

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council
held in Prees Village Hall on Tuesday 17 July 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons (Chairman); J Whelan (Vice-Chair); Mrs S Short; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs B Finch; Mrs D Foster; M Lanham; R List and D Ladd. Also present were Police Sergeant Claire Greenaway; Ms Rachael Oakley; PCSO Chris Hirons; three members of the public and the clerk Mrs K Sieloff.

086/18 Public Session: A member of the public spoke on behalf of residents of Park Terrace to relay their concerns about the dangers they are exposed to from traffic speeding along Whitchurch Road, past their homes. Residents vehicles are parked on the road, of necessity, and getting in and out of them is a hazardous activity. It was suggested that a 30 mph limit right out to the by-pass would be appropriate here. (It was noted that the presence of the Medical Centre and the Grocott Trust bungalows for older residents can only add weight to this view.) Cllr R Hirons recalled that the Parish Council had requested a 30 mph limit when the Medical Centre was planned. Clerk to ask Safer Roads Partnership to come and do speed monitoring as an initial step toward hopefully achieving a 30 mph limit in this area.

Another member of the public spoke of his concerns about a group of youngsters habitually congregating behind the Telephone Exchange in Mill Street and causing a nuisance by loudly using horrible language and unwinding reels of cable, etc. He requested that perhaps our local PCSO could remind the group that there is a building dedicated for their use at the Cricket Club's Recreation Ground.

Another resident spoke of his continuing concerns about speeding motorbikes on the A49. Cllr R Hirons said he would carry the matter to the next Local Joint Committee.

087/18 Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Jones; Mrs L Baer; J Allen and P Wynn.

088/18 Disclosure of pecuniary/non-pecuniary interests in this Agenda. There were none.

089/18 The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 19th June 2018 had been previously circulated. There was one amendment necessary: Cllr J Whelan suggested that Minute no 078/18 should make it clear that when Cllr R Hirons left the meeting temporarily, the Chair was temporarily filled by the Vice-Chair. With this amendment made and signed, Cllr Mrs S Short proposed that the Minutes be signed as a true record and this was seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

090/18 Actions arising from the minutes. There were none which were not included in the Agenda.

091/18 Community Policing. Sgt Claire Greenaway reported that no arrests in connection with the current spate of thefts from local outbuildings had yet been possible. Significant evidence was lacking. The local thefts appeared to be linked to those in Whitchurch and Shawbury. Sgt Greenaway assured the meeting that apprehending the perpetrators is being prioritized: these are the most significant crimes in Shropshire in the last few months, but suspicions have to be backed up by significant evidence. She also reported that unfortunately there is still a market for stolen goods and these transactions usually happen very quickly. Any information from the public would be welcomed.

Rachael Oakley from the We Don't Buy Crime team explained the Smartwater scheme and the 25% grant currently on offer from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Smartwater marks property with the postcode of the owner and lasts for the life of the product. It is only discernible under UV light and does not transfer once dry. The current cost per household for Smartwater protection is £8.90. Higher Heath has already benefitted from it. To offer Smartwater to households in Fauls and Prees would cost the Parish Council approximately £3,500. Cllr M Lanham proposed that Smartwater kits should be offered to all residents of Prees and Fauls wards, at the Parish Council's expense, and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour. It was suggested that Housing Associations with local properties could be approached to see if they would fund the provision of Smartwater to their tenants. Clerk to enquire.

Rachael explained that Smartwater protection is also available to businesses: pricing depends on uptake, for a group of one hundred businesses the price would be £67.00 each. Clerk to compile a list of local businesses who could be approached with Smartwater information. Rachael said she could supply posters to advertise the fact that Smartwater was coming to Prees and Fauls. Cllrs Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Short; Mrs D Foster; J Whelan and D Ladd declared themselves happy to be involved with rolling-out Smartwater in the community.

PCSO Chris Hirons' report reiterated that reports from members of the public about suspicious vehicles or activity are helpful to him. He suggested that the best way to report these matters was by email if they were not a matter of emergency. He reported that there have been 8 Road Traffic Collisions in the month past (one motorbike involved.) Operation Triumph continues from Thursday to Sunday on the A41/A49 maintaining a visible police presence to calm traffic.

Proposed date for tour with mobile police station: 14th October 2018. Will stop at Prees Fire Station, Fauls Church Hall and Prees Village Hall.

092/18 Shropshire Council Report. Cllr P Wynn had sent his Apologies. He had advised the clerk that brackets were to be fixed to the village sign for the southern end of the parish, if the Parish Council would authorise the spend. Clerk was authorised to spend a maximum of £30.00 on this. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

093/18 Planning matters.

Current planning applications

Appeal under Section 78. Appeal Ref: 18/02657/REF. Application ref: 17/01252/FUL. Erection of a building comprising of ground floor offices and first floor living accommodation in connection with existing business: formation of vehicular access. Land at Mickley Stud, Mickley, Tern Hill, Market Drayton. An appeal has been made against the decision of Shropshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission to the above proposal. Applicant: Mr R Kent. Planning Inspector ref: APP/L3245/W/18/3196948.

The Parish Council had no further comments to make on this.

18/02788/FUL: Erection of part single, part two storey rear extension. Oaklands, Lower Heath, Prees, Shropshire. Applicants: Mr Bridge and Mrs Ricketts.

There were no location plans and no elevations available on the website. The Parish Council felt it had insufficient information and so could not support the Application. Therefore the clerk was asked to register its objection.

There were no current Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council

Additional Planning matter: Cllr Mrs D Foster reported back from some useful Planning training. It had reinforced to her the conviction that a Neighbourhood Plan is the only robust protection against inappropriate development, and also the importance of talking to developers *before* they submit planning applications, in order to make full use of the Parish Council's negotiating weight.

Cllr R Hirons reminded the Parish Council that it is necessary to follow up which Planning Applications come to fruition and are actually built. Where are the planned builds and what sort of houses are they? We need local residents' input: what sort of housing do they need and want? This is the information that will inform our discussions with any prospective developers. Cllr Hirons asked the clerk to ensure that the Community Planning issue was on the September agenda.

094/18 Parish and Parish Council Matters

Report from Road Safety Poster Competition. Cllr R Hirons reported that the competition had gone well. Winners had been chosen and prizes awarded. He extended thanks to Police Inspector Tracy Ryan and Cllrs Mrs B Finch and Mrs S Short for completing the difficult task of judging the entries; to PCSO Chris Hirons for his invaluable input in the classrooms and to Cllr Mrs B Rainford for prizes donated by the Cooperative Society. Gratitude was also extended to Grocontinental Ltd, who had also contributed prizes. All poster entries would be displayed on Saturday 15th September in Prees Village Hall and the printed banners bearing the winning posters, hopefully to be used outside the schools, would be on display. Cllr Mrs B Finch was also generously supplying a trophy for each school to commemorate the event, which would hopefully become an annual one. Cllr D Ladd offered to see if he could bring an ambulance along to the Village Hall on September 15th and Cllr J Whelan commented that it might be possible to organise a fire engine to attend, too. The idea of using the event to publicize the coming of Smartwater was also mooted. For further discussion at the August meeting.

Solagen vehicle speed monitor. Following the favourable reports of the effectiveness of these devices, particularly the mobile ones, from other local parish councils, the clerk was asked to invite a representative from Solagen to come to the August meeting to demonstrate the advantages of this model (currently on a promotion) and to answer any questions. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be looking for a maximum of three. Cllr M Lanham suggested that each councillor should list three favoured sites for the monitors and email to the clerk.

Battles Over November 2018. Cllr J Whelan reported that the Cricket and Recreation Club in Prees is happy to host an event where a beacon could be lighted. Someone who could manufacture a suitable brazier needed to be found. Clerk to contact Mr Roly Humphries to ask him to quote for the work. Cllr J Whelan offered to speak to a contact Cllr Mrs B Finch would supply.

Croydon House, Shrewsbury Street, Prees.

Officers from Shropshire Council Building Control have visited Croydon House and reported that although parts of the house continue in a poor condition, there is no access to any potentially dangerous part. They will continue to monitor the situation. The Parish Council feels it is not acceptable that the building should be left to fall down. Clerk to enquire what further action can be taken. Cllrs Mrs B Finch, Mrs D Foster and D Ladd would be happy to meet at the site if requested.

Mill Street missing streetlamps. This issue is now resolved. SP Enery Networks had not moved the lamps to the new electricity poles when the old ones were taken down. The quickest way to get the lamps reinstated is for the Parish

Council to initially pay for Jones Lighting to do this work and then claim the costs back from SP Energy Networks who have admitted responsibility. Clerk authorised to do this: proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

Pavilion demolition. W T Hopwoods Builders have assured the clerk that this work is on their list and will be attended to as soon as possible.

Mobile Phone Mast, Mill Street. The clerk reported that enquiry suggests that it could be worthwhile those most closely affected by the building of the Mobile Phone mast applying to the Ombudsman, who could potentially help in claiming compensation for the mistake Shropshire Council's Planning department made in giving permission for the build in error.

Annual Discretionary Parish Council Grants. After discussion, it was decided that in future all the usual recipients of these awards will be written to in October with a request that they indicate to the Parish Council what particular benefit an award would bestow.

095/18 Accounting matters

- Accounts for Payment July 17th 2018. Cllr Mrs S Short proposed that the following accounts should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

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Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary July	421.69
HMRC PAYE	3.80
Clerks expenses (detailed below)	21.71
Friends of Lord Hill's Column (donation)	100.00
Scottish Power (energy for streetlamps 31.5.18-30.6.18)	154.26
SC Democratic Services: Elections Recharge 4.5.17	300.00
Jones Community Lighting streetlamp maint/repairs to 30.6.18	396.82
Prees Village Hall hire 5 hirings @ £19.00 (17/4; 8/5; 15/4; 2/6; 19/6 2018.)	95.00
Fee for registration with Information Commissioners Office	40.00
Re-issue of grant cheque to North Salop Wheelers (wrong payee on last month's cheque)	200.00
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Total	£1733.28

Clerk's expenses 14.6.18-12.7.18

Delivery of June Agenda etc 13 miles @ 45 ppm= £5.85

6 x 2nd class stamps @ 56p = £3.36

Plus July monthly contribution to BT line rental = £12.50

Total = £21.71

- Consideration of list of Allocated Reserves. Cllrs agreed that the amount of £8,417.83 currently reserved for Prees Playground could be reduced by £2,000 to help fund the Smartwater project, and that the £429.25 currently reserved for website expenditure could be used for this purpose also. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.
- First quarter 2018-19: Actual Spending against Budget. The clerk shared the figures with the councillors. There were no concerns.
- Progress with External Audit. The documents were with the External Auditor still.

096/18 Correspondence

- Quote previously received for tidy-up under the Lime Avenue, Whitchurch Road, was reviewed. The cost of the first cut would be £85.00, with the disposal of debris, if necessary, at £65.00. Clerk was authorised to ask John Walker to clear all the undergrowth back to the fence. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.
- Cllr Mrs S Jones, unable to be at the meeting, had emailed her concerns about the path alongside the new houses at Manor Place, Higher Heath. The path goes straight into the car park and residents including children cycle into the car park from the path without stopping, creating a potentially dangerous situation. Clerk to write to Meres and Mosses to suggest reduction of the six-foot panels bordering the neighbouring bungalow to allow better visibility.

- Letter from Mrs Kempton of Fauls Parochial Church Council expressing grateful thanks for the donations to the Church Hall and the Churchyard.
- Cllr P Wynn had written on behalf of a resident in Cruckmoor Lane requesting that the Parish Council should consider providing a mirror to help with visibility when exiting onto the B5065, opposite Broadhay Lane. Following discussion the Parish Council regretted that it was unable to set a precedent of this sort. Clerk to communicate this to Cllr Wynn.
- Letter received from Mr David Morgan of Harvern Gardens, requesting permission to take machinery through Prees playground in order to complete the works on the boundary between his property and the playground. Clerk instructed to convey permission to Mr Morgan as long as reasonable safety measures are put in place and the work is not undertaken until the children have returned to school in September.

097/18 Items for next Agenda

- Battles Over 2018
- Road Safety Posters Display 15.9.18
- Community Planning Committee
- Smartwater roll out.

The meeting was closed at 9.50.

Date of next meeting: August 21 2018.

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