

Minutes of Prees Parish Council Meeting  
held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7 pm in Prees Village Hall

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

**120/17 Public Session**

There were no contributions from members of the public.

**121/17 Apologies**

There was an apology from PCSO Chris Hirons, who supplied a Policing Report to be read out.

**122/17 Disclosure of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary interests**

There were none.

**123/17 Signing of Minutes (previously circulated.)**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were agreed to be a true record. Cllr Mrs D Foster proposed that they be signed and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

**124/17 Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

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

**125/17 Shropshire Council Report.**

Cllr P Wynn reported that Shropshire Council has the very challenging task of finding ways of reducing its expenditure by £30m per annum.

Cllr Wynn is Chair of the Shropshire Council Planning Committee and assured the Parish Council that he takes careful note of our local planning issues as they arise.

**126/17 Community Policing.**

PCSO Chris Hirons' report advised that there had been 48 incidents since the last Parish Council meeting, of which 11 were recorded as crimes. Of these, 3 were domestic incidents; 3 were burglaries; 1 was an attempted burglary; 1 was an assault and 2 were anti-social behaviour nuisance offences. Among the remaining incidents there were 6 road traffic incidents and 9 reports of suspicious circumstances which include reports of unfamiliar persons or vehicles perceived to be acting in a suspicious way. PCSO Hirons reminded the meeting that he welcomes these calls as they can help with the investigation of potential issues before any crime is committed. He also advised that he would be at Holly Farm Nursery on October 25<sup>th</sup> offering Halloween and Bonfire Night advice and that he would be part of the Police patrol at Alderford Lake on November 4<sup>th</sup> for the Firework Display.

**127/17 Planning Matters**

Current Applications:

•17/04334/LBC: Works to a Grade II listed building including replacement of sole plate to both south and north elevations, replacement of brick infill panels with lightweight woodwool lime carrying panel, replacement of existing windows with oak windows, repairs to dormers, repairs to oak frame with some very limited replacement and removal of front porches to enable repair of main structure before rebuilding. Laburnum Cottage, Lower Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant : Dominic Breese.

•AMENDMENTS to 17/04334/LBC Proposed works to a Grade II Listed building inc 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; removal of two 1970s door openings and reinstatement of original single door to north elevation; external timber cladding of painted breeze block extension to east elevation. Laburnum Cottage, Lower Heath, Prees, Whitchurch, Shrops.

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application with its Amendments as long as all had the support of the Conservation Officer. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

•17/04309/FUL : Erection of three detached bungalows and associated garages and access following demolition of existing buildings. Former Anvil Café, Sandford, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HY. Applicant: Twilight Properties Ltd.

The Parish Council noted that there are residents on site although there appears to have been no application for a change of use. The plot is a brownfield site, but it is outside the development boundary. The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application: proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Foster. All were in favour.

•AMENDMENTS to 17/03775/OUT : Outline application for the erection of up to five residential dwellings including access off Shrewsbury Street. Proposed development to the west of Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Shropshire. Messrs John and William Nash.

The Parish Council's concerns about the very difficult access to this site and the need for a holistic approach to its development still stand, and it resolved that its objection to this application be registered. Proposed by Cllr Mrs D Foster and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.

•17/04806/FUL : Erection of building to house anaerobic digester. Sandy Lane Farm, Hillside, Prees, Whitchurch, Shrops. Mr Andy Ford.

It was resolved that the Parish Council's support for this Application should be registered. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

•17/04470/FUL : Erection of thirteen dwellings (re-submission for planning approval of a similar scheme 16/04040/REM and 14/01877/OUT.) Land to the north of Station Road, Prees, Shrops. Mr P Jones.

This Application only arrived on the day of the Meeting and the consultation period expires before the next one. Clerk to ask for a brief extension. If an extension is not possible, the Parish Council's objection to the Application is to be registered, citing the grave misgivings about the proposed development that the Council has long held, and expressed. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

#### **Planning decisions received:**

•17/02780/OUT : Proposal: Outline Application for demolition of existing building and erection of three dwellings, one with attached garage; associated landscaping to include means of access. Silver Birch, Mill Lane, Higher Heath, Shropshire SY13 2HR. Decision: permission refused.

•17/03237/FUL : Proposal: Erection of a two-storey extension. 10 Pheasant Close, Prees, Shropshire. Decision: permission granted

•17/03585/FUL : Erection of a part two-storey part single-storey rear extension. Wood Cottage, Lacon Street, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2EP. Decision: permission granted.

•17/03959/FUL : Erection of two-storey extension to side elevation. Decision: permission refused.

•17/04323/TCA : Various works to trees (schedule provided) within Prees Conservation Area. Decision: no objection.

•17/02767/FUL : Land adjacent to The Dell, Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DH : Erection of a detached dwelling and single garage; formation of vehicular access and visibility splay (renewal of extant permission NS/05/00664/DET) (part retrospective) Decision: permission refused.

#### **128/17 Parish Matters.**

- Resurfacing works at Prees Heath roundabout A41/A49. The work will last for 20 days and disruption for road-users is inevitable. The official diversion will be along the B5065 past Lower Heath School.
- Mobile Phone Mast, Mill Street. Cllr R Hirons reported that he has received no response to his letter to the Right Honourable Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The letter requested that the way mistakes during the planning application are handled should be reviewed. Clerk to follow up.
- Possible defibrillator for Fauls. Clerk has written to Mrs Freda Ridgway with the Parish Council's offer to match any funds raised toward the cost of a defibrillator. Clerk to advise Mrs Ridgway that funds may also be available as a result of the winding-up of the Prees Club in Church Street.
- Continuing concerns about the use of the A49 for cycle races. Clerk to write to Mersey Roads Cycle Club expressing the Parish Council's grave concerns and asking what measures are in place to ensure the safety of their riders and other road-users.

#### **129/17 Parish Council Matters**

- Parish Plan. Cllr R Hirons asked who would be interested in being involved in a review of the Parish Plan (2006) and Cllrs Mrs D Foster; Mrs S Short; J Whelan; J Allen and D Ladd all declared such an interest. Item to be carried forward to next Agenda.
- South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare: Council of Governors. Do we want to be involved? Cllr S Short asked for this item to be carried forward to the next Agenda.
- Local Road Safety
  - Poster competition. Cllr R Hirons asked who would like to be involved and Cllrs Mrs B Finch; J Whelan and D Ladd all expressed interest. Clerk to arrange a meeting to be for after half-term. Representatives from local schools to be invited.
  - Continuing concerns about the driving observed on A41 and A49. A resident's concerns about A41/A49 expressed in a letter to the Parish Council were echoed by individual councillors eye-witness accounts of reckless driving regularly seen on these roads. Cllr R Hirons to use his contacts to request a speed catch at critical points on these roads

- Prees War Memorial in need of restorative work to lettering. Clerk has not yet received a quote for the necessary work but has been assured by stonemason Richard Yates that the work will be completed in time for Remembrance Day on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to authorize work unless the estimated cost is over £500.00. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Jones and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.
- Higher Heath Pavilion demolition: clerk awaits date of disconnection of electricity by Scottish Power.
- Remembrance Sunday: 12th November 2017. Cllr R Hirons proposed that donation to the Poppy Appeal for Poppy Wreaths should be increased to £100.00. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford and all were in favour. Cllr Hirons to lay the wreath at Prees War Memorial and Cllr J Allen to lay the one at Faults.
- RoSPA report. Cllr R Hirons recapped on the findings of the report, all of which were fairly minor matters. Clerk confirmed that John Walker has been engaged to rectify those matters that he can. Clerk asked to research the cost of protective collars to prevent strimmer damage to wooden playground equipment and cushioned floor surfacing to go under climbing equipment.
- Cllr Mrs S Short, who reports from the Helicopter Liaison Group, told the meeting that Station Commander Chuck Norris from RAF Shawbury advised that for the final three months of 2017 both old *and* new helicopters will be flying, but quieter times will follow in the Spring when the new helicopters are established.
- Village sign intended for southern boundary of Prees. Cllr M Lanham expressed his disappointment that Highways say there is currently no capacity or funding for the erection of this sign, (which has already been supplied to the Parish Council) and that only Shropshire Council-appointed contractors may do the work. Cllr P Wynn promised to see if he could help with this matter.
- North Shropshire Area Committee 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Cllr J Whelan attended.
 

One of the items on the Agenda was discussion of the Code of Conduct for those holding public office. Cllr Whelan reiterated to the Parish Council that there must be no discussion of planning applications via email.

The Shropshire Local Plan Review was also on the Agenda. Cllr Whelan reported that there were plans to change the status of Prees from a cluster to a hub. The Parish Council has eight weeks in which to consider and respond to this. Shropshire needs an additional 10,300 new homes and 27% of this will be rural development. The focus for this new development will be in community hubs, and development boundaries will be reviewed and perhaps redrawn. The new building will focus much more emphasis on the provision of bungalows and two-bed starter homes. The Local Plan Review will be on the next Agenda.

### 130/17 Accounting Matters.

Payment of accounts: Cllr Mrs D Foster proposed and Cllr Mrs S Short seconded that the following accounts should be paid. All were in favour.

Mrs K Sieloff: clerk's salary October 2017	£340.39
HMRC PAYE payment October 2017	£85.10
Clerk's expenses: 1.9.17 – 16.10.17	£14.34
Scottish Power : Electricity charges- street lighting 31.8.17-30.9.17	£ 154.08
Scottish Power: Supply to Pavilion Higher Heath 28.6.17-26.9.17	£25.78
Jones Lighting Ltd : street light maint (Sept 2017)	£127.09
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£746.78</b>

### 131/17 Correspondence

There was no outstanding correspondence.

### 132/17 Future Agenda items

- Review of Local Plan

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017