

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday August 17th 2021
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs L Baer; Mrs S Jones; Mrs D Foster; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; J Whelan; M Lanham; together with Mrs K Sieloff, clerk to the Parish Council.

113/21 Public session. There were five members of the public present.

1. One resident expressed concern that commercial vehicles leaving the industrial estate in Shrewsbury Street seem to be often turning left to come through the village rather than turning right to the A49. Clerk to check that the signage encouraging right turn is still and visible.
2. Residents from Manor House Lane expressed concern that a gated entrance to Heathfields Stables has appeared on a dangerous corner in the lane, that hedges have been removed, two concrete-based structures have appeared on the site and a caravan there seems to be for residential use. This matter for discussion by the Parish Council further down on the Agenda.

114/21 Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs S Short; R List; D Ladd; J Allen and P Wynn and also from Whitchurch Police.

115/21 For members to disclose pecuniary or impecuniary interests. None were declared.

116/21 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July, previously circulated, 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 J Whelan. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed.

117/21 Actions arising from the Minutes that are not on the Agenda. There were none.

118/21 Shropshire Council Report. There was no report available.

119/21 Community Policing.

PCSO Hannah Lister provided the following report, which was read out at the meeting.

1 Report of cars racing at Prees Heath- officers attended and found no trace of the cars and no one racing.

1 RTC in Higher Heath- Non injury

Report of dangerous driver Higher Heath area- no VRM given and unable to locate.

1 Car seized for no TAX at Midway Truck Stop

1 Report of horse and cart on the A41- no offences found.

Reported dog theft in Prees Green area- however CCTV showed nothing of any cars/people in the area at the time and the dog was located an hour later further up the road suggesting the dog escaped the garden.

1 Report of tractors speeding near Whitebrook Meadow- Upon officer arrival no tractors seen.

1 Car stopped in Prees Heath area and seized due to driver having no licence.

2nd of August we held an operation with our Roads Policing colleagues and in the Prees area a suspected stolen car was stopped and dealt with and a driver was arrested for driving whilst unfit through drugs.

This is the first of many similar operations being held in your area.

1 Report of a horse loose on the A41- was the same horse that is tied up near Green Lane- was not in the road, all was well and the horse was still tied up safely.

1 Drunk driver arrested in the Prees Green area

Two reports near Sanford, one of scaffolding poles in the road and another day a block of wood. Both safely removed by officers.

1 RTC at The Raven roundabout- non injury.

4 reports of an untaxed moped driving anti-socially through the centre of Prees- we are still actively trying to locate this and deal with the driver so any sightings can be called in via 101 please.

120/21 Report from Rose Dovey, Active Travel Manager at Shropshire Council, about possible Prees Cycleway/Station Footpath. (Rose will attend using the Teams internet link.) Item carried forward to next meeting.

121/21 Planning:

Current planning applications for consultation

- 21/03152/FUL: Erection of two storey rear and side extensions. 16 Moreton Street, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2EG. Applicant: Mr Adam Johnson.
The Parish Council resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr S Jones. All were in favour.
- 21/03281/FUL: Proposed replacement of existing garage to form additional residential accommodation and erection of triple bay garage. Berwick, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, SY13 2HF. Applicants: Mr and Mrs B McDermott.
The Parish Council resolved to object to this application on the basis that the proposed garage would be plainly in front of the building line, and there are no similar designs in the immediate area. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All in favour.
- 21/03404/FUL: Erection of part two storey and single storey side extension, re-roof the existing single storey lean-to and internal alterations (resubmission.) Highfields, Steel Heath, Prees Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicants: Mr and Mrs Rob and Bev Young.
The Parish Council resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.
- 21/03202/LBC: Replacement of 3No. single glazed windows with double glazed units and replacement of 1No door affecting a Grade II Listed Building. The Clock House, Sandford, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2AW. Applicant: Mrs Anouska Ramsay.
It was resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

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- 21/02405/FUL: Erection of replacement and expansion of existing rear extension, erection of new side extension, replacement of existing garage and alterations to existing vehicular access. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 21/02650/VAR: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and condition 3 (access, parking and turning) attached to planning permission 19/04659/FUL dated 04.05.2020 to allow for amended site layout. Hough Pool Fishing Club, Wem Lane, Souldon, Wem, Shropshire. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 20/04434/FUL: Proposed residential development of 27 new houses and bungalows served off new access road with private amenity space and curtilage parking.
Proposed Residential Development Land and Care Home West Of Whitchurch Road, Prees, Shropshire. Decision: Grant Permission.

Other planning matters

- Heathfields Stables, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath. Local concerns about alleged unauthorised access onto highway.
Clerk confirmed that Shropshire Council Enforcement has been advised of the concerns. She was asked to also convey information about the removal of an ancient hedge and a mature oak on the same site and the obstruction of Footpath 0224/1SE/1 to the relevant departments at Shropshire Council.

122/21. Parish and Parish Council Matters

- Youth Shelter/Youth Engagement. Cllr Hirons reported that the Public Meeting held 27 July 2021 had encouraged anyone with a view on this matter to express it and have it considered. Nearly everybody present was keen to retain the Youth Shelter if possible. Gary Dawson at the Club was supportive of the idea of getting local youngsters in and using facilities there, but he would need someone to organise and manage that activity.

Members of the Parish Council present had gathered briefly after the meeting to review the options proposed. Ideas gaining universal support were: asking the Club to remove the dug-outs near the Youth Shelter; PC to clean the Youth Shelter and watch the state of it carefully going forward; install lights and camera and open the Shelter for six months and then review. (It could be closed again if the littering returns.)

With regard to the possibility of other youth-engagement, Cllr Hirons reminded the meeting that all financial support for Youth Services from Shropshire Council has stopped. The Parish Council can buy in those services, at varying costs depending on the level of support chosen. But who would be the person taking responsibility for the project?

Cllr Hirons also said that there is the possibility of some funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner once we can present firm plans for a project. He suggested that an initial way forward in attempting to engage with local youngsters might be to appoint Youth Ambassadors (possibly young people interested in community involvement as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme) to act as an interface. Potential participants in these roles could be contacted through local secondary schools, once term starts again.

Cllr Hirons proposed that the PC should try to implement some or all of the ideas listed above. Cllr Mrs D Foster seconded and all were in favour.

The solar-powered camera and integrated lights are available at a cost of £750.00 including installation, with an on-going cost of approximately £10.00 per month for data usage. Cllr Hirons proposed that this expenditure should be authorised and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and the clerk was asked to organise the matter.

Cllr J Whelan reported on a Committee Meeting at the Cricket and Recreation Club, saying that the Club was understanding and supportive of the Parish Council's efforts to address the problems the Youth Shelter was causing and they were prepared to allow a period of time to rectify the situation. It was unanimously agreed that the Club should be provided with a copy of the lease, which they had requested.

- Community led Building Development Whitchurch Road. It was reported that formal planning permission has at last been received.
- Neighbourhood Fund spend. Update from working group. Cllr M Lanham advised that Rose Dovey will attend the September meeting.
- HH field to be available for use by local young football teams? Further discussion required as liability will remain with the Parish Council as owners of the playing field. After discussion it was resolved to allow the Junior Football Club to use the pitch at Higher Heath, as long as the organisers were prepared to sign an agreement drafted by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Jones. All were in favour. Clerk to draft agreement and circulate to all cllrs for consideration before finalizing.
- Nuisance of noisy motorbikes on A49 and noisy cars late in the evening. Cllr Mrs B Rainford to lead. The report from the local Police suggests that these matters are being addressed currently. Clerk to ask Highways whether an existing pole on the A49 on the stretch near the junction with the B5065 could be used for one of the Parish Council's vehicle speed monitors.
- Clerk seeks authorisation to spend £1.50 (plain) or £6.95 (printed front and back) per high-visibility tabard for cllrs. It was resolved that hi-viz jackets bearing the words Prees Parish Council should be

purchased at a cost of £6.95 each. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour except one.

- Bench for Higher Heath bus-stop requested by resident. Cllr Hirons explained that the bus-shelter was moved when the new housing was put up on Heathwood Road, but it needs a bench inside. Clerk to pursue with Shropshire Council.
- Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon June 2022. Cllr J Whelan reported that Jubilee Beacons are due to be lighted across the country on the evening of June 2 2022. Would the Parish Council like to participate? Cllr Whelan proposed that it should and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour. Cllr Whelan said he would register the PC’s interest. There would be a need for a local dignitary to light the Beacon.
- A41 log. Tragically, there were reports of a motorcyclist killed in an accident at Rosehill.
- Housekeeping. Reports received of road signs on the B5065 obstructed by overhanging trees. Clerk to pursue.
- Facebook. Complaints on Facebook about difficulties in accessing services at Prees Medical Centre. Cllr Hirons suggested that residents should be respectfully asked to address any concerns to the Medical Centre itself.

123/21: Accounting Matters

- Review of Bank Reconciliation: clerk talked the cllrs through the bank reconciliation for July 2021.
- Accounts for payment August 2021. Cllr Mrs B Rainford proposed that the following accounts should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

Accounts for Payment August 17 2021

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary August 2021	464.32
HMRC (PAYE)	3.80
Clerks expenditure 15.7.21-10.8.21 (detailed below)	20.33
Scottish Power (streetlight energy 30.6.21-31.7.21)	128.27
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (works July 2021)	313.20
Prees Cricket and Recreation Club (annual Youth Shelter rent due 1.9.21)	1.00
Bernard Townson (internal auditor)	210.00
Salop Hire Services (Heras fencing hire July 2021)	106.28
SALC (Planning training x3: 2/16/30 June 2021)	<u>285.00</u>
Total	1532.20

Additional invoice for payment (overlooked last month)

Salop Hire Services (Heras fencing hire June 2021)	<u>102.85</u>
Grand total:	1635.05

Clerk’s expenditure 15.7.21-10.8.21

BT line rental contribution: £12.50

Stamps: 3 x 2nd class stamps @66p=£1.98

Mileage: delivery of July Agenda etc: 13 miles @ 45 ppm= £5.85

Total = £20.33

- Payments by BACS/debit card. What do other councils do? This item was carried forward to the next Agenda.

124/21 SALC: nothing to report currently.

125/21 Correspondence

- The clerk reported she had been in contact with a resident in Sylvan Close in Higher Heath who was concerned about construction work at a nearby property. The clerk had looked up the details of the planning application, which was found to have been granted planning permission, and she had been able to reassure the resident that this was the case.
- Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion’s Draft Safer West Mercia Plan. Consultation runs until November 1 2021.

126/21 Items for next Agenda.

- Proposed modifications to Prees War Memorial.
- Manor House Lane: need for extension of 30 mph speed limit.

The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

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

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