

Minutes of the Prees Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall.

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons; J Whelan; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Short; Mrs S Jones; J Allen; R List and M Lanham. Cllr D Ladd joined the Meeting partway through, due to work commitments. Also present were PCSO G Baines; thirty members of the public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff.

001/19. Public Session. PCSO G Baines delivered a report from Sergeant Greenaway concerning continuing concerns about local thefts. Local police are collaborating with those from North Wales and Cheshire and numerous patrols are being made in Prees and Whixall and these two areas are getting priority response with regards to robberies. There are suspects who are thought to be responsible, but CID can only act when suspicions are confirmed. PCSO Baines reminded those present of the need to dial 101 to report suspicious activity and 999 for immediate, urgent concerns. He also emphasised the importance of residents of Prees and Fauls wards availing themselves of the free Smartwater property protection kits currently on offer from the Parish Council.

Members of the Public expressed concerns that there was not enough policing resource available to respond adequately to the problem. The Chairman encouraged residents to write to the West Mercia Police and Crime Commission or the Chief Constable documenting their concerns about resourcing and to go on-line to complete the current consultation about raising the Community Charge to increase policing resource. He reminded those in Fauls and Prees wards that their free Smartwater would be available on the following Saturday 12-2 pm from the Village Hall.

002/19. Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs L Baer; Mrs D Foster; P Wynn and D Ladd. (Cllr D Ladd actually joined the meeting later.)

003/19. Disclosure of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest: there were none.

004/19. The Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held on 18.12.18 (previously circulated) were agreed to be a true record and it was proposed by Cllr M Lanham that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and the Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

005/19. Actions arising from the Minutes. There were none that were not on the Agenda.

006/19 Shropshire Council Report. There was no report available as Cllr P Wynn had been called away.

007/19: Planning.

Current Planning Application

19/0008/FUL: 19/00008/FUL. Change of use of former barn to dwelling to include erection of extension, extension to existing drive and new foul drains and storm water drains to soakaway. Proposed Barn Conversion at Holly Bank, Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

It was resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council.

- 18/04836/FUL: Erection of former auction building for agricultural purposes (Building 1.) Oaklands Farm, Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LR.
Decision : grant permission.
- 18/04891/FUL: Erection of former auction building for agricultural purposes (Building 2) Oaklands Farm, Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LR
Decision: grant permission.
- 18/05624/TPO: To fell 1No Rowan and replace; fell 1No Holly and replace; fell 1No Holly and fell 1No Oak protected by the North Shropshire District Council (Land at Laurel Bank, Heathwood Rd, Higher Heath) TPO 2000.
Decision: grant permission.

008/19 Parish and Parish Council Matters

Parking at Prees School. In the face of evidence that the Headteacher has tried almost everything already, the Councillors found it difficult to think of new ideas to discourage drivers from endangering school-children by stopping or parking on the zigzag lines outside the school. It was suggested that perhaps offending drivers could be named and shamed in the school newsletter and that more children could be encouraged to join the walking bus. Clerk to draft a letter to SC to ask if the zigzag lines are enforceable and to request assistance with this problem. Clerk also to draft a letter to Prees School.

Consultation: Shropshire Council Planning Preferred Sites. Cllr R Hirons reported from the meeting concerning the consultation on 11 January 2019 (a resume had already been circulated) and encouraged councillors to make individual responses to the consultation.

Possibility of local community-led housing development. An invitation to meet has been received from Tim Shrosbree at SC. Clerk to ask if a meeting could be arranged with representatives from parish councils who have been through the process.

Higher Heath playground

- Decision on collars for posts to be made: Cllr Mrs B Finch knows of someone who would make collars for the posts at risk of strimmer damage for a total of £50.00. The Parish Council resolved to accept this offer: proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.
- Missing post in car park: noted but no action to be taken currently.
- Rabbit hole problem: pest control companies have advised that if exterminated, the rabbits will be back as the mown grass is a great draw. Cllr Mrs S Jones offered to supply the name of a contact who would tackle the rabbit population with nets and ferrets. Clerk to research the price of rabbit proof fencing.

Vehicle speed monitors. Clerk to research which brands/models other parish councils have chosen.

Police and Crime Commission Consultation on Budget plans for 2019/20. It was agreed that Councillors would register their individual responses.

Wrafton Terrace: John Walker to be asked to complete the pruning job partially executed by SC. Clerk also to ask him to remove the dead cherry tree in the corner of the Prees playground.

009/19: Accounting matters.

Accounts for Payment January 2019

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary January 2019	421.69
HMRC PAYE	3.80
Clerks expenses (detailed below)	41.50
Annual subscription (2019) clerk's membership of SLCC	106.00
Annual subscription (2019)clerk's membership of ALC	40.00
Prees Village Hall hire 5 hirings @ £20.00 (23/10; 27/10;13/11; 20/11; 18/12)	100.00
Scottish Power streetlight energy 30.11.18-31.12.18	159.38
Jones Lighting streetlight maintenance for Dec 2018	<u>132.19</u>
Total	£1004.56

Clerks expenditure 14.12.18-8.1.19

Delivery of December Agenda: 13 miles @ 45ppm = £5.85

January 2019 BT line rental contribution = £12.50

Stamps: 5 x 2nd class stamps = £2.90
1 x Epson printer cartridge = £17.00
1 x pack printer paper = £3.25
Total = £41.50

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Short that the accounts should be paid. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch and all were in favour.

Budget-setting 2019-2020.

Cllr J Whelan talked the Meeting through the proposed Budget which would result in a Precept requirement of £24,373.00 for the financial year 2019-20. With a contribution of a mere £8.00 from reserves, the Parish Council has ensured that, taking into account the increase in the number of homes in the parish, there has been no increase in the contribution per household since last year.

It was resolved to accept the Budget: this was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour. It was then proposed by Cllr J Whelan that the Precept Requirement document should be completed by the Chairman and the clerk and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour and the document was duly completed for delivery to Shropshire Council.

The clerk was asked to write to the Committees of Prees Village Hall, Higher Heath Village Hall and Fauls Church Hall to advise them that there would regrettably no longer be automatic grants of £1000.00 to each of them annually, but that the Parish Council would always be open to being approached in times of real hardship

010/19 Items for next Agenda

- Youth Shelter at Prees Cricket and Recreation Club
- Domestic bins: wheelie bins for recyclables?
- Update on The Square, Prees.
- Road sweeping.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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