

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Prees Parish Council (incorporating a Full Council Meeting)
held in Prees Village Hall on Tuesday 18th May 2021

Present were Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs S Short; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs D Foster; J Whelan; D Ladd; M Lanham; R List; J Allen and P Wynn. Mrs K Sieloff clerk to the Parish Council was also present.

062/21 Election of Chair of the Parish Council. The meeting was asked whether anyone wished to be considered for the role of Chair. In the absence of any nominations Cllr Hirons confirmed that he was willing to continue in the office. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs D Foster that Cllr Hirons should be re-elected as Chair and this was seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour and Cllr Hirons duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the clerk.

063/21 The cllrs were asked if anyone wished to be considered for the office of Vice-Chair. There were no nominations but the out-going Vice-Chair, Cllr Mrs S Short, who was unable to attend the Meeting, had indicated that she would be happy to continue in the role if that was what the Parish Council wished. Cllr M Lanham proposed that Cllr Mrs Short should be re-elected to office of Vice-Chair, and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour. The clerk confirmed that she would ask Cllr Mrs Short to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before her before the next meeting.

064/21 Cllrs Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs D Foster; J Whelan; M Lanham; R List; D Ladd and J Allen were asked to sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office before the Clerk, for her to sign at the close of the meeting.

065/21 Mrs Lisa Baer confirmed that she still fulfilled the criteria necessary for the office of Parish Councillor and also confirmed that she wished to be co-opted back on to the Parish Council. Cllr Hirons proposed that she should be co-opted and Cllr Mrs D Foster seconded this. All were in favour and Mrs L Baer signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Clerk.

066/21 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs S Short and Mrs S Jones.

067/21 For members to disclose pecuniary or impecuniary interests. None were declared.

068/21 Public Session. No members of the Public were present.

069/21 The Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday April 22nd 2021 had been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs D Foster that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed them.

070/21 Community Policing Report.

With everyone's agreement, this item was brought forward to avoid detaining the Officers longer than was necessary.

Report of activity since the last Parish council meeting:

- 1 attempted burglary: no entry gained and nothing stolen
- 3 calls for a car meet at Prees Heath. PC Bryant attended and spoke with all parties, who agreed to leave.
- 1 report of a speeding driver by Prees School. Driver spoken to with words of advice as per the IP's wishes.
- Car seized no insurance and no driving license, Higher Heath area.
- 2 calls for a male acting suspiciously in the area of Higher Heath: patrols attended but could not locate him.
- One RTC vs Cyclist at Higher Heath. Enquiries on-going.
- 2 reports of Covid breaches that turned out not to be Covid breaches.
- 4 calls regarding males trying car doors in Prees. Patrols attended and a dog unit was deployed. Dog did track the men initially but lost them in some fields. No one located and enquiries on-going.
- Please remind people to report anyone suspicious in the area. Patrols during hours of darkness are being increased in Prees.

- No incidents at the Youth Pod this month.
- Continuing to engage with parents at the school surrounding parking issues.

071/21 Actions arising from the Minutes that were not on the Agenda.

- Community-Led Building Development at Whitchurch Road: planning decision still awaited.
- Footpath gate at top of Turnpike Rise: to be hung from other end to maximise space to pass through.
- The Square: Building Control at SC states that hazards have been addressed. Clerk is following up.
- Insurance company has re-imbursed PC for repair to damaged equipment in Prees playground.
- Neighbourhood Fund spend: clerk has invited Place Plan officer at SC to attend a meeting to help with the way forward.
- Vehicle speed monitor posts: grant application being made to PCC Grant Fund for Safer Roads.

072/21 Appointment of Representatives to outside bodies.

Prees Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Mrs B Finch said she was happy to continue.

Higher Heath Villlage Hall: Cllr Hirons said he was happy to continue.

Prees Cricket and Recreation Club: Cllr J Whelan said he was happy to continue.

Prees Parochial/Elizabeth Barbour Charities: Cllr J Allen said he was happy to continue.

North Shropshire Area Committee/SALC: Cllr Mrs B Rainford was happy to continue.

RAF Shawbury Liaison Group: Cllr Mrs S Short had indicated she was happy to continue.

Prees Primary School Lay Governor: Cllr Mrs B Finch was happy to continue.

Parish Paths representative: Cllr M Lanham was happy to continue.

073/21 Review of Procedures. (Review of Policies to be carried forward.)

- Existing bank signatories (Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs S Short; J Allen and J Whelan) agreed to continue.
- Existing representatives for Play Areas Committee (Cllrs Hirons and Mrs B Finch) agreed to continue.
- Existing representatives on clerk's Appraisal and Review panel (Cllrs M Lanham and J Allen) agreed to continue.

074/21 Suggested schedule of meeting dates for coming year was presented by the clerk. Dates were all third Tuesday in the month apart from the June meeting 2021 which was proposed to be delayed until 22 June in order to possibly take advantage of further reduction in Covid restrictions proposed for 21 June 2021.

Cllr J Whelan proposed that these dates should be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr D Foster. All were in favour.

075/21 Shropshire Council report.

Cllr Hirons congratulated Cllr Wynn on his re-election to Shropshire Council. Cllr Wynn advised that the new leader of Shropshire Council was to be Leslie Picton who had once been responsible for the building of the Severn Theatre in Shrewsbury. The Parish Council was pleased to hear that one of the main objectives for Shropshire Council was to address the appalling state of the roads.

Cllr Wynn confirmed that he had been re-elected as Chair to the Planning Committee. He also advised that Paul Gill, once Chair of Press Parish Council, had been elected to represent Hodnet on Shropshire Council.

076/21 Planning matters.

Planning applications received for consultation.

Current Applications:

21/02119/TPO: To fell 1no Conifer (T1) and deadwood 1no Oak tree (T2) protected by The North Shropshire District Council (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975 (Ref: NS/00051/75.) Woodlands, Sylvan Close, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2TB. Applicant: Mr D Hammond.

The Parish Council resolved to support this application. This was proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

21/01862/FUL: Erection of a single storey extension to rear. Fox Hollow, Armoury Lane, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2EN. Applicants: Mr and Mrs Slater.

The Parish Council resolved to support this application. This was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council.

21/01020/TPO: To fell 1 No Scots Pine protected by North Shropshire District Council (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975. 11 Birchwood Grove, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2EX. Decision: Withdrawn.
20/05430/FUL: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for siting of a static caravan. Caravan at Grassleigh, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2DD. Decision: Refuse.

21/01215/FUL: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building, three grain silos and associated access track and hardstanding. Land North of Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Decision: Grant Permission.

20/04245/VAR: Variation of Condition Nos 7 and 8 attached to planning permission 14/01571/OUT dated 04/09/2014 for access, road layout, construction and sight-lines, including surface water drainage disposal. Residential development land adjacent Berwick, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Decision: Grant Permission.

20/05322/REM: Reserved matters pursuant to outline application ref 19/00788/OUT for the erection of 2 no detached dwellings to include appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Land to the east of Ballacraigne, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Decision: Grant Permission.

077/21 Parish and Parish Council Matters

Youth Shelter.

It was proposed by Cllr Hirons that a Public Meeting (in the form of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting) about the future of the Youth Shelter should be held on Tuesday July 27 2021 in Prees Village Hall. This was seconded by Cllr D Ladd and all were in favour. The meeting format will be supported by a PowerPoint presentation.

It was resolved that the heras fencing, currently in place to prevent further hazardous littering in and around the Youth Shelter, should stay in place until the end of July, at the cost of £20.00 per week. This was proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

Holes in playing-field surface Higher Heath.

Cllr P Wynn offered machinery and manpower, and Cllr J Allen offered soil to use for filling the holes. Clerk to liaise between cllrs to arrange a time and date for completion of the task.

Parking outside Prees School

Cllr Mrs B Finch met with Cllr Wynn and the Headteacher to discuss the problem. A major problem is caused by parents hanging around before and after dropping or picking up their children. There is currently no option for more parking. Cllr Wynn to ask for extension to the yellow lines to stop parking and to have those lines made enforceable as they are not currently.

A41 log.

Nothing new to report.

Housekeeping.

Nothing new to report

Facebook. Nothing new to report.

078/21 SALC

Cllrs resolved to authorise Cllrs Mrs S Short and Mrs B Finch and the clerk to attend training Planning from a Local Perspective 2/16/30 June 2021 at a cost of £95.00 per delegate. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

Cllrs resolved to authorise Cllr Mrs B Finch to attend training on Code of Conduct 6 September 2021 at a cost of £10.00. Proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

079/21 Accounting Matters.

Bank reconciliation.

Clerk reported that the bank reconciliation for the last quarter of 2020-21 had been checked by Mr Jonathan Smith and returned to her.

Accounts for Payment May 18th 2021

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary May 2021	464.32
HMRC (PAYE)	3.80
Clerks expenditure 11.3.21-16.4.21 (detailed below)	165.26
Scottish Power (streetlight energy 31.3.21-30.4.21)	124.11
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (works April 2021)	313.20
Prees Village Hall 5 x monthly hirings at £20.00 Jan-May 2021	100.00
ALC Affiliation fees 1.4.21-31.3.22	1,115.36
Peter Dunbar (of Masonry Renovation) issue of new cheque as wrong payee last month. Previous cheque destroyed.	<u>875.00</u>
	£ 3,161.05

Clerk's expenditure 17.4.21-11.5.21:

May BT line rental contribution: £12.50

Stamps: 8 x 2nd class stamps @ 66p = £5.28

Mileage: 8 miles @ 45 ppm = £3.60

Renewal of 12 month Zoom subscription = £143.88

Total = £165.26

080/21 Correspondence

Clerk received letter from resident in Whitchurch Road expressing extreme disappointment that there is apparently no progress on extending the 30 mph limit along the length of the road. Clerk has advised that we are hopeful that the proposed new development on Whitchurch Road will add weight to our arguments to SC that this is indeed necessary.

081/21 Items for next Agenda

Community Build

Youth Shelter

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