

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council  
held on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall.

Present were: Cllrs J Whelan (who took the Chair in Cllr R Hirons absence); Mrs S Jones; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs B Finch; Mrs S Short; Mrs D Foster; Mrs L Baer; M Lanham and R List. Also present were Mrs K Sieloff (clerk) and three members of the Public.

098/18: Public Session. Members of the public from Higher Heath addressed the Parish Council to register their concerns and those of the Higher Heath community, about the current apparent development of an ex-RAF building at Twemlows Big Wood and the subsequent blocking of surrounding footpaths which have been in use ever since the Second World War.

099/18: Apologies were received from Cllrs R Hirons; J Allen and D Ladd and also from PCSO C Hirons.

100/18: Disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in items on the Agenda. There were none.

101/18: Minutes of the previous Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were agreed to be a true record and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that they should be signed. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short and all were in favour. Cllr Whelan signed the Minutes.

102/18: Actions arising from the Minutes that are not included on the Agenda. There were none.

103/18: Shropshire Council report. There was not one available. The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Wynn with the reminder that a brief report, when he is unable to attend the meeting in person, is much appreciated.

104/18: Community Policing: PCSO Hirons had sent his Apologies and Sgt Claire Greenaway had emailed regretting that she had no one else available to attend.

105/18: Presentation by an engineer from Solagen, manufacturers of vehicle-speed monitors. The device was demonstrated and councillors' questions were answered. The engineer agreed to find out whether the device can be adapted to use on roads with a 50mph limit, in addition to those with 30 and 40 mph limits, as this would be important for our area. He also agreed to provide an indication of running costs. The offer of free data-logging software expires at the end of September.

106/18: Planning matters:

Current planning applications

- 18/03061/FUL: Erection of 4 equine workers cottages and associated works following demolition of existing tractor shed. Mickley Stud, Mickley, Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr Richard Kent.

(Letter received from concerned local resident, previously circulated.)

After discussion, the Parish Council resolved to support the Application with the proviso that the temporary accommodation on the site will be removed and not replaced; that the hours of operation previously agreed are adhered to and that the properties are designated for occupation by essential workers only. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs D Foster and seconded by Cllr R List. All were in favour.

- 18/03285/OUT: Outline Application for residential development to include access. Land to the rear of Ballacraigne, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr B and Mrs J Crump.

The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application. It is back-land development, which the Parish Council has a long-established principle for objecting to; the density of the proposed development is not in keeping with its context; the proposed loss of trees would be regrettable

and the access is very problematic. The Parish Council's objection was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

- 18/03314/FUL: Proposed dormer windows to front elevation. Wintercourt, Twemlows Avenue, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Ms Baker.  
The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.
- 18/02592/FUL: Amendments to plans for erection of extensions and alterations to existing dwelling. 5 Woodlands Grove, Prees Higher Heath SY13 2JB. Applicants: Mr and Mrs Partington.  
The Parish Council resolved to support this Application with the proviso that obscured glass would be used in the bathroom window. Proposed by Cllr Mrs L Baer and seconded by Cllr R List. All were in favour.
- Variation of Section 106 for Planning Application no 14/01571/OUT to agree the tenure of the proposed dwelling to be 'discounted market rent' which would be owned and managed by the applicants as a private social landlord, thus include the private landlord clauses. Berwick, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicants: Mr and Mrs B McDermott.  
The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application, preferring the original agreement for the house to be sold as Affordable Housing. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

Additional Planning Application received:

- 18/02596/VAR: Amendments received for 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, Shropshire. The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application, on the basis that it would result in the site being overcrowded. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour with one abstention.

Planning decision received from Shropshire Council:

- 18/02788/FUL: Erection of part single and part two-storey rear and side extension. Oaklands, Lower Heath, Prees, Shropshire. Decision: Grant Permission

Additional planning matter:

Concerns about new development of old ex-military site on the A41 at Higher Heath.

Cllr J Whelan acknowledged the strength of feeling that concerns about what is happening at this site have raised. Higher Heath residents have contacted the Parish Council detailing their various concerns about the removal of trees, disturbance of the largest bat colony in Shropshire and blocking off of long-used foot-paths. Residents are also worried about reports that the building is to be used to house farm live-stock. All these concerns have been forwarded to the relevant authorities. The Footpaths Officer has advised that the footpath in question is not currently a formally recognised Right of Way, but as it has been used regularly for very many years, it is possible to apply to Shropshire Council to have it formally recognised. All present at the meeting were in favour of this course of action and Cllr M Lanham volunteered to have an initial look at the paperwork. It was acknowledged that help from the community would be necessary in gathering evidence of the path's historical use.

107/18: Parish and Parish Council Matters

**Battles Over Commemoration November 2018:** Cllr Whelan reported that a very generous and skilled local craftman, who wishes to avoid publicity, has very kindly made and donated a fine brazier to be used as a Beacon at the event. The brazier is 750mm square and will stand atop a 4m pole and will be lighted on the evening of November 11th forming the focus for the evening's commemoration and taking its place among all the Beacons being lighted simultaneously across the country. Clerk was asked to write letter of thanks and appreciation to our benefactor. There are other matters to be decided about the Battles Over event, and these will be carried forward to the next Agenda.

**Smartwater coming to Prees and Fauls wards.** The clerk reported that the final paperwork just needed the Chairman's signature on his imminent return from holiday. The first distribution of Smartwater kits to householders was planned for Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Prees Village Hall.

**Road Safety Posters Display:** the clerk reminded the Councillors that this will take place on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 2 pm in Prees Village Hall. It was agreed that the event would also be an opportunity to broadcast the imminent roll-out of Smartwater in the community. Clerk to print off posters and fliers sent to her for the purpose. Cllr D Ladd had offered previously to bring an Ambulance to the event for the children's interest and to talk to them about his role as a paramedic and the Councillors present thought this was a good plan if it did not entail too much work for Cllr Ladd. Similarly the idea was mooted that it might also be possible to have a Fire Engine present. It was suggested that the car park behind the Village Hall would be the safest place for these vehicles to be on display. Cllr B Rainford and the clerk offered to sort out refreshments for the event.

**Shropshire Council Risk-Based Approach Consultation** pertaining to the maintenance of Highway infrastructure, closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. The Parish Council had no comment to make.

**Cllr Mrs S Short seeks authorisation to attend training** Negotiating a Better Outcome in Planning 12<sup>th</sup> September 10-4 at the Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury. The Parish Council resolved to meet the cost of this training: this was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

**Prospective meeting with Eddie West, Principal Planning Officer at Shropshire Council.** It was agreed that this meeting about the Local Plan Review would be arranged on Cllr R Hiron's return from holiday and that Cllrs J Whelan; Mrs S Short; Mrs D Foster and M Lanham would also attend, together with the clerk.

108/18: Accounting matters.

- The clerk advised the Parish Council that the Bank Reconciliation for the first quarter of 2018-19 had been passed for checking by Mr Jonathan Smith.
- Clerk reported that 2017-18 Accounts were still with External Auditor.
- Payment of accounts August 2018. It was resolved to pay the following invoices. This was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

Payment of accounts August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary August	421.69
HMRC PAYE	3.80
Clerks expenses (detailed below)	59.59
Scottish Power (energy for streetlamps) 30.6.18-31.7.18	159.38
Scottish Power (Pavilion)- final invoice	15.69
Jones Community Lighting streetlamp maintenance to July 31	132.19
RoSPA annual playgrounds inspections	205.80
SALC training: Planning from a Local Perspective 19.6.18	69.00

Total £1067.14

*Clerk's expenses 13.7.18-13.8.18*

*Delivery of July Agenda etc 13 miles @ 45 ppm= £5.85*  
*4 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps @ 56p = £2.24*  
*1 pack printer paper @ £4.00*  
*Prizes for Road Safety Poster Competition = £35.00 (overlooked last month)*  
*Plus August monthly contribution to BT line rental = £12.50*  
*Total = £59.59*

109/18: Correspondence.

**Email from Rachel Norlander** at Meres and Mosses, in return to ours detailing concerns for safety of cyclists around the car park by the new houses at Manor Place. Ms Norland suggests that cyclist-training would be an appropriate solution. Clerk was asked to write back suggesting that a physical barrier ensuring cyclists could not rush unchecked from the path straight into the car park would be a more robust provision.

**Letter from resident in Mill Street** asking for a shield on one of the newly-replaced streetlamps, or that the lamp should be moved, as the light is causing a nuisance in her home. Clerk was asked to reply to the resident explaining that the positioning of the streetlamp makes a shield impracticable and the cost of re-siting the streetlamp would be prohibitive.

**Email received from a resident** via the website about the continuing potholed state of Brades Road, and also detailing concerns about the proposed works to the boundary of the playground at the corner of Brades Road. Clerk to pursue the pothole issue with Shropshire Council and to write reassuring the resident that the Parish Council would ensure that works to the boundary of Prees playground were carried out with due regard for the safety of all.

110/18: Future Agenda Items

- Problems with surface of Higher Heath playground.
- RoSPA reports
- Dead cherry tree
- Community Planning

The meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

Next meeting will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

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