

Minutes of the Prees Annual Parish Meeting  
held on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 in Prees Village Hall at 8.30 pm.

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons (Chairman); J Whelan; Mrs D Foster; Mrs S Short; Mrs L Baer; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; M Lanham; R List; D Ladd; J Allen and two Members of the Public.

1. Cllr R Hirons welcomed everyone to the Meeting.
2. Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs S Jones.
- 3 The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, which had been circulated previously were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Short that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr D Ladd. All were in favour and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting.  
There were none.
- 5 Chairman's Report. Cllr Hirons delivered the following:

“I have great pleasure in presenting the Chair's Report for 2018/2019.

There have been many issues dealt with by the Parish Council and we have striven to take account of all views when making any recommendations or decisions. In this respect we have extended our consulting by adding Facebook to our communications system; this supplements our web page which has been going strongly. We do read the web and we do welcome any constructive comment about what our residents would like to see within the Parish.

A major achievement this year has been the roll-out of Smartwater to the residents of Fauls and Prees Wards following a spate of burglaries. It is pleasing to note that we were able to deliver sufficient packs to allow us to have signage provided free by the current Police Commissioner. The roll-out complemented the one in Higher Heath Ward and now the Parish can boast of having the benefit of Smartwater.

The disappointing aspect of this venture is that some residents from Prees and Fauls have still not collected their free pack: let us hope they do so soon.

During this year we have been involved in many planning applications and also the consultation for land allocation. In addition we are making efforts to establish a scheme to provide housing that is suitable for our locality. There will be much

more action on this and we hope everyone can get involved as we get closer to making the ideas a definite project.

I would like to thank all those organisations who have helped us with our efforts to make the Parish a great place to live and work in. Amongst these are residents who have attended the meetings, the Police, Litter Picking Group, Gardening Club, RBL and our Shropshire County Council representative: apologies to anyone who has been missed out. Your help and thoughts have always given us food for thought before we take any action.

It is pleasing to record that yet again we have been able to set a budget that has meant our precept has not gone up – perhaps this is a better thank you for many people.

It would be remiss not to thank all the members of the Parish Council. Everyone gives up valuable time to undertake their role and without any recompense, despite what rumour would have you believe. Everyone deserves a big pat on the back and on your behalf I thank them. Without you all my role would be impossible too.

Ofcourse we would struggle without a fantastic clerk. Our clerk keeps us on the straight and narrow: cajoling us when we falter and guiding us when we stray.

Thank you, Karen.

Finally, we look forward to another year and all the changes that the year may bring. We remain accountable for our actions and are aware of the need to be transparent and open in all that we do. I am sure the year ahead will be as successful as the year we are now closing in Council terms.”

## 6 Reports from local organisations

### Shropshire Council

Cllr P Wynn was unable to attend but had submitted a report a full copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

### Higher Heath Village Hall

Cllr Hirons delivered the annual report, a full copy of which is attached to the Minutes.

### Prees Village Hall

Cllr D Ladd delivered a brief report, a full copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

### Fauls Church Hall

There was no report available.

Prees Cricket and Recreation Club

Cllr J Whelan submitted an annual report on this organisation, a full copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

Prees Parochial Charities and Elizabeth Barbour Foundation

The clerk, who does the administration for the two charities, submitted a report, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

6 Questions or items raised by members of the Public.

There were none.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

Signed.....

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