

Minutes of Prees Parish Council Meeting at Prees Village Hall
on Tuesday December 13th 2016 at 7.00 pm.

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons (Chairman), J Whelan (Vice-Chairman), Mrs B Finch, Mrs S Short, Mrs B Rainford, P Gill and P Wynn; Mrs K Sieloff (clerk to the council) Mr Gareth Mead (Capital Communication Officer from Severn Trent Water) and 14 members of the public.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Cllrs R List (away), B Collins (away), J Smith (work) J Allen (work) M Lanham and Mrs S Jones (family commitments.)

Disclosure of interests: none declared.

129/16 Public Session.

Residents of Moreton Street expressed their distress and frustration concerning the continuing flooding problems in their road. Mr Gareth Mead showed plans of the work to be carried out, explaining that the main pipework would run along the field parallel to Moreton Street, only crossing the street at one point. Negotiations with the owner of the field were currently not completed, but Severn Trent hoped to have all works completed by the end of March.

Residents of Moreton Street expressed concerns that building of new homes had compromised the drainage for the original houses which was by way of culverts, and that the drainage ditches need clearing, the responsibility for which lies with the farmer owning the land. Cllr P Wynn was asked if he could find out exactly what Shropshire Council's intended resurfacing works in Moreton Street comprise.

Cllr R Hirons thanked Mr Mead for attending the meeting and expressed a hope that Severn Trent's work would indeed be completed at least by the end of March 2017.

130/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

With the deletion of the words 'free of charge' in Minute 126/16 it was proposed by Cllr P Gill and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 be signed as a true record.

131/16 Actions arising from the Minutes (which are not included in the Agenda.)

Clerk reported that

- Lichteath Road Lamp is still awaiting the guard ordered from Jones Lighting.
- A letter has gone to the Footpaths Officer regarding the wire and stile on the footpath in Manor House Lane.
- Clerk telephoned SC concerning the streetlamps going out at midnight in Manor Place and requesting that they should stay on. Nicki Young (Community Enablement Officer) has offered to follow this up.
- Croydon House. Clerk has reported concerns about the dilapidated and possibly unsafe state of this property to Shropshire County and the matter is being looked into by Alastair Dunning, Building Control Surveyor.

132/16 Shropshire Council Report by Cllr P Wynn.

Manor Place.

- Email sent to West Mercia Police Architectural Liaison Officer re the Shropshire Housing Group planning application.
- Nicki Young met with Inspector Nigel Morgan regarding updating the Bronze Level Action Plan and this is currently under consideration.
- Nicki Young has raised the issue of the street lights remaining on during the night and this is being actioned.

A41 – Highways

- Paul Wynn and Nicki Young met with Highways North to discuss the issues raised by a resident in Higher Heath. SC confirm that monthly safety inspections are carried out and repairs have been carried out on worst affected parts. The whole area is on the resurfacing plan, but a date is not known. Nicki Young will write to Inspector Nigel Morgan to request speed cameras on A41.

Sandford

- Permanent repairs to road have lasted.
- Shropshire Council are updating the Road Safety Policy (contact: Victoria Merrill.)

Manor House Lane

- Public footpath: does this need to be adopted as a Public Right of Way? Contact Rights of Way officer if so.

Moreton Street – flooding.

- Shropshire Council states this is a matter between private residents and Severn Trent. Contact details for Severn Trent passed to Karen Sieloff, clerk.

133/16 Community Policing

- PCSO Chris Hirons' report.

Since the last report there have been 16 recorded crimes: three assaults; two thefts; one harassment; eight domestic incidents and one criminal damage. There have been no reported burglaries in Higher Heath and data suggests that they have not been displaced to Prees.

Mobile Police Station tour. 8.1.17: Higher Heath village hall 11-12 pm and Press Medical Centre car park 1-2 pm. 10.1.17: Tilstock Village Hall car park 12-1 pm. Property marking advice and equipment will be offered. Details of another tour on 3/4/5 February will be available soon. PCSO Hirons is also keen to attend more local events, and asks to be made aware of dates.

- Speeding complaints: clerk to draft an item for the Venture/noticeboards to encourage residents to report speeding incidents to the Parish Council, so that it has specific evidence to cite in its appeals to the Highways department of Shropshire Council.

134/16 Planning

16/04546/FUL: Erection of dairy/milking parlour building and grain bin. Millenheath, Sandford, SY13 2HX.

16/05551/FUL: Erection of covered collecting yard in association with new milking parlour. Millenheath, Sandford, SY13 2HX. Cllr R Hirons proposed and Cllr Mrs B Finch seconded that the Council's support for these two applications should be registered. All were in favour.

The Parish Council noted that a pre-planning consultation had been received from Clarke Telecom, agent to Cornerstones Telecommunications Ltd and Vodafone Ltd, concerning the proposed erection of a mobile-phone base station in Mill Street, Prees. It was agreed to await the full planning application expected in due course.

Planning Decisions received:

- 16/04609/FUL : Erection of rear conservatory. Whitehaven, Heathwood Rd, Higher Heath. Permission granted 16.11.16.
- 16/00909/VAR: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission NS/07/00834/FUL. Brades Farm, Brades Road, Prees. Permission granted 24.11.16.
- 16/00910/LBC : Amendment to previously approved listed building consent NS/07/00835/LBC to allow for changes to the elevational treatment for Plots 1, 2 and 3, and internal layout for Plot 1. Permission granted 24.11.16.
- 16/04906/FUL : Erection of single-storey rear extension. Melwood, 4 Gorse Meadow, Higher Heath. Permission granted 24.11.16.

- 16/04957/FUL : Erection of single-storey side extension. Laurel Bank, Painters Lane, Fauls. Permission granted 25.11.16.

135/16 Parish Matters

- Moreton Street flooding
- Lime Trees, Whitchurch Road, Prees. The clerk reported she had met with Nathan Roberts, tree surgeon, who had recommended work to lift the crowns of the lime trees, leaving the trees untopped at this stage. He was also willing to undertake the work of clearing the thicket of brambles that has developed beneath the trees. Clerk was asked to request an itemized quote from Mr Roberts.
- Freight Survey. Cllr Mrs B Finch and Cllr J Whelan agreed to take this document away and consider it.

136/16 Parish Council Matters

- The clerk read out the feed-back she had received from Severn Trent concerning the procedure adopted by the company to ensure any new planned development does not stretch existing resources and infrastructure to breaking point.

137/16 Accounts

Cllr P Gill proposed and Cllr J Whelan seconded that the following accounts should be paid:

Accounts for payment December 2016

Mrs K Sieloff: clerk's salary December 2016	£419.43
Mrs L Rumney: mentoring of new clerk:	
October/November 2016 – 5 hours @ £10.36 ph	£51.80
Scottish Power – Electricity charges 31/10/16-30/11/16	£153.67
Budgets & Audit training 23/11/16 SALC	£22.00
SLCC annual subscription	£93.00
ALC annual subscription	£10.00
Total	£749.90

138/16 Play areas

- We await the arrival of the bench ordered for Higher Heath Playground, generously funded by a donation from Grocontinental.
- We also await the arrival of the replacement swing-seat for Higher Heath playground .
- The other scheduled repairs have been completed at both Playgrounds.
- The post at the boundary of the car-park at Higher Heath Playground has been replaced.

139/16 Correspondence. None outstanding.

140/16 Future Agenda items.

- Village Hall: resignation of Committee/Trustees. Update.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 24 January 2017.

The Meeting was closed 8.25 pm.