

Minutes of the Prees Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2019
at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall.

Present were: Cllr Mrs Short (who took the Chair in the absence of Cllr R Hirons and the Vice-Chair Cllr J Whelan); Cllrs Mrs D Foster; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Jones; R List; M Lanham; D Ladd. Cllr J Allen joined the meeting as soon as he was able at 7.40 pm. One member of the public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff were also present.

036/19. Public Session.

037/19. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs L Baer; J Whelan and P Wynn.

038/19. Disclosure of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest: there were none.

039/19. The Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held on 19.3.19. (previously circulated) needed one small correction on page 11/2019 (Minute no: 032/19) where in the item about Twemlows Wood footpaths Cllr M Lanham suggested that the word 'largely' should be removed. With this amendment implemented Cllr Lanham proposed that the Minutes should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and the Minutes were duly signed by Cllr Mrs S Short.

040/19. Actions arising from the Minutes.

It was noted that although a barrier had been erected on the site of AAT Recycling, on Prees Industrial Estate, there was lots of textile still apparently being stored outside. Clerk to enquire when this will be cleared.

041/19 Shropshire Council report. Cllr P Wynn had sent his Apologies and had supplied a brief report assuring the Meeting he was assiduously pursuing the Parish Council's for a litter-pick on the A49 and that as far as he knew there had so far been no re-presentation of a Planning Application for the Auction site at Higher Heath.

042/19: Community Policing. There was no officer or report available.

043/19: Planning.

Current Planning Applications

Current applications

- 19/01360/FUL: Erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling and small lean-to structure. Rose Cottage, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Shropshire SY13 3JZ.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs G Edge

It was resolved to support this Application. Cllr M Lanham proposed that this support should be registered and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

- 19/01510/TPO: To crown lift and thin no more than 10% 1 No Oak tree protected by North Shropshire District Council (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975. Woodlands, 11 Sylvan Close, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

The Parish Council was happy to leave this matter to the decision of the Tree Officer, having no grounds to object.

- 19/01375/FUL: Erection of a first-floor rear extension. 29 Birchwood Grove, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2EX. Applicant: Mr Mark Griffiths.

It was resolved to support this Application: this was proposed by Cllr R List and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

Other planning applications received in the meantime may also be considered.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council:

- 19/00902/TPO: Crown reduce by up to 2m 2no Scots Pine, reduce over-extended branches by up to tow m of 1no Beech and fell 2no Birch 1no Oak protected by the North Shropshire District Council (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975 (Ref: NS/00051/75. Decision: grant permission.
- 19/00788/OUT: Outline application (access for consideration) for up to two residential dwellings; reorganisation (reduced frontage) of Ballacraigne (Phased Development.) Proposed residential development land to the East of Ballacraigne, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Decision: grant permission.
- 19/00008/FUL: Change of use of former barn to dwelling to include erection of extension, extension to existing drive. Proposed barn conversion at Holly Bank, Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Shropshire. Decision: grant permission.
- 19/00938/TPO: End reduction to all protruding limbs of up to 2m of 2no Wellingtonia trees protected by North Shropshire District Council (Prees Hall) TPO 1980 (Ref: NS/00052/80.) Prees Hall, Flat 1, Church Street, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2EE. Decision: grant permission.

- 19/00975/FUL: Proposed conversion and extension to existing outbuilding into living accommodation ancillary to the existing dwelling. Decision: grant permission.
- 19/00883/FUL: Erection of equipment store. Prees Cricket and Recreation Club, Brades Road, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DX. Decision: grant permission.

Other planning matters

- The Parish Council noted that Shropshire Council has advised that the procedure for the first two planning appeals detailed below has been altered by the Secretary of State. These two appeals will now be dealt with as *hearings*. Details to be confirmed.

Notification of Appeal against Shropshire Council's decision to refuse to grant planning permission (1)

Barns Adjacent Northwood House Farm, Faults, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Description of development: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use

Application reference: 18/00258/PMBPA. Appellant's name: Mr Jason Scott

Planning Inspector ref: APP/L3245/W/18/321889. Appeal reference: 19/02694/REF

Appeal start date: 17 January 2019

Notification of Appeal against Shropshire Council's decision to refuse to grant planning permission (2)

Barns Adjacent Northwood House Farm, Faults, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Description of development: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use

Application reference: 18/00259/PMBPA. Appellant's name: Mr Jason Scott

Planning Inspector ref: APP/L3245/W/18/321885. Appeal reference: 19/02693/REF

Appeal start date: 17 January 2019

- Notification of Appeal under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Site address: Lane East of Rose Cottage, Primrose Lane, Prees, Shropshire.

Description of development: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the change of use from grassed area to residential curtilage (retrospective)

Application ref: 18/04556/COU

Applicant's name: Mr and Mrs White

Planning Inspector ref: APPL/L3245/W/19/3223925

Appeal ref: 19/02718/REF

Appeal start date: 4 April 2019

The Parish Council noted the appeal.

044/19 Parish and Parish Council Matters

- High Street Community Clean-Up grants: £55,000 available from Shropshire Council. Mrs Judy Gosling and Ms Angela Lunt attended to explain the work that the voluntary Prees Litter-Pickers have been doing in our Parish since 2008. They confirmed that funding to supply the group with litter-grabbers, bag holders, thick polythene refuse bags, hi-viz jackets and road warning signs would be most welcome. Clerk to facilitate an application for funding to SC.
(Cllr J Allen joined the meeting at this point.)
- Report from Helicopter Noise Liaison Group meeting held 19.3.19. Cllr Mrs S Short attended the meeting. The Station Commander had confirmed that the new helicopters are now in place and operating at a lower noise level. He also advised that there are now safety measures in place to guard against flying drones. The number of complaints in 2018 (54) was considerably lower than usual, but this was perhaps because of the much lower number of hours flying, because of the changeover from old to new helicopters. 2019 will see a return to normal

training levels of flying. Cllr Short showed the meeting two posters that are to be displayed in the parish to advise on the preferred wearing apparel for horses and riders in order to allow them to be immediately observed by pilots. These posters will be displayed at venues frequented by riders.

- Potential relocation of Youth Shelter at Prees Cricket and Recreation Club. This item was carried forward to the next Agenda.
- Smartwater update. Parish Councillors expressed satisfaction at seeing that the signage has been erected and extended thanks to those who had undertaken the task. Clerk reported that she had yet to book Fauls Church Hall for another roll-out to that part of the Parish.
- Community-led building development. Clerk reported that Tim Shrosbree from SC has offered to bring representatives from Housing Associations who may be keen to build in Prees to make a presentation to the Parish Council if they would like it. All agreed that this would be welcome. Clerk to arrange a suitable date, preferably a Tuesday evening at Prees Village Hall.
- Reassurance from SC concerning report of asbestos being disturbed on Industrial Estate. Cllr M Lanham reported that Environmental officers from SC had found no evidence of such activity on the Industrial Estate.
- Land and buildings at the Square, Prees village centre. The clerk reported that she had heard from the solicitors handling the case that the services of a local Property Services company had been engaged to secure the property and make the window safe. Cllr Mrs B Rainford reported that she has been in contact with Professor Mark Barrow at SC and is hopeful that some support will be forthcoming to help in finding a resolution to the frustrations of this long-standing problem. There have been reports of local youngsters using the site for anti-social purposes, which will be reported to the Police. Clerk to contact the solicitors handling the case to ask for the fence along Church Street to be replaced with one that is more secure, stable and safe.
- Vehicle speed monitors. It was agreed that after the Chair's return the Parish Council should go and see the recently-installed monitors at Ruyton X11 Towns. Clerk to liaise.
- Twemlows Wood. Cllr M Lanham explained that it is the North Wood that is divided into parcels of land which have been bought by individuals. It is on one of these plots of land that a caravan is causing concerns among locals. Clerk to pursue.
- Ensuring the safety of Parish-Council-owned trees. Clerk reported that the Tree Department at SC has quoted £175.00 plus VAT for the task of examining all the Parish-Council-owned trees and reporting back on their condition and any work thought to be necessary. It was resolved that this quote should be accepted. This was proposed by Cllr J Allen and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. Clerk to action.
- Concerns about flooding on Mill Street by the new footpath. Cllr M Lanham reported that the problem has been found to be a fractured pipe under the playground at the corner of Brades Road/Mill Street. Environmental Maintenance at SC requests the Parish Council's permission to close the playground for a few days while remedial work is undertaken. Clerk to convey the Parish Council's consent.
- 125 years of Prees Parish Council. How should it be celebrated? Cllr M Lanham suggests that some sort of display of early Minute books, etc, might be fitting. He will speak to the local History Society.
- Concerns about the A49 T junction with B5065: response from SC. The Parish Council was grateful to hear the response from David Gradwell at SC in which he offers to arrange for signage to be improved at this site, giving more emphatic warning of the need to give way. Clerk has accepted the offer.
- Facebook page report: Cllr D Ladd had nothing to report this time.
- SALC news. The clerk reminded the meeting that there are two training opportunities coming up:
 - GDPR Training Friday 24 May 2pm – 4pm at Shirehall.
 - Planning and CIL Training Friday 7th June 2pm – 4pm at Shirehall.
- New street-lighting maintenance contract to be approved. The clerk advised that Jones Lighting Ltd have, in the new contract they are offering, dropped the monthly maintenance charge and will charge us only on a case by case basis. Clerk suggested that we accept the contract for a year and review at the end of it. Some cllrs expressed concern that there may be hidden charges as a way of Jones Lighting recouping the lost revenue. Cllr S Short offered to have a closer look at the new contract with the clerk, who will circulate the documents to all.
- Reminder that Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2019. Clerk to advise of tasks to be carried out in preparation for those, such as the review of Parish Council documents and writing of brief reports.

045/19: Accounting matters.

Accounts for Payment April 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch that the following accounts should be paid. This was seconded by Cllr B Rainford and all were in favour.

| | £ |
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| Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary April 2019 (+ back-dated pay*) | 669.35 |
| HMRC (PAYE) | 62.77 |
| Clerks expenses (detailed below) | 21.83 |
| Scottish Power streetlight energy 28.2.19-31.3.19 | 128.27 |
| Jones Lighting streetlight maintenance for March 2019 | 132.19 |
| Prees Village Hall: hire x 5 (15/1; 19/1; 29/1; 19/2; 19/3 2019 | 100.00 |
| SALC: ALC Affiliation fees: 1.4.19-31.3.20 | <u>993.97</u> |
| Total | 2108.38 |

*back-dated pay of £264 (before tax)

(Clerk had omitted to implement non-discretionary pay-rise of 46.7 pence per hour as awarded April 1 2018 by National Joint Council for Local Government Services.)

Clerks expenditure 13.3.19-10.4.19

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

April 2019 BT line rental contribution = £12.50

Stamps: 6 x 2nd class stamps = £3.48

Total = £21.83

046/19 Correspondence

- A resident in Cruckmoor Lane asks the Parish Council to reconsider the matter of the provision of a mirror to make emerging onto the B5065 less hazardous.
The clerk was asked to approach SC again about this matter as Highways safety is believed to be their responsibility, not that of the PC.
- Holly Farm Nursery customers have again been reported as being confused by misleading road markings that were partially obliterated but are now again more visible. This is causing a potentially-dangerous situation on the A49. Clerk has already made a new application to Environmental Maintenance about this matter.
- Reduction of Local Bus Service Subsidies. A reduction in the 511 route bus service is proposed due to budgetary restrictions. A consultation runs from 25.3.19 to 6.5.19 and can be found at www.shropshire.gov.uk
- The public is being asked for its opinions on proposed improvements to the NHS in two surveys launched by independent health and care champions Healthwatch Shropshire and Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin. Details of both surveys are found at <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do>

047/19 Items for next Agenda

- Heathgates Crossroads
- The problem of abandoned debris and damaged signage, following road collisions.

The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.

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Date.....

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