

Minutes of Prees Parish Council Meeting held at Prees Village Hall on Tuesday 16th February 2016.

Present were R Hiron (Chairman for the meeting), Mrs B Finch, Mrs S Jones, Mrs B Rainford, J Allen, M Lanham, R List, J Smith and J Whelan. Mrs L Rumney Clerk to the Council and 10 members of the public.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Cllrs B Collins – holiday and P Gill – holiday.

Disclosure of Interests: Cllrs Mrs S Jones and J Whelan declared a prejudicial interest in item 7, 16/00179/FUL, as the applicant is their employer.

016/16 Public Session

Several people spoke to the Council about planning application no. 16/00146/FUL highlighting the following points of concern:

1. Visual impact of site and current tunnel (application for 2 tunnels, only one has ever been erected), unacceptable impact, smell, flies, vermin, noise and presence of chicken waste and feed on site.
2. Loss of amenity to neighbouring properties due to 1. and the impact it has on use of their own back gardens. Rear gardens are precious asset given location on the Sandford bends on the A41. Unable to open doors and windows or hang washing out due to smell and flies.
3. Problems reported to Environmental Health due to piles of manure left on site.
4. Only 1 poly tunnel currently on site, application is for two, double impact on neighbours, feed stored in old cars and caravan attracting vermin. Rats seen on the site and fox carcass left in field.
5. Site notice incorrectly displayed.
6. Local resident's respiratory illness may have been caused by proximity of chickens.
7. Temporary permission shows site management is poor and has unacceptable impact on neighbours.

017/16 Minutes of the previous meetings.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that the minutes of the previous Meeting held on Tuesday 19th Jan 2016 be signed as a true record of that meeting. **All agreed.**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Jones that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wed 27th Jan 2016 be signed as a true record of that meeting. **All agreed.** Cllr M Lanham asked that his apologies, given to the Chairman, for that meeting be recorded. As they were not noted on 27th Jan they will be recorded as having been given in the minutes of this meeting.

018/16 Matters arising.

008/16 - gate at War Memorial, Cllr J Whelan had not heard from Mr Humphries re the work/quote, however the Clerk reported information received today suggested work might be completed in the next couple of days – Cllr J Whelan agreed to investigate.

019/16 Shropshire Council report.

Cllr P Wynn had sent apologies and reported via the Clerk that application 15/04976/FUL, grain silos at Higher Heath had been approved, Cllr Wynns objections overruled by Chair of Planning Committee - Cllr Walpole. Application, 15/04977/FUL, at Lower Heath awaiting comments from Conservation.

020/16 Planning

16/00146/FUL - Mr R Haynes - Smithy Cottage Sandford Whitchurch – Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the permanent retention of two poly tunnels to house free range egg laying birds. Cllrs discussed the comments made by local residents and agreed the site had an unacceptable impact on their amenity and enjoyment of their own properties. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr J Allen that the Council objects to the application due to the unacceptable impact on neighbours, due to visual appearance, flies, vermin, noise and smell. Site not suitable location for the business, no waste handling facilities and lack of proper feed storage. Environmental Health having been involved to resolve issues, poor management of site. **All agreed.**

16/00275/FUL – Ms L Baer – Proposed residential development land north of Oakleigh Lower Heath, Prees – erection of a single plot affordable dwelling. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Jones that the Council objects to the application as there seems to be some doubt over the applicant’s ability to meet the eligibility criteria for this type of application. Further clarification is required. **All agreed.**

16/00201/FUL- Mr C Evans - Yew Trees, Fauls - Erection of open fronted garage/workshop. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham, seconded by Cllr J Allen that Council supports the application provided the applicant satisfies the Ecologists request for an ecological survey. **All agreed.**

16/00179/FUL - Mr R Grocott/The Grocott Family Charitable Trust - The Grocott Medical Centre, Whitchurch Road, Prees - Erection of 8 no. single bedroom non-market supported dwellings. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr J Allen that Council objects to the application which amounts to development in the open countryside outside the development boundary for Prees and as such outside SAMdev. Given the community benefits and the type of housing proposed the Council would welcome the resubmission of the application under the exemption site policies with housing to fulfill a local need. **Majority agreed.** *Cllrs Mrs S Jones and J Whelan did not participate.*

16/00421/TPO - Mr J Marshall (52 Belton Road, Whitchurch) – Arlington, 3 Sylvan Close, Higher Heath - To fell various trees as per schedule protected by The NSDC (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975. Several Cllrs had visited the site and did not agree that the trees should be removed from what is historically a wooded area. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Jones that Council Objects to the application. The trees are in good specimens particularly T3 and the Cllrs object to any felling or compromise, the trees predate the property and were presumably protected when it was constructed. Removing trees now changes the visual appearance of the area. Minor works to T1, T2 and one branch of T3 would be acceptable. **All agreed.**

16/00510/FUL - Lloyd Animal Feeds -Highbury Poultry Farm, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath – Erection of porch and alterations to office to include a covered link between office and factory. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr R List that Council supports the application. **All agreed.**

Re-Consultation 15/02994/FUL - Mr Johnson – Heatherdene, Steel Heath, Whitchurch – conversion of traditional barn to create annexe accommodation ancillary to the main house. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons, seconded by Cllr M Lanham that Council supports the application now that the access has been relocated, provided the approval includes conditions which tie the annex to the ownership of the main house and remove permitted development rights. **All agreed.**

Appeal Ref 16/02383/REF - 15/00288/OUT – Mr L Gibbons - Proposed Residential Development land to the east of Whitchurch Road, Prees - outline application (access for approval) for the erection of three dwellings. Cllrs noted the appeal, no further comment.

021/16 **Parish Matters**

Community Policing.

Cllrs had received the report, there having been several incidents in the Parish in recent weeks, Clerk to ask for further details.

Streetlights – replacement LED’s, Cllrs J Whelan awaiting information from a further contractor to confirm advice received by the Clerk. Cllrs agreed Cllr J Whelan, Cllr P Gill and the Clerk should consider purchasing lights from SC verses using current contractor and present the options to the Council. Until then any lights (no 10 Shrewsbury St) which require replacing should be through existing contractor.

022/16 **Parish Council (PC) matters.**

Annual Parish Meeting – Cllrs agreed to have the meeting on Tuesday 3rd May 2016, 7.30pm at Prees Village Hall. Ideas for a presentation considered, SC tree officer, SAMdev impact on development and Meres and Mosses for tree management, decision and details to be agreed/confirmed.

Parish Council Web Site – Clerk reported, having attended a training session the Council has the option of a free web site hosted by Hugo Fox, other Parish Councils also likely to go with them. Cllrs viewed a demonstration of the web site and considered a domain name. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr R Hirons that the Council approves the new site with Hugo Fox, Cllr J Whelan and P Gill will meet with the Clerk to organise the purchase of a domain name (PreesParishCouncil.org.uk – preferred option if available) approx £25 for two years and to finalise the content of the web site prior to getting the Shropnet site shut down. **All agreed.**

09/2016

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund payments to Town & Parish Councils April 2016. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr R Hirons that due to the amount for Prees, less that £500, SC be asked to retain the funds until April 2017. **All agreed.**

023/16 Payment of Accounts.

Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that the following accounts be paid:

16th February 2016

Mrs L Rumney – Feb salary	£ 482.27	
Mrs L Rumney – expenses 1/01/16 –31/01/16 (see below)	£ 34.89	
Jones Lighting Ltd – Street Light Maintenance & repairs	£ 136.13	
Scottish Power – Street light electricity	£ 186.00	
SALC – Clerk training Transparency Code for Smaller Councils.	£ 20.00	Total £ 859.29

Clerks expenses in detail 01/01/16 – 31/01/16

08/01/16 – Tesco, new phone	£ 24.00	
13/01/16 – Post office, agenda postage	£ 1.90	
12/01/16 – Amazon, ink cartridges	£ 8.99	Total £34.89

All agreed.

024/16 Play areas

Nothing to report.

025/16 Correspondence

SALC - Road Safety event 03/03/16 at Shirehall. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan, seconded by Cllr M Lanham that the Council pays for Cllrs Mrs B Rainford and B Finch to attend. **All agreed.**

026/16 Future agenda items.

PC Annual dinner.

Community building on Manor Place.

Maintenance of trees on Whitchurch Rd, on the right near wild flower area.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATED

10/2016