**Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Monday September 16th 2024 at 7.15pm in Prees Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Mrs J Catterall; Mrs B Finch; Mrs L Baer; J Whelan; D Ladd; Dr J Redgate and P Wynn. Also present were three members of the public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff.

**136/24: Public Session**. Two members of the public attended to support their planning application 24/03030/VAR.

**137/24: Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Mrs S Short; Mrs R Clutton; Mrs S Jones; R Hirons; J Allen and M Lanham.

**138/24: Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interests**. There were none.

**139/24: The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting** on 19 August 2024, which had been circulated previously, were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

**140/24: Actions Arising from the Minutes** not on the Agenda. There were none.

**141/24; Community Policing matters**. No officer present but the PC had been sent the September edition of ‘On The Beat’ the Safer Neighbourhood Team’s newsletter covering Wem, Market Drayton and Whitchurch areas. Clerk to put on PC website.

**142/24: Shropshire Council report**. Cllr Paul Wynn’s report included the following points

* The proposed residential development at the front of the Prees Industrial Estate had been refused planning permission because of on-going concerns about noise issues.
* The scheme to charge for Green Bins is confirmed. Hopefully difficulties encountered around registering to pay will be quickly sorted.
* Cllr Wynn is continuing to pursue Shropshire Council to take action concerning the long-term parked cars clogging up their car park behind the Village Hall and vehicles blocking the charging points.

**143/24: Planning Matters**

**Planning Applications for consultation**

**24/03030/VAR**:  Land To The East Of Ballacraine, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2HH. Proposal:  Variation of Condition No. 1 attached to permission 20/05322/REM (Plot 2 only) dated 05 May 2021. Applicant: Mr Martin Crump (C/O Agent)

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

**24/03129/VAR**: Lighteach Estate, Lighteach Road, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DR. Variation of Condition no.2 (approved drawings) and remove Condition nos 19 and 20 (storage restriction) attached to planning permission ref 23/00833/FUL. Applicant: Mr. Chris Maund

The Parish Council resolved to object to this Planning Application on the grounds that there was nothing in the impenetrable documentation surrounding it that convinced the PC of the wisdom of removing the Conditions which it understood had been imposed for very good reasons. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

**Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council.**

**24/01031/FUL**. Oaklea Cottage , Wem Lane, Prees Green, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2BW  
Demolition of existing Dutch Barn, Change of Use of part of ground floor of Out Building to living accommodation with new single storey extension to form living accommodation.  
Use of existing septic tank and utilities. Decision:  Grant Permission

**24/02878/FUL**: Land At Mickley, Tern Hill, Shropshire, TF9 3QW  
Proposal:  Formation of a new agricultural access. Decision:  Grant Permission

**24/02729/TPO**: The Oaks , Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2HG  
Proposal:  Fell 1no Pine protected by The North Shropshire District Council (Drumcote, Heathwood Road, Prees) TPO 1981 (Ref: NS/00055/81) Decision:  Grant Permission

**Other Planning matters.**

The Parish Council had asked the Planning Department why the five bungalows behind the flats on Shrewsbury Street ( planning application 22/03298/FUL) had been given planning permission with no concerns expressed about the noise generated by Textek Ltd, whilst planning application 24/00574/FUL for the erection of fourteen houses at the front of the industrial estate was refused because of concerns about the noise.

The responding Planning Officer explained that when the original application for the five bungalows was considered (17/03775/OUT) a noise survey was carried out which indicated no significant noise impact. A Reserved Matters application was granted in May 2021 (21/00120/REM). When application 22/03298/FUL was submitted, the outline planning permission was still extant and no comments were received from Regulatory Services regarding noise impact.

Since Textek has been set up on the industrial estate, noise complaints have been received. Therefore when application 24/00574/FUL was submitted, Regulatory Services required a revised noise impact assessment which raised concerns over the noise levels.

**144/24** **Parish and Parish Council Matters.**

* Whitchurch Road Community-led housing development. Progress update from member of Project Board: the first 8 houses were put up for tenancy bids on 11 September. All applications have to be made through Shropshire Homepoint.
* Car park behind Village Hall being inconsiderately used**.** Cllr Dr J Redgate reported that there had been some progress with the removal of some vehicles following them being reported to the DVLA as untaxed. Signage is needed, to discourage parking in the EV charging bays. (Cllr P Wynn and clerk to pursue with SC, whose car park it is.)
* Access to Notice-boards and post-box in Fauls**.** Cllr Dr J Redgate had met further with Fauls residents who had agreed that what was needed were steps and a path of slabs in front of the notice-boards, with a hand-rail along the length of the path.

Clerk had obtained one quote for the work and was asked to obtain others.

* Possible links with Barcani, Romania. The clerk reported that no-one had so far come forward with an interest in leading on this. She was asked to post an item on the PC website and facebook, and also in Jackie’s Shop.
* Future of the Youth Shelter**.**  Cllr J Whelan said he was to lead a group to the Youth Shelter the following day to assess its current condition.
* Place Plan inclusions: report from working group. Cllr J Whelan went through the proposed alterations to what was currently recorded for Prees on the Whitchurch Place Plan. All were in agreement. Clerk to implement.
* RoSPA Playground Report 2024. Clerk to prepare a report on repairs recommended by Playsafety Ltd.

**145/24 SALC.** Nothing to report.

**146/24 Accounting matters**

* Accounts for Payment September 2024

Cllr D Ladd proposed that the following accounts should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

K D Sieloff salary September 2024 540.14

HMRC PAYE 43.60

Clerks expenditure 11.8.24-10.9.24 274.16

Scottish Power (streetlight energy- 1.8.24-1.9.24 ) 408.58

Pimlotts (7 invoices for Lengthsman/grounds maintenance ) 1328.00

Prees Cricket & Recreation Club (annual ground rent for Youth Shelter) 1.00

**Total 2595.48**

Clerk’s expenditure 11.8.24 -10.9.24

*BT line rental contribution September 2024: £ 12.50*

*Annual Home-As-Office payment @ £4.00 per week =£208.00.*

*Stamps:3 x second class stamps @ 85p = £2.55*

*Printer cartridges multi-pack: £51.11*

Total = £274.16

* Progress of audit 2023-24: the AGAR documents are still with the external auditor.
* Cllr Mrs L Baer had checked the Bank Reconciliations for the first quarter of 2024-25 and returned them to the clerk.

**147/24** **Housekeeping**. Nothing to report.

**148/24** **Facebook.** Nothing to report.

**149/24** **Correspondence.** None outstanding.

**150/24 Items for next Agenda**. Waste bins – Signage for A49 crossing – Remembrance Sunday – Carbon Literacy – Full Fibre Roll-out progress.

**151/24** **Resolution to exclude Public and Press.**

Proposal:That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Catterall and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour and members of the public left the meeting.