

Minutes of Prees Parish Council Meeting
held on December 19th 2017 at 7 pm in Prees Village Hall

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons; P Wynn; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Short; Mrs D Foster; Mrs L Baer; M Lanham; J Allen; R List; D Ladd Also present were Mrs K Sieloff clerk to the Parish Council and four members of the public.

146/17 Public Session

There were no contributions from members of the public.

147/17 Apologies

There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs S Jones and J Whelan. There was also an apology from PCSO Chris Hirons, who supplied a Policing Report to be read out.

148/17 Disclosure of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary interests

Cllr J Allen completed a disclosure of non-pecuniary interest pertaining to planning application 17/05589/LBC.

149/17 Signing of Minutes (previously circulated.)

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2017 were agreed to be a true record. Cllr M Lanham proposed that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and Cllr R Hirons duly signed the Minutes.

150/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes that were not on the Agenda.

151/17 Shropshire Council Report.

Cllr Wynn reported that the Prees village sign is currently with the Highways department in Wem, and will be erected in due course. He also reported that he had met with the builders working on the development site at Station Road in Prees, and then with Mr Mike Barratt, and it was agreed that an amendment would be made so that the garage which had been destined to be built just one metre from the boundary with Mr Barratt's property, would now be built five metres from it

Cllr Wyn told the meeting that planning application 17/03775/OUT for the proposed residential development to the west of Shrewsbury Street Prees will go to the Northern Shropshire Planning Committee on the 9th January 2018 and it would be appreciated if a representative from the Parish Council could attend to give the Council's views.

152/17 Community Policing.

PCSO Chris Hirons had sent his apologies to the meeting and somehow at this point the policing report he had kindly provided was overlooked, and the clerk apologises for this oversight. The report was circulated to all councillors by email immediately after the meeting when the omission was discovered. A copy will be attached to the file copy of the Minutes.

153/17 Planning Matters

Current Applications:

17/05336/FUL: Engineering Operations/Works to create concrete storage area and associated wall for timber product, weighbridge and alterations to existing building. Hangar 1, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HA. Applicant: A W Jenkins Forest Products.

The Parish Council resolved to support this application on condition that rigid hours of operation would be adhered to such as 7.30 am to 6.00 pm on weekdays and 8.00 am to 12.00 pm on Saturdays. Proposed by Cllr Mrs D Foster and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

During discussion of the following application, Cllr J Allen left the room.

17/05589/LBC: Structural works to the timbers and panels on the external walls of the house affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Tudor House, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicants: Mr and Mrs I Henderson. As this is a listed building, it was resolved to leave this decision to the Conservation experts at Shropshire Council. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr D Ladd. All were in favour.

(Cllr J Allen re-joined the meeting at this point.)

17/05663/FUL: Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation; internal alterations (revised scheme.) Birch Glen, 71 Twemlows Avenue, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, SY13 2HD. Applicant: Mr D Smith.

It was resolved that the Parish Council's support for this application should be registered. Proposed by Cllr Mrs D Foster and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

17/05750/FUL : Erection of two storey side extension. Laurel Bank, Painters Lane, Fauls, Whitchurch, Shrops SY13 2AT. Mr J Scarratt

The Parish Council had received letters from three residents listing reasons for their objections to this application and these were read out. The Parish Council agreed that this is a much-extended property and to allow more would be over-development of this site and the house would not sit easily in its context. There were also concerns expressed about the available parking and the dispersal of surface water. The Parish Council resolved to register its objection to the application. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

17/05425/FUL : Conversion of redundant church into residential dwelling: alterations to access with off-road parking area and associated works. United Reform Church, Mill Street, Prees, Shropshire. Mr Paul Garvey. The Parish Council resolved that its support for this application should be registered. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

17/05738/V106W: Variation of Section 106 for planning application no 17/03955/REM (Approval of reserved matters : appearance; landscaping; layout; scale; pursuant to 14/00513/OUT for the erection of one dwelling with detached double garage) to remove the requirement to contribute towards affordable housing. Land adjacent to The Croft, Towers Drive, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HQ. Mr and Mrs Bennion. The Parish Council resolved to object to the application based on current information. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

Cllr R Hirons advised the meeting that application 17/05815/FUL for the erection of thirteen dwellings on a part of Prees Industrial Estate, which had only been received on the day of the meeting, would be considered at the next PC meeting on 16th January as that date was just inside the consultation period. In the anticipation of much public interest in this application the clerk was asked to put up public notices in the Post Office and on the PC notice-board. The clerk was also asked to arrange a site-visit.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council.

17/02013/VAR: Removal of Condition 2 attached to Planning Permission N/06/24/PR/749 dated 07/03/2006 to allow for the retention of, and the unencumbered occupation of the traditional building now converted to residential use, and subsequently extended in 2015. Barn conversion at The Old Mushroom Farm adjoining The Hazels, Mickley, Tern Hill, Shropshire TF9 3QW. Decision: grant permission.

17/03501/FUL: Erection of agricultural storage/livestock building. Newbury House, Lower Heath, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2BT. Decision: grant permission.

17/04334/LBC : Works to a Grade II listed building including repairs to and replacement as necessary of timber frame to south/north elevations; removal of cement render to whole of timber framed part of building, removal of brick infill panels and replacement with lightweight infill panels; replacement windows; reduction in size of three dormers to north elevation; reduction in size of two dormers to south elevation; removal of two 1970s door openings and reinstatement of original single door and framing to north elevation; external timber cladding of existing painted breeze block extension to east elevation. Laburnum Cottage, Lower Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2BG. Decision: grant permission.

17/05390/LBC: Replace two wooden ground floor windows affecting a grade II listed building. Prees Cottage, 9 Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2DG. Decision: grant permission.

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- Continuing concerns about the use of local roads by cycling groups.

Cllr J Allen read the response from the Chairman of Cycling Time Trials Liverpool District to a letter voicing the Parish Council's concerns. The letter advises that alternative routes, away from the A49 and A41 are being sought and that there are plans to move the assembly point away from the roundabout at Prees Heath to the Prees Cricket and Recreation Club. The clerk was asked to consult other local parish councils to see if they have similar concerns. The clerk was also asked to forward the response from the cycling club to the local Police and Highways.

- The Square, Prees.

Cllr R Hirons reported that we have heard from the solicitors handling Denzil Hollis's estate that the trustees are in a position to move forward 'in the near future'. Some councillors present advised that work is already in progress on the site but that there are reports of plastic guttering being used. (The buildings at the Square are of course in the Conservation area of the village.) Cllr P Wynn undertook to pass this information on to the relevant body at Shropshire Council.

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- South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare: Council of Governors.

Cllr Mrs S Short suggested that she could act as a conduit of information to the clerk, who could then disseminate it. This was gratefully accepted.

- Local road safety

Cllr R Hirons read the response from Roadsafety to concerns expressed by the Parish Council and the governors of Lower Heath School about safety on the B5065.

The clerk was asked to book the Village Hall for January 30th 2018 for a meeting to discuss local road safety issues, with the possibility of initiating a road safety poster competition to involve local children in the issue. Clerk to invite a representative from Lower Heath School and local Police.

- Updating the Parish Plan.

Tuesday 9th January 2018 was set for a meeting to start this process.

- Prees Playground repairs estimates.

Clerk has received a quotation of £1515.00 for repairs to equipment in the Prees Playground recommended by the RoSPA report. The repairs need to be carried out by the original installers of the equipment. Clerk to check if there is funding set aside for this. Cllr M Lanham raised the matter of the dilapidated fencing currently forming the rear boundary of the playground in Prees. Clerk to research who actually owns the boundary.

- Pavilion demolition: disposal of contents.

Clerk reported that there is a table-tennis table and several chairs to be rehomed, and also an alternative storage space is needed for the football nets. Clerk to offer the table-tennis table to local groups such as the Cricket Club and Village Halls.

- Budget-setting for 2018-19.

Proposed date of 9th or 15th January 2018 was suggested for Cllrs R Hirons, Mrs L Baer and J Whelan to meet and consider Budget and Precept for 2018-19. Clerk to check with Cllr Whelan on his availability and fix meeting date.

- Lack of streetlamps in Moreton Street

An enquiry has been received from a resident in Moreton Street asking why there is a long unlighted stretch of road after house no 7. Clerk to investigate.

- Draft Protocol on Councillor/Clerk relationships received from SALC.

This had been previously circulated and all agreed that it should be adopted. Cllr R Hirons signed and dated the document.

- Concern about confusing house-numbering policy for new homes at Manor Place.

A response received from Street Naming and Numbering at Shropshire Council was read out by Cllr R Hirons. It explained that the properties in question have been addressed in line with Shropshire Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy, which is designed to facilitate easy identification for the Emergency Services.

156/17 Accounting Matters.

Accounts for Payment: December 2017

Mrs K Sieloff: clerk's salary December 2017	£340.39
HMRC PAYE payment December 2017	£85.10
Clerk's expenses this period (detailed below)	£35.36
Scottish Power : Electricity charges- street lighting (31.10.17-30/11/17)	£154.08

Jones Lighting Ltd : street light maintenance (November 2017)	£127.09
SLCC annual subscription (due 1/1/18)	£100.00
ALCC annual subscription (due 1/1/18)	£30.00

Total:	£872.02

Clerk's expenses period 15.11.17.-12.12.17

Carried forward from last month £2.24

15.11.17: 2 x printer paper @£3.25 = £6.50

15.11.17: mileage for delivery of mins etc: 13 miles @ 45p = £5.85

28.11.17 Stamps: 5 x 56p postage of payments: £2.80

12.12.17 Printer cartridge : £17.97

total expenses payable : £35.36.

157/17 Correspondence

- Notice of tree-trimming works on Steel Lane, Steel Heath necessitating a road closure from 5/2/18 to 7/2/18.
- Notice of temporary road closure Mill Street, Prees 10th – 12th January for new STW connection.

158/17 Future Agenda items

- Water leak at Faults.
- Dilapidated house on Shrewsbury Street near Turnpike Rise.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Date of next meeting: 16th January 2018

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