

Minutes of the Prees Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present were: Cllrs R Hirons; J Whelan; D Ladd; Mrs B Finch; Mrs S Jones; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Short; Mrs L Baer and P Wynn. Also present were 10 members of the public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff.

134/18. Public Session. An owner of land in Lighteach Road which had not been selected by SC as a potential Preferred Site, spoke to the Parish Council to make it clear that his motivation and intention in proffering his land was to provide a site that could supply reasonably-priced homes in the village. Cllr R Hirons reminded the meeting that the Consultation on the Preferred Sites will begin on 30.11.18 and will run until the end of January 2019, providing opportunity for everybody to put forward their point of view.

A resident spoke in support of Planning Application 18/04937/FUL to install a wind-turbine at Sandy Lane Farm. The applicant explained that the intention is to generate electricity directly for use on the farm; to help profitability and reduce the carbon-footprint of the business. He told the meeting that he had worked hard to keep visual impact of the proposed structure to a minimum.

A resident spoke to advise the Parish Council that the Mobile Phone Mast due for installation in Mill Street has arrived, but there appears to be a mis-match between the dimensions of the base of the mast and the foundation structure installed to receive it and so installation work has currently come to a halt.

A member of the Parochial Church Council of St Chad's spoke to give the Parish Council advance notice of the intention to open up the old church-yard and re-use it for burials and to ask if the Parish Council might be able to help with funding. The cemetery now has only a very few available plots and initial redevelopment of the old church-yard should provide 60. The procedure to re-open a used church-yard is lengthy and complex as tombs and headstones have to be treated with proper care and respect and public consultation has to take place. The removal and re-siting of headstones will cost in the region of £1,000.00.

135/18. Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs D Foster; J Allen; R List; and M Lanham.

136/18. Disclosure of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest: there were none.

137/18. Signing of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23.10. 2018 (previously circulated.) One alteration was necessary: Cllr D Ladd suggested that the word 'North' should be inserted before 'Shropshire' in Minute no 127/18. This amendment was made and the Minutes were then agreed to be a true record. Cllr Mrs B Rainford proposed that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

138/18. Shropshire Council report. Cllr P Wynn advised that as far as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is concerned there have been no changes: 15% will still come directly to Parish Councils for local infrastructure needs. He reported that it has been necessary to fund new classrooms in Whitchurch and Market Drayton as school numbers are going up. He also regretfully reported that all Community Enablement Officer posts were ending, but 6 new posts supporting the Place Plans had been created. Cllr Wynn also expressed his regret at the changes to the Environmental Maintenance Grant, which made it less useful to Parish Councils. He recommended attendance at the forthcoming Town and Parish Council Forum to be held in Shrewsbury on 28<sup>th</sup> November. He advised that the potholes causing trouble in Moreton Street were due to be repaired the following week, with the expectation that the street will be resurfaced in 2019.

139/18: Community Policing Report. PCSO Graeme Baines attended to report that the recent distressing spate of shed/outhouse burglaries seems to have abated and that local suspects are 'released but under investigation'. He reiterated the need to call 101 to report any suspicious activity or 999 if the matter is immediate and urgent. He also reported that a troublesome Mini-Moto in the area has been apprehended and that DVLA-trained officers are out in the area looking for non-taxed vehicles. Cllr Hirons thanked PCSO Baines for his report and asked him to advise Sergeant Greenaway that the Parish Council would be making an application to her for support in distributing Smartwater to local households.

140/18: Planning.

Validation of Local Connections.

Ms Charlotte Vernon attended to support her request to have her Local Connection validated by the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors perused the supporting documentation, which had been circulated previously, and were in agreement that there was robust evidence supporting Ms Vernon's claim and that she did indeed satisfy the requirements as set out by Shropshire Council. It was proposed by Cllr Hirons that the clerk should convey this decision to the proper party and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

### **Current Planning Applications**

18/04836/FUL: Relocation of an existing agricultural building (Building 1.) Oaklands Farm, Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LR. Applicant: Mr D Whittall

18/04891/FUL: Relocation of an existing agricultural building (Building 2). Oaklands Farm, Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5LR. Applicant : Mr D Whittall.

These two Applications were considered together. It was resolved that both should be supported. This was proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

18/04937/FUL: Installation of a 23.8m wind turbine (31.6m to blade tip) and associated infrastructure. Sandy Lane Farm, Hillside, Prees, Whitchurch. Applicant: Eocycle.

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application as long as the Footpath Officers were satisfied that the proposed turbine is a safe distance away from the nearby Right of Way. This was proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.

18/05083/PMBPA: Application for Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning Act (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to residential use. Agricultural Building A at Rose Cottage, Prees Green, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr Don Carissimo.

It was resolved to object to this Application. Local knowledge suggests that this a very dangerous road for a new access at the suggested location and in addition the suggested materials for the build are not in keeping with those used locally and are not suitable for a modern home. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

18/05113/FUL: Erection of single storey side extension; two storey rear extension and rendering. The Hollies, Broadhay Lane, Lower Heath, Prees SY13 2BJ. Applicant: Mr Ashley Williams.

It was resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

### **Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council.**

18/04159/VAR: Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) and No.6 (uses) attached to planning permission

18/01556/FUL dated 18/05/2018 to allow for amended plans and to enable the business to sell a greater range of goods to remain viable. Holly Farm Garden Centre , Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, SY13 2DD.

Decision: Grant Permission

### **141/18 Parish and Parish Council Matters**

- ‘Battles Over’ Commemoration November 11th 2018. Cllr R Hirons thanked Cllr J Whelan and the local branch of the Royal British Legion for organizing this very successful and memorable event and expressed his thanks again to the local craftsman who made and donated the magnificent brazier that formed the centre-piece for the evening. Thanks were also extended to Mrs Amber Noss, who with her party of colleagues organized children’s activities at the Cricket Club on the afternoon of the 11<sup>th</sup> and made a very handsome contribution to Poppy Appeal funds as a result. It was suggested that the two Silent Soldiers (one sponsored by Cllr Mrs B Finch and one by Mrs Marilyn Patrick) could perhaps be permanently installed at the rear of the Prees War Memorial. It was resolved that the clerk should contact these two ladies with the suggestion. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Short and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.
- Smartwater roll-out to Prees and Fauls wards of the parish. Cllr R Hirons reported that the deadline for the completion of the distribution of the kits is April 2019, and that once we have distributed 40% of the kits we can put up the Smartwater Protected signs at key points in the parish. He suggested several ideas to hopefully increase the rate of uptake: the hour before each PC meeting can be used for hand-out; social events at Prees/Fauls halls could be attended with kits for an hour or so; councilors could undertake to distribute packs in their own area; local police can be asked to help; we can put an article about the free Smartwater in the Whitchurch Herald.

- Meeting of Helicopter Liaison Group at Shawbury 2.10.18. Cllr Mrs S Short reported that the flying from Shawbury has been significantly reduced during the last 9 months, and quieter helicopters have been in operation. However the areas used for training have not been changed. No complaints about noise have been received by Shropshire Council during this period. The no of complaints received by RAF Shawbury amount to 39 for this period, compared to 186 in the year of 2017. Full training is to recommence in January, so the public may be more aware of their presence in 2019.
- Environmental Maintenance Grant: update. Cllr R Hirons reported that changes to the criteria for the EMG make it much less useful to Parish Councils as funding can only be used for projects on Shropshire-Council-owned land and the applicant has to match-fund as a minimum.
- RoSPA reports on playgrounds. Cllr Hirons reported on a meeting held with Cllr Mrs B Finch and the clerk to consider the reports, which have not revealed any major concerns. There is a small trip hazard caused by erosion at the entrance to the small childrens playground at Higher Heath, which John Walker can be asked to repair and a particular piece of the fitness equipment has again been identified as being wrongly-installed (despite assurances from the supplier that this was not the case!) At both sites strimmer damage to wooden structures was identified. The report on the Higher Heath site also highlights the proliferation of rabbit-holes with their potential as trip hazards. Clerk reported that she was meeting with a representative from a pest control company the following day to obtain advice and a quote for a cull. While considering Playground matters, Cllr Hirons reported that he had chatted with John Hopwood who reiterated his commitment to demolishing the Pavilion at Higher Heath as soon as he is able. Revisit in four months.
- Potentially hazardous trees. This item to be carried forward in Cllr J Allen’s absence.
- Community Infrastructure Levy. Cllr Hirons reported that although Shropshire Council asserts that there has been no change to the administration of CIL monies, lots of Parish Councils have allegedly submitted solid plans and had them turned down or delayed. Cllr J Whelan reminded the Parish Council that CIL monies were intended for *local* needs: it was on that basis that development had been accepted.
- Car parking at Lower Heath School. Cllr P Wynn reported that an area of land behind the school has been gifted by the Grocott family for use as a car park. There will be costs involved and Cllr Wynn will be meeting with SC representatives to discuss the way forward.
- Parish Council Christmas Dinner. Provisional booking made for 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at the Railway Spice. Cllr Mrs B Finch proposed that PCSO Chris Hirons should be invited to attend and all were in favour.

142/18 Accounting matters

Accounts for Payment November 2018

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary November 2018	421.69
HMRC PAYE	3.80
Clerks expenses (detailed below)	77.92
Jones Community Lighting streetlight maintenance October 2018	132.19
Scottish Power streetlight energy 30.9.18 – 31.10.18	<u>159.38</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 794.98</b>

*Clerks expenses 13.9.18-13.11.18 (2 months)*

Black card £6.49 Blu-tack £4.00 (poster display)

Delivery of Sept Agenda: 13 miles @ 45ppm = £5.85  
Sept BT line rental contribution = £12.50  
Stationery: 2 x paper; envelopes; punched pockets = £8.80  
Stamps: 6 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class = £3.48  
Postage of Oct Agenda = £7.90  
October BT line contribution = £12.50  
Stamps: 5 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class = £2.90  
Mileage to Shirehall and return (meeting 8.11.18) 30 miles @ 45 ppm = £13.50

Total = £77.92

143/18 Correspondence

- Clerk was contacted by a resident who had rescued an elderly neighbour found lying in the road having tripped in a pothole in the dark on Moreton Street. Potholes have been reported to SC.
- Results of Right Home Right Place Survey have been received and circulated to all Parish Councillors.

144/18 Items for next Agenda

- Preferred Sites Consultation
- Community-led Housing
- Budget 2018-19
- Report from North Shropshire Area Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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