

Minutes of Prees Parish Council Meeting at Prees Village Hall
on Tuesday November 15th 2016 at 7.00 pm.

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons (Chairman), J Whelan (Vice-Chairman), Mrs B Finch, Mrs S Jones, Mrs S Short, Mrs B Rainford, P Gill, M Lanham and P Wynn; Mrs K Sieloff (clerk to the council) and 8 members of the public.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Cllrs R List (away), B Collins (away), J Smith (work) and J Allen (work).

Disclosure of interests: Cllr Mrs B Finch declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 16/04904, as she is a personal friend of the Applicant.

119/16 Public Session.

Concern was expressed that trees planted by the Parish Council should receive on-going care to ensure they flourish and enhance the local environment.

Residents of Manor Place expressed concern about Planning Application 16/04846/FUL, particularly the difficult access and the creation of blind spots.

120/16 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr P Gill and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Jones that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 2016 should be signed as a true record. All agreed.

121/16 Shropshire Council Report by Cllr P Wynn.

- Many consultant posts at the Shrewsbury and Telford hospitals remain unfilled.
- Eight Syrian refugee families have so far been housed in the County, and it is hoped that five more families will also be homed.
- With regards to Planning Application 16/04040/REM (Land to North of Station Rd Prees, Reserved Matters pursuant to OPP 14/01877/OUT for erection of thirteen dwellings and formation of estate roads) the Applicants now have until March 2017 to lodge a detailed Application. The Highways Dept is looking carefully at the likely impact on the surrounding roads.

Cllr R Hirons asked for Cllr Wynn's support in opposing Tesco's plan to charge non-shoppers using 'their' car-park in Whitchurch. Cllr Hirons reminded the meeting that this car park was originally gifted to the people of Whitchurch. Cllr Wynn to bring this matter up with Whitchurch Council at its forthcoming meeting.

122/16 Planning

16/04625/FUL: Erection of single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension. Potters Cottage, 1 Clayton Cottages, Whitchurch Road, Prees.

Cllr P Gill proposed and Cllr R Hirons seconded that the Parish Council's support for this Application be registered. All were in favour.

16/04688/DIS106: Modification of Section 106 Agreement attached to 14/02895/OUT to reduce the level of affordable housing contribution. Residential development land south of Longwood Park, Higher Heath.

Cllr R Hirons proposed and Cllr Mrs S Jones seconded that the Council notes the Application and makes no further comment at this stage. All were in favour.

16/04904/OUT: Outline Application for erection of one bungalow (to include access), on land adjacent to Lacon Crest, Lacon Street, Prees.

Cllr P Gill commented that there is a demand for bungalows and small homes, but traditionally the preference has been for linear development and 'back garden' development has been discouraged.

It was noted that this plot is outside the settlement boundary and involves the use of 'back land'. Cllr Gill proposed and Cllr J Whelan seconded that an objection is registered. All were in favour.

16/04846/FUL: Erection of five dwellings and associated access. Proposed development land at former garage site, Manor Place, Higher Heath.

Residents are concerned about the proposed alleyway with high fences as they feel this could be a potential area for crime. Cllrs expressed concern that the design and lay-out of the proposed two-storey dwellings (rather than

bungalows) will not fit well in the context, and that the proposed development would contravene current legislation which is designed to reduce opportunities for anti-social or criminal activity. In addition, part of the proposed area was an area of public amenity in which local residents, when consulted, had expressed hopes for a public garden. Cllr P Gill proposed and Cllr M Lanham seconded that an objection should be registered. All were in favour.

16/04906/FUL: Erection of single-storey rear extension. Melwood, 4 Gorse Meadow, Higher Heath. Cllr R Hirons proposed and Cllr J Whelan seconded that the Council's support be registered. All were in favour.

16/04957/FUL: Erection of single-storey side extension. Laurel Bank, Painters Lane, Fauls. Cllr M Lanham proposed and Cllr Mrs B Rainford seconded that the Council's support be registered. All were in favour.

Planning Decisions.

16/03129/REM: Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to OPP 15/00689/OUT for the erection of two dwellings to include access. Land adjacent Northside, Mill Lane, Higher Heath. Permission granted 18.10.16.

16/02599/REM : Reserved Matters application in accordance with OPP 14/05182/OUT for residential development comprising twenty dwellings; alterations to existing vehicular access and formation of estate roads; demolition of all existing buildings. The Pines, Mill Lane, Higher Heath. Permission granted 24.10.16.

16/04124/VAR : Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to NS/05/00664/DET dated 19.6.02 for the erection of dwelling and formation of access. Land adjacent to The Dell, Shrewsbury Street, Prees. Permission refused 31.10.16.

16/04446/FUL : Erection of two-storey side extension (amended scheme). 2 Oak Cottages, Whitchurch Road, Prees. Permission granted 2.11.16.

16/03973/OUT: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of detached eco-dwelling with double garage. Permission refused 9.11.16

123/16 Parish Matters

- Lighteach Rd streetlamp . Awaiting delivery/installation of light guard.
- Lime trees. Clerk to liaise with Cllr J Allen to meet tree-surgeon.
- Manor House Lane public footpath: awaiting response from Footpath Officer.
- Manor Place street-lights. Awaiting response to our request that they remain lighted after midnight.
- Moreton St flooding: Clerk to press for site meeting with Severn Trent and Shropshire Council.
- A41 at Higher Heath. Fast lorries along the A41 have caused damage to the road surface and these potholes have not been adequately repaired. These factors together create noise and vibration, shaking surrounding houses in the early morning, waking occupants and causing distress. Mrs Wendy Bradford, one of the residents, has approached Highways at Shropshire Council and local Police but so far had no response. Cllr R Hirons has also written in support, and also awaits response. Cllr Hirons voiced the opinion that it is unlikely that speed cameras would be installed in this context as the required criteria are not met.
- Concerns about the safety/condition of Croydon House in the centre of Prees village have been raised by neighbours. Part of the roof at the back is dilapidated and the condition of the house can only deteriorate as Winter progresses. Clerk to make initial enquiries to relevant Shropshire Council department.

124/16 Parish Council Matters

- Severn Trent strategic plan: Clerk has had verbal response and awaits written confirmation.
- Dates for future meetings: Clerk to confirm bookings with Village Hall. January 2017 Meeting to be moved from 17th to 24th as Clerk away.
- Future of Village Hall. Cllr Mrs S Short volunteered to make initial perusal of Village Hall documentation. Will meet with Cllr B Finch and clerk and any other interested Cllrs to share findings Tuesday 29th November 2016.
- Christmas Social: Clerk to book a table at Taj Mahal Spice for Monday 28th November, 7 for 7.30 pm. Clerk to invite previous clerk, Mrs Lesley Rumney.

- Clerk requested permission to attend Budget/Audit training 23.11.16. Cllr P Gill proposed and Cllr Mrs B Rainford seconded that the clerk should attend at the Parish Council's expense.

125/16 Accounts

- Quarterly Bank Reconciliation – in his absence, Cllr J Smith, who had looked at the accounts books, sent a message confirming his satisfaction with the quarterly records.
- Payment of Accounts - Cllr Mrs S Jones proposed and Cllr Mrs S Short seconded that the following accounts should be paid.

November 2016 Accounts for Payment:

Clerk's salary Nov 2016 Mrs K Sieloff	£419.43
Donation for Remembrance Wreaths: Poppy Appeal	£70.00
SALC Agenda/Minutes training 31.8.16	22.00
Queensbury Shelters – bus shelter glass replacement	£76.30
Grounds Maintenance: Mr John Walker	£2545.00
Scottish Power 30.9.16 – 31.10.16	£158.78
Jones Lighting street light maintenance for October 2016	£125.62
Be A Better Councillor Training 28.10.16	£60.00
TOTAL	£3477.13

- As the time for Budget-setting approaches, Cllrs R Hirons, P Gill and J Whelan offered to form a working group to which the clerk can turn for support as she tackles the task.

126/16 Shropshire Council Tree Scheme.

Cllr Mrs S Short reported that an order had been sent to Shire Hall: 4 trees for the Sports Club and 50 hedging for Prees School. Cllr R List has also ordered 5 trees for Fauls Church.

Cllr Short told the meeting that we were entitled to order fruit trees to a maximum value of £300.00 but there is no suitable location, appealing though the idea of a community orchard is. Cllr R Hirons thanked Cllr Short for dealing with this matter.

127/16 Play Areas.

- Clerk to check with John Walker about progress on ROSPA repairs.
- Future of the Pavilion at Higher Heath. Cllr J Whelan reported that ex-Councillors had reminded him that locals had contributed to the expense of the building. Clerk to draft item for the Venture canvassing local opinion on the Pavilion's future.
- Plans for publicity event celebrating new fitness equipment at Higher Heath: Clerk has ordered publicity materials from the Big Lottery Fund and we await delivery of the seat donated by Grocontinental. No date set as yet.
- Broken post at Higher Heath playground car park. Cllr R Hirons proposed and Cllr Mrs S Short seconded that John Walker be asked to replace the broken post without delay as long as expenditure does not exceed £150.00. Other two loose posts to be left for now. All in favour. In addition, Cllr Hirons proposed and Cllr M Lanham seconded that Geoff Shipton should be asked to combat the mole encroachment at Higher Heath, (maximum spend of £50.00.) All were in favour.

128/16 Correspondence.

- Clerk to respond to North Salop Wheelers, whom the Parish Council traditionally supports, to advise them that their request will be borne in mind when the Parish Council sets its budget in the new year.
- Letter from Marie Curie requesting donation to the charity. Noted, but unfortunately the Parish Council cannot contribute to every charity that is deserving of support, much as it would like to.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 13th December 2016.

The Meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.