

Minutes of the Prees Annual Parish Meeting
held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 in Prees Village Hall at 9 pm.

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons (Chairman); Mrs B Finch; Mrs S Jones; Mrs S Short; Mrs D Foster and J Allen. Also present were eight members of the Public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff.

1. Cllr R Hirons, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the Meeting.
2. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs B Rainford; J Whelan; R List; M Lanham and P Wynn.

3 Chairman's Report.

Cllr R Hirons presented his annual report, a copy of which is attached at to the file copy of this document. He thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for their support and hard work over the past year.

- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting.
There were none.

5 Reports from the organisations:

Shropshire Council

Cllr P Wynn was unable to attend but had submitted a report which was read aloud and is appended to the file copy of this document. He thanked those who had voted for him in recent elections and reported that young Councillors elected would bring in welcome fresh blood and new ideas. He reported an increase in the number of Conservative councillors from 46 to 49. He spoke of the difficult financial cuts that had been made and warned of more to come.

Prees Parochial Charities and Elizabeth Barbour Foundation

The clerk reported that a donation of £230.00 had been made during the past year from Prees Parochial Charities (for alleviation of financial hardship) to finance a school trip for two local children. (Currently approximately £1600 in account.) There had been no donations from the Elizabeth Barbour Foundation (for educational support) and there was currently approximately £1300 in that account.

Higher Heath Village Hall

Cllr R Hirons spoke of the active use of the Hall for local events and the improvements in the facilities and repair work undertaken during the past year.

(A full copy of the report is attached to the file copy of this document.)

Fauls Church Hall

Mrs Freda Ridgway sent a report (full copy attached to file copy of this document) detailing the use of the Hall during the year and telling of repairs and improvements made and plans for the future.

Prees Cricket and Recreation Club

Cllr J Whelan in his absence had submitted a Report which was read out to the Meeting: a full copy is attached to the file copy of this document. He spoke of the Club's continuing focus on providing sports and recreation facilities for the local area: junior football, cricket and bowls remain popular, as are the various social functions and guest nights held there.

Prees Village Hall

Cllrs Mrs S Short and Mrs B Finch reported that a new Management Committee for Prees Village Hall had been formed and was now officially in place, meaning a new phase of life for this valuable village amenity had begun. Full report attached to file copy of this document.

Local Joint Committee

There was no report available.

Manor Place Working Group

Cllr Hirons reported that the last recorded meeting of this group was on 27th January 2016. It is now managed by Shropshire Council and the Parish Council has not been involved in any meetings or actions. (Full copy of report is attached to file copy of this document.)

6 Questions or items raised by members of the Public.

There were none.

The Chairman commented that we are fortunate to live in a thriving community centred around the Village Halls at Prees and Higher Heath; the Church Hall at Fauls and the Cricket and Recreation Club at Prees. He expressed his appreciation for all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure their continued use.

He thanked those attending the Meeting and closed it at 9.20 pm.
