

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 July 2019  
at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs S Short; Mrs L Baer; Mrs D Foster; Mrs S Jones; M Lanham; R List; D Ladd and J Allen. Mrs K Sioff clerk to the Parish Council and one member of the public.

081/19 Public Session. There were no contributions from members of the public

082/19 Apologies. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs B Rainford; Mrs B Finch; J Whelan and P Wynn and also PC D Wheeler.

083/19 Disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest. Cllr R Hirons signed a disclosure of non-pecuniary interest as one of the planning applications concerns a site near his home.

084/19 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 June 2019. These had been previously circulated and 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 M Lanham. All were in favour and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

085/19 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (which are not on the Agenda.)

- Pavilion: clerk has applied to SC for permit to demolish. Payment sent. Clerk now has three quotes for bat survey (Preliminary Roost Survey). This will be sufficient if no evidence/likelihood of bats is found. Quotes are £480.00/£389.00/£350.00.
- Heathgates Crossroads: email received from Dave Gradwell saying he has chased up outstanding works
- Highways has confirmed that both schools are on the list for consideration for funding of enforcement of zigzag lines. SC has also advised that there is currently no poss of funding for 20 mph limits at the two schools.
- Grounds maintenance and streetlighting Contracts to be reconsidered/put out for tender: clerk is first on list of reserves to attend course early in September. Delay progress until after then? Put on Agenda for September?
- Street lights: contract renewed with Jones for another year.
- Prees Square: Thelwell Property Services has been engaged to 'secure' property. Doors and windows are secure. Heras fencing erected to deter intruders to site. Fence along Church Street seems solid and secure and there are notices advertising TPS's phone no in the case of problems.
- Smartwater: clerk happy to attend VH before meetings to continue roll-out. Has asked SW (twice) if we can also give to HH residents but currently no response.
- Trees. SC were engaged to do the tree survey on safety of Parish-Council owned specimens and report back (May).
- Twemlow's Wood: North section - multiple owners and unable to change footpath situation currently. South Wood liaison with owner and progress for marked footpaths and permitted rights of way made. No further action by Parish Council at this time.
- Hedges along Church Street have been cut back by the owner, at the request of SC.
- Environmental Maintenance at SC will inspect the car park and contact the car parks team to request cutting back.
- SC advise that potholes along Church Street, Mill Street and Cruckmoor Lane will be inspected and actioned as necessary.
- SC has requested resurfacing on Mill Street and will keep us updated.
- SC has said they will write to landowners along A41 to request cutting-back.
- SC had requested the contractor to cut back the beech tree on Whitchurch Road, and this will be chased up.
- The weeds in the centre of Prees have been reported to the Streetscene department and they will be sprayed.

- Clerk has received assurance from Highbury Poultry that the Planning Applications supported by the PC last Summer will be implemented very soon, with the work on the two highest priority matters, which are the enclosure of the offal collection and the holding area for live birds, due to start 'within the coming weeks.'

086/19 Shropshire Council report. There was no report available.

087/19 Community Policing Report. PC Deb Wheeler sent her apologies and the following report which was read out to the meeting.

'Breakdown of incidents reported:

5 x suspicious circumstances – residents suspected suspicious vehicles or persons – calls made in good intent no police action.

5 x incidents – no public risk.

2 x burglaries – on new housing development, houses in construction no risk to public

1 x highways incident – complaints from local residents around the area of the cricket club in regards to the number of cars parking on the side of the road, paths etc. SNT have highlighted their concerns to the cricket club who have agreed to try and address the parking situation. We have advised them to contact Highways to see if they can get cones when they know there is going to be an excessive number of vehicles.

Report in reference to the poppy field on A41: SNT will monitor the situation. We would suggest you also discuss your concerns with Highways.

The Safer Neighbourhood team (SNT) have been carrying out regular patrols within your area.

The SNT would like to thank the local residents for calling 101 and passing on information.

#### 088/19 Planning

Current planning applications: (at this point Cllr R Hirons left the room as he has an interest in the first item and Cllr Mrs S Short took the Chair)

- 19/02796/FUL: Change of use of land to commercial vehicle plant auction site to include provision of customer parking, erection of an office and preparation building; creation of 2m high parameter bund and 10m landscaping strip to SE boundary (relocation of existing auction site from the A49 grain store site) (re-submission) Land and Buildings at The Firs, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Malcolm Harrison Auctions.

The Parish Council resolved to object to this application on the grounds of the increasing industrialization it would entail; the unacceptable impact on the established housing in close proximity; impact on the nationally important SSSI close by; possible contamination by wash-down waste water/oils etc; risk of overspill parking on A41; brow of hill makes turning right into the site very hazardous. This was proposed by Cllr J Allen and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

(Cllr Hirons was called back in at this point.)

- 19/02923/FUL: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of biomass wood pellet boilers. Lower Heath Farm, Lower Heath, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr C Simpson.

It was resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr J Allen and seconded by Cllr R List. All were in favour.

- 19/02962/FUL: Erection of two rural workers cottages and associated works following demolition of existing tractor shed (revised scheme.) Mickley Stud, Mickley, Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Applicant: Mickley Stud.

It was resolved to support this application. Clerk was asked to request if a condition could be attached requiring the landowner to ensure the public footpaths on his land are clearly signposted at his own expense. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

- 19/03011/FUL: Erection of a single storey rear extension to provide annexe accommodation. Mountain Ash, 72 Twemlows Avenue, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HD. Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Arnold.

It was resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

- 19/03019/FUL: Erection of single storey rear extension; internal alterations. 1 Northwood Cottages, Faults, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2BA. Applicant: Mr and Mrs C Yates.

It was resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr R List. All were in favour.

- 19/03046/FUL: Erection of an affordable dwelling with detached 2-bay garage. Proposed dwelling adjacent Jasmine Cottage, Prees Green, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2BL. Applicant: Miss Charlotte Vernon

The Parish Council resolved to support this application as long as SC are satisfied that the plot and proposed build conform to the criteria for an Exception Site for an Affordable House. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

- 19/03129/FUL: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the amendment to the bus shelter. The Bus Shelter, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Grocott Developments (Higher Heath) Ltd

It was resolved to support this application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

- 19/03102/FUL: Conversion of a disused dispensary to a single two-storey dwelling. Proposed conversion of outbuilding at Walford House, 24 Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Shropshire. Applicant: Dr G Carter.

Clerk to check if this building is within the Conservation Area. If so, there seems to no mention of it in the documentation. Concerns raised also about whether the area of hard-standing mentioned will provide sufficient parking to avoid adding to the already crowded parking on Shrewsbury Street. Support for the application to be registered but with the request that these two matters are given due consideration. Proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council:

19/02098/FUL: Erection of a single storey side extension with installation of 1No velux window and 2No bay windows (part retrospective.) Bradeway, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HF. Decision: Grant Permission.

19/02147/FUL Erection of a single storey front and two storey side extension following demolition of existing. 26 Woodlands Grove, Prees Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2JB. Decision: Grant Permission

#### 089/19 Parish and Parish Council Matters

- Community-led housing development in Prees. Agreed that next step is to form Project Board with representatives from the Parish Council and the local community to join together with those from Shropshire Council and Wrekin Housing Trust. Explanation of project and need for volunteers to be posted on website/Facebook/notice boards.
- Whitchurch Place Plan: revised version received and comments invited. Clerk to advise Place Plan officer that there are no longer plans to remove community building at Manor Place.
- Vehicle-activated speed monitors: visit made to see those purchased by Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council. Cllrs R Hirons and Mrs D Foster reported. Ruyton XI Towns purchased Sierzega GR33CL monitors, direct from the manufacturer in Austria using a UK VAT-registered intermediary. This enabled considerable savings in cost. Ruyton paid £1450.00 (ex VAT) per monitor but they did buy 4. Cost each will presumably be higher if the initial purchase is for two. It was resolved that the clerk should pursue the purchase of two such monitors direct from the manufacturer. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.
- Possible extension of 30 mph speed limits Whitchurch Road; Station Road and Lacon Street. Cllr Foster outlined the criteria that need to be fulfilled in order for 30 mph limits to be imposed. It is hoped that the use of the vehicle-speed monitors will enable us to go to the Police and Shropshire Council with concrete data supporting the claim for the extension of 30 mph limits locally. It is also hoped that if the area of land fronting Whitchurch Road is indeed developed, the developers could be prevailed on to meet the costs of extending the 30 mph limit along that road.

- Issues raised on Facebook: Cllr D Ladd to lead.
  - Opinion expressed that the community-led build should involve local tradesmen/local suppliers/local products. Prees Parish Council is sympathetic to this view and will argue for it as far as possible.
  - Transport links. View was expressed that bus-service is poor and railway station needs bike store and improved car-park. Car park is currently in Wem Rural parish so clerk to write to ask if there are any plans to improve the facilities. Clerk also to enquire of Transport for Wales.
  - Request for 'Passing Place' signage in Steele Lane to discourage parking. Clerk to enquire of SC
- Harvern Gardens: boundary between one of the gardens and the playground remains unfinished and insecure. Clerk to write to resident to ask for update on timescale for completion.
- Parish Council could fund additional street-cleaning? Clerk researching. Carry forward.
- Parish 'House-keeping': clerk to ask John Walker for quote for comprehensive clearing of weeds and saplings from Wrafton Terrace shrubbery.
- Rabbit problem at HH playground. Cllr J Whelan believed to have a contact to undertake tackling rabbit problem. Clerk to ask for details.
- Prees litterpickers : no report available concerning recent Mega-litter-pick-week. Parish Council wishes to record its appreciation of all the sterling work the group does in our community.
- Re-use of burial plots at St Chad's, Prees. Update. Bridget Hodges has reported that access by a mechanical digger to the plots is necessary and this is problematic because of the path and the wall. It may be possible to insert a moveable section of fence, but this will be subject to a planning application. Another problem is that plots cannot be dug under the trees because of possible damage to their root systems. This decreases the potential number of new grave spaces: probably more likely to be 30 rather than 40-50. Anticipated costs are also increasing. Estimates are rising close to £2,000 for the removal of the 8 graves and 4 tombs. Bridget will contact the PC with a full report when the way forward is finalized and she thanks the PC for its interest and support.

#### 090/19 Accounting matters

##### Accounts for Payment July 2019

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary July 2019	459.50
HMRC (PAYE)	8.62
Clerks expenses (detailed below)	48.83
Scottish Power streetlight energy 31.5.19 – 30.6.19	124.11
Press Village Hall hire: 16/4; 21/5; 4/6; 25/6;	80.00
Information Commissioners Office: annual data protection fee	<u>40.00</u>
Total	£761.06

##### **Late-arriving invoices**

SALC Neighbourhood Planning Training 26.6.19 Cllr Mrs S Short	70.00
G&L Shipton: mole clearance HH playing field	<u>35.00</u>

**GRAND TOTAL    £866.06**

##### *Clerks expenditure 18.6.19-10.7.19*

Delivery of June Agenda etc: 13 miles @ 45ppm = £5.85  
 July 2019 BT line rental contribution = £12.50  
 Stamps: 6 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps = £3.48  
 Petrol mileage to Ruyton XI Towns return.Total of 40 miles @ 45 ppm = £18.00  
 2 x packs paper @£3.50 = £7.00  
 Envelopes = £2.00

Total = £48.83

#### 091/19 Correspondence

- Shropshire Playing Fields Association 'Freedom to Move'. Draft strategy report looks at how communities might consider making better use of public open spaces with cycling and walking very much at the fore. Comments to David Kilby, Shropshire Playing Fields Association, Honeysuckle Cottage, Calcott Lane, Bicton, Shrewsbury SY3 8EX/ [davidkilby@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidkilby@tiscali.co.uk) by October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019.
- Request from Police and Crime Commissioner West Mercia for details concerning local parish and community newsletters. Clerk to respond.
- Local Plan Review – Strategic Sites Consultation. Comments sought on fourth stage of consultation which identifies Clive Barracks, Tern Hill/Former Ironbridge Power Station/RAF Cosford as preferred strategic sites. A further potential strategic site at land north of junction 3 of the M54 is also currently subject to consideration. All documents available at [www.shropshire.gov.uk/local-plan-strategic-sites-consultation](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/local-plan-strategic-sites-consultation)

#### 092/19 Items for next Agenda

Meeting was closed at 9.05 pm. Next meeting 20.8.19.

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