

Minutes of Prees Parish Council Meeting  
held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7 pm in Prees Village Hall

**Present** were: Cllrs J Whelan (Vice-Chairman) who took the Chair in Cllr R Hirons absence; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Jones; Mrs S Short; M Lanham; P Gill. Also present were Mrs K Sieloff clerk to the Council and one member of the public.

**Declarations:** there were none.

**036/17 Public Session:** no contributions from members of the public.

**037/17 Minutes of the previous meeting (circulated previously.)**

The Minutes were agreed to be a true record. Cllr Mrs B Rainford proposed that they should be signed and Cllr P Gill seconded the proposal. All were in favour and Cllr J Whelan signed the Minutes.

**038/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- Cllr J Whelan read out a letter received from Ian Kilby, Planning Services Manager of Shropshire County Council, responding to the Parish Council's concerns about highway and pedestrian safety considerations implicated in Planning Application 16/04040/REM and setting out the checks that would be implemented before any development takes place. The clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter to the member of public who had spoken on this issue at the previous meeting.
- An email from Nicki Young had advised that the street lights at Manor Place had been changed to operate dusk til dawn for an initial six-month period.
- The clerk confirmed that she had written as requested to the owners of the Congregational Church in Mill Street, via the estate agents managing the sale of the property, to relay residents' concerns about the unkempt state of the surrounding churchyard and gardens.
- The clerk had received a reply from Andy Wilde at SC concerning the Parish Council's concerns about the way the recent and extended closure of the B5605 at Lower Heath was handled and particularly the deleterious effect on local businesses. The letter confirmed that there is currently no avenue for compensation for such businesses. Clerk was asked to email a copy of the letter to Cllr B Rainford so she could share the information with those affected.

**039/17 Shropshire Council Report**

Cllr P Wynn was unable to attend in person, but had passed a report to the clerk.

- With regard to planning application 16/02528/FUL, as Cllr J Whelan had pointed out at the last meeting, the wrong Conservation Officer report had been saved to the system. Cllr Wynn had alerted the relevant Planning Officer and had this situation rectified.
- With regard to planning application 16/04040, Cllr P Wynn had elicited from Sue Collins, Planning Officer, the same information as contained in Ian Kilby's letter (above.)
- Moreton St : Shropshire Council confirms that the recent problems with pot-holes in the road surface following the recent drainage works supports their policy of allowing a period of settlement before undertaking re-surfacing in the area

**040/17 Community Policing.**

No officer available this evening, but PCSO Chris Hirons sent a report, which Cllr J Whelan read aloud and a copy of which is appended to these Minutes.

**041/17 Planning**

**Current Planning Applications.**

- **16/03556/FUL:** Re-consultation due to Amendment. Application under Section 73a of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for permanent retention of two poly-tunnels to house free-range egg-laying birds. Smithy Cottage, Sandford, Shropshire SY13 2AW. Mr R Haynes  
The Council was of the opinion that despite withdrawal of objections by the Highways department and environmental agencies, the fundamental issue, which is the misery and distress caused to local

residents, has not been addressed. The Council resolved that its continued objection should be registered. This was proposed by Cllr P Gill and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

- **17/00667/FUL:** Informal re-consultation due to minor Amendment (reduction in number and design of openings.) Conversion of stable/garage block to form one residential unit to include insertion of doors/windows/roof-lights. Proposed barn conversion at Aychley Farm, Aychley, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Mr N Anderson.

The Council resolved to support the amended plans. This was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.

- **17/01649/OUT:** outline planning application for erection of one dwelling (all matters reserved). Land adjacent to Rose Cottage, Primrose Lane, Prees. Mr and Mrs A White.  
The Council was concerned that the proposed development is **not** within the accepted settlement boundaries, but is actually in open countryside. Cllr M Lanham proposed that the Council's objection be registered and Cllr Mrs B Finch seconded that. All were in favour.

- **17/01639/FUL :** Erection of single-storey rear extension and detached garage. Birch Glen, 71 Twemlows Avenue, Higher Heath SY13 2HD. Mr K Henderson.

The Council could see no reason to object to this Application. Cllr R List proposed that its support should be registered and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.

- **17/01590/FUL :** Erection of an external store following demolition of existing unsafe structure. Shirley House, Whitchurch Road, Prees SY13 2DG. Mr and Mrs Ladd.

The Council could see no reason to object to this Application. Cllr J Whelan proposed that support for it should be registered and this was seconded by Cllr P Gill. All were in favour.

Planning decisions received:

- **17/00660/FUL :** Erection of two-storey office, storage, workshop and garage following demolition of existing single-storey office, storage, workshop and garage. **Decision: grant permission.**

#### **042/17 Parish Matters.**

- Moreton Street resurfacing works. This matter was dealt with in Cllr P Wynn's report.
- Prees Village Hall Committee: update from Cllr Mrs S Short. Cllr Short reported that the new Trustees Committee and new Management Committee were both in place, having taken over at the AGM at the end of March. Cllr Short will represent the Parish Council on the Trustees Committee and Cllr Mrs B Finch will continue in her role as Parish Council representative on the Management Committee.
- Higher Heath Pavilion: update. The Parish Council feels that it has exhausted all avenues for finding a viable use for the Pavilion and resolved to proceed with the demolition. This was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr P Gill. All were in favour. The clerk is to advise Hopwoods the builders who will do the work.
- Changes to waste collection arrangements in School Lane, Lower Heath. Cllr Mrs S Short reported that she has been advised that Veolia's new larger vehicles will apparently not be able to negotiate the further reaches of School Lane, but will only be able to serve the first three properties in the lane. Cllr Short has been in conversation with the Operations Manager of Veolia, who has assured her that some acceptable solution can be found. She awaits further developments.

#### **043/17 Parish Council Matters**

- **Local elections 2017.** There are uncontested elections in the three wards and the following councillors have been re-elected unopposed: Cllr Mrs S Short; Cllr Mrs S Smith; Cllr Mrs B Rainford; Cllr Mrs B Finch; Cllr R Hiron; Cllr J Whelan; Cllr M Lanham; Cllr R List; Cllr J Allen. Mrs Diana Foster will also become a Parish Councillor for Prees, when, along with all the other councillors, she signs the declaration of acceptance of office at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May. Cllr J Whelan spoke on behalf of the whole Parish Council when he extended grateful thanks

for the valiant service and unstinting efforts of the retiring councillors: Cllr P Gill; Cllr J Smith and Cllr B Collins. The Council will co-opt to the two vacancies in Fauls and Higher Heath wards. Clerk to advertise the vacancies from 4 May. Cllr J Whelan reminded those present that election expenses forms need to come in to the clerk, even if no expenses are being claimed.

- **Play area at Prees.** It was decided that the wooden ‘stepping stones’ leading up to the slide will not be replaced for the time being. With regards to the disintegrating log-seat, Cllr M Lanham will send Cllr J Whelan the dimensions as Cllr Whelan thinks he can source a replacement at a very reasonable cost.

**044/17 Accounting matters.**

Cllr P Gill proposed that the following invoices should be paid and Cllr M Lanham seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

**Accounts for payment: April 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Mrs K Sieloff Net Salary for April 2017	£340.39
HMRC April 2017 PAYE	£ 85.10
Scottish Power : Electricity charges- street lighting 28.2.17-31.3.17	£159.10
Jones Lighting Ltd: monthly maintenance charge and repairs 31.3.17	£763.55
Prees Village Hall hire 24/1; 21/2; 21/3 2017 3 hirings @ £19.00	£ 57.00
SALC affiliation fee (inc NALC affiliation fee) 1.4.17-31.3.18	£997.16

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**TOTAL £2402.30**

**Late arriving invoice**

Scottish Power: electricity Pavilion Higher Heath	£26.25
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**GRAND TOTAL £2428.55**

- Bank reconciliation (final quarter 2016-17) This is ready for checking, but will now have to be done after the books are returned from the Internal Auditor. Cllr J Smith has kindly offered to continue to perform this service for the foreseeable future, even though he is not continuing as a Parish Councillor in the new session. Cllr J Whelan proposed acceptance of the generous offer with very grateful thanks, and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

**045/17 Correspondence**

- Mr Marco Watkin emailed to advise that he had heard confirmation from Connecting Shropshire that the long-awaited improvement to the broadband facility in Fauls and the surrounding area is due to be completed later this year.
- Notice from SC that Precept of £23,540.00 for 2017-18 and 2016 Neighbourhood Fund amount of £2,735.77 (making a total of £26,275.77) will be received on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Notice of Local Joint Committee Planning Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Whitchurch Civic Centre. No delegate from the Parish Council required.

**046/17 Future Agenda items**

- Dilapidated cottage on Shrewsbury Street near entrance to Turnpike Rise is causing safety concerns.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

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