits safety road signs.

Smartwater.

Clerk confirms that she will be available in the VH prior to forthcoming PC meetings to continue the hand-out. She has so far had no response to her enquiry as to whether Smartwater HQ would be happy for us to extend the hand-out to any residents in HH who missed the roll-out there some years ago.

Heathgates Crossroads

The clerk was told some while ago that delay in getting the enhancements installed was due to controversy between SC and its contractors. She has asked for an update.

071/19 Shropshire Council report. No report had been received.

072/19 Community Policing Report. No officer was present, but the following report was received from PC Deb Wheeler and read out at the Meeting.

Good Evening,

Please find below a break-down of incidents which have occurred since the 1st May 2019 in Prees and Higher Heath)

6 x suspicious circumstances – resident's report suspicious vehicles or Persons - calls made in good intent no police action

17 x incidents – no public at risk

2 x Shed Breaks

2 x Thefts – one vehicle and a quad bike – both recovered by police

1 x alarm activation - calls made in good intent no police action

1 x vehicle seized for no insurance

1 x Anti-social behaviour – Needles located in church street- police arranged council to clear.

5 x RTC – non or slight injury

The Safer Neighbourhood team (SNT) have been carrying out regular patrols within your area.

Within the next month Prees School will be given the Mini police officers by the local policing time to place outside the school reminding people to slow down. Lower heath have them at this time.

The SNT would like to thank the local residents for calling 101 and passing on information.

073/19 Planning

Current planning applications:

- 19/02098/FUL: Erection of single storey side extension with installation of one Velux window and two bay windows. Bradeway, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HF. Applicant: Mr Ryan Lewis. (This Application is being looked at again as further information concerning it has been received.)

The Parish Council has received assurance from the Planning Officer that a condition will be inserted ensuring that the extension is not for use as an independent and separate residential unit. The Parish Council still has concerns about the application in that the access to the back door seems extremely cramped and difficult, especially if intended for the use of elderly or infirm residents. Cllr R Hiron proposed to object to the Application because of this, and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

- 19/02147/FUL: Erection of a single-storey front and two-storey side extension following demolition of existing. 26 Woodlands Grove, Prees Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2JB. Applicant: Ms Katie Coles.

The Parish Council has been advised that no notice of the Planning Application is advertised at the site. Clerk to check whether correct procedure has been followed. Parish Council feels unable to fully support the Application until it has reassurance on this matter.

- 19/02402/LBC: Erection of one detached dwelling with integral carport: formation of access and off-road parking for The Dell affecting a Grade II Listed Building. The Dell, Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DH. Applicant: Ms J Chidlow.
- 19/02403/FUL: Erection of one detached dwelling with integral carport; formation of access and off-road parking for The Dell. Applicant: Ms J Chidlow

It was resolved to register the Parish Council's support for both these applications. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Short and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

Planning Decisions: none received.

074/19 Parish and Parish Council Matters

30 mph speed limits needed.

Clerk to ask Highways if 30 mph limits can be imposed all along Whitchurch Road until it meets the A49, and also along Lacon Street between Prees Primary School and the junction with Primrose Lane.

Proposed by Cllr Hiron and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All in favour.

VE Day June 2020

Cllr J Whelan has inserted an article in the Venture to ask for local views on how the occasion should be celebrated. Cllr D Ladd will also put this on Facebook.

Pavilion Demolition

The clerk reported that she had been advised by SC that due to the size of the Pavilion it is necessary to apply for a permit to demolish it. This is at a cost of £120.00 + VAT. Cllr Hirons proposed that the permit should be purchased, and that the clerk should raise the cheque and have it signed before the next meeting if necessary. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer and all were in favour.

Community Policing Survey

The Parish Council completed this as a body. Clerk to send off.

Street cleaner to be employed by Parish Council?

Cllr Mrs B Finch suggested that the PC could employ a person for 6-10 hours per week to clean and tidy the key areas of the parish. She believed that Audlem Parish Council does this. Clerk to make enquiries about how this works.

SALC News. Cllr Mrs B Rainford reported as follows from the North Shropshire Area Committee meeting of SALC (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) which she attended on June 16th 2019.

“SALC meeting was again very interesting. Talk was by Mark Docherty, Director of clinical Commissioning and Strategic Development/Executive Nurse, West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

(As Dave I am sure knows) West Midlands Ambulance service has 850 vehicles and 5 helicopters, 4500 staff and 500 volunteers serving 22 emergency hospital departments (23 with Wrexham). They now have their first fully qualified prescriber paramedic – who can prescribe drugs. Have less volunteer first responders now, instead there is more training available for the public – including training children in CPR; knife crime awareness – knife crime is still increasing. The British Heart Foundation has a database of defibrillators. More local councils are installing these.

Steve Davenport, Portfolio Holder for Highways and Car Parking, Shropshire Council was meant to attend but didn't – so questions were recorded for answer later – one of them was about the 3000 houses planned for Tong (which currently has 300 houses) – West Midlands Council was asked to justify the need. There will be no cuts to bus services. There is a new pothole scheme.

Next meeting 18th November 2019.”

Cllr Hirons thanked Cllr Mrs Rainford for her report.

Parish 'Housekeeping'

The following were reported to the clerk for action:

- 50 mph sign missing at Ford Farm opposite Hawkes on A49
- 50 mph sign missing on A41 opposite turning to Higher Heath, when travelling away from Whitchurch.
- Potholes on Mill Street need filling AGAIN.
- Beech tree on Whitchurch Road has not been clipped back.
- Pavements in centre of village need weeding/weed-killing.

Accounting Matters

075/19 Internal Auditors Report received and previously circulated. All categories on the Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19, part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19, 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 Mrs B Finch and all were in favour.

076/19 The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19, part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 was considered by the Parish Council. Cllr Hirons read out the items one by one for consideration. The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously with each statement. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Short that the Annual Governance Statement should be approved by the Parish Council and Cllr M Lanham seconded this. All were in favour and the Chairman and the clerk duly signed the Annual Governance Statement.

077/19 The Accounting Statements for the period 2018/19, also part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19, were considered by the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs S Short proposed that they

should be approved and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and the Chairman and the clerk signed the Accounting Statements. The clerk advised that the documents will now be copied and put on public display and the originals will be sent to the external auditor.

078/19 June 2019 Accounts for payment

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary June 2019	459.50
HMRC (PAYE)	8.62
Clerks expenses (detailed below)	105.01
Scottish Power streetlight energy	128.27
Bernard Townson internal auditor	110.00
Fauls Parochial Church Council	100.00
Prees Parochial Church Council	300.00
North Salop Wheelers	200.00

Total £1411.40

Plus late-arriving invoice:

SALC GDPR Training 24.5.19 KDS 27.00

GRAND TOTAL £1438.40

Clerks expenditure 16.5.19-17.6.19

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

June 2019 BT line rental contribution = £12.50

Stamps: 2 x 2nd class stamps = £1.16

Petrol mileage for delivery and collection of Accounts to internal auditor: 14 miles x 4 = 56 miles. 56 miles @ 45 ppm = £25.20

Petrol mileage return journey to Callaughtons Ash: 52 miles @ 45 ppm = £23.40

Petrol mileage return journey to Kinlet: 82 miles @ 45 ppm = £36.90

Total = £ 105.01

079/19 Correspondence

- Letter received from residents in Higher Heath complaining about continuing bad smells coming from Highbury Poultry and asking for the Parish Council's support in getting something done. Clerk to write to Shropshire Council.

080/19 Items for next Agenda

- 30 mph limit for Station Road?
- Community Housing Project
- VE Day
- No Camping signage at HH playing-field
- Outstanding/unfinished matters

Meeting was closed at 9.05 pm. Next meeting 16 July 2019

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