

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 January 2020
at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs S Short; Mrs L Baer; Mrs B Rainford; M Lanham; J Whelan and J Allen. Also in attendance were one member of the public; Mrs K Sieloff clerk to the Parish Council and two police officers.

001/20 Public Session. A resident raised the matter of the potholes currently causing problems in Church Street. He suggested that a total re-surfacing was required. Mentions was made of similar problems at Heathgates Crossroads and also in Mill Street, by the Congregationalist Church. Clerk to write to SC to ask for remedial action.

002/20 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs D Foster; Mrs B Finch; Mrs S Jones; R List; D Ladd and P Wynn.

003/20 Disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

Application for Dispensation from Section 31 (4) of Section 33 Localism Act 2011 for the purpose of setting the Budget/Precept. As all the Parish Councillors reside in the Parish they have an interest in the setting of the annual Budget, which decides the Precept, but this task has to be undertaken by them nonetheless. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chair Cllr R Hirons completed a form declaring the Members pecuniary interest and asking the clerk for a dispensation to discuss and decide on the Budget and Precept for the new financial year. The dispensation was given and the form was duly signed by the clerk.

004/20 Minutes of the meeting held on December 17 2019 had been previously circulated. These were agreed to be a true record and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour and the Chair duly signed.

005/20 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting (which were not on the Agenda.)

- Speed monitors ordered from Morelock Signs. Expected delivery 6 weeks from clearing of cheque.
- Community-Led Build in Prees. Nothing new to report. Next meeting of Project Board is 21.1.20.

006/20 Shropshire Council report. There was no report available.

007/20 Community Policing Report. PCSO Graeme Baines attended with PCSO Hannah Lister.

PCSO Baines urged the Parish Council to respond to the Police and Crime Commissioner's invitation to question him about the choices he is making in allocating the Policing budget. This can be done on-line. PCSO Baines reported that Prees had been generally quiet in terms of criminal activity during the previous month, apart from the theft of plant from the Industrial Estate and a road traffic accident involving a lorry leaving the road. He also told of an incident in Moreton Street where two local lads had kindly assisted an elderly gentleman in difficulties in the dark, while they waited for the Police to arrive.

008/20 Planning matters.

Current planning applications.

19/05202/FUL: Application for the continued siting of 2 polytunnel structures. Hough Cottage, Weston Under Redcastle, Shropshire SY4 5LR. Applicant: Steven Powell.

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

19/05285/FUL: Erection of replacement dwelling and installation of package treatment plant. 5 and 6 Sandford, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2AW. Applicant: Mr M Blake and Dr S Carr.

After discussion Cllr Hirons proposed that the Parish Council support this Application. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. Majority in favour with one objection.

1905534/FUL: Erection of extension and expansion of office building (B1 use); provision of car parking. Brookdale, Station Road, Prees SY13 2DW. Applicant: Grocott Developments Ltd.

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council:

19/03046/FUL: Erection of an affordable dwelling with detached double garage. Land adjacent to Jasmine Cottage, Prees Green, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2BL. Decision: Grant Permission.

19/04773/FUL: Change of use to form an outdoor riding arena. Park Coppice, Lower Heath, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2BQ. Decision: Grant Permission.

19/05080/FUL: Erection of two storey rear extension and rendering (revised scheme.) The Hollies, Broadhay Lane, Lower Heath, Prees SY13 2BJ. Decision: Grant Permission.

009/20 Parish and Parish Council Matters

Housekeeping matters: nothing to report.

PC Facebook page: nothing currently to report.

A41 Incident Log: no new incidents to report.

Wrafton Terrace. Clerk reported that a quote of £340.00 had been received from John Walker for the work of completely clearing Wrafton Terrace of the unwanted saplings including the use of weed-killer to tackle those that could not be dug out. Cllr J Allen proposed that this should be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour. Clerk to arrange for the completion of the work.

Prees Railway station: potential improvements for users. Cllr M Lanham told the meeting that he was due to meet with representatives from Wem Rural Parish Council on the following Wednesday and would report back to the Parish Council at its February meeting.

RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group meeting 15.10.19. Cllr Mrs S Short had been unable to attend the meeting herself, but passed on a resume of the notes of the meeting that were issued, as follows.

‘Representatives from 18 Parish Councils attended. Station Commander Group Captain Christopher Mullen reported that the number of complaints for 2019 to date (October) had increased due to an increase in helicopter activity now the new training facility was in full operation. This had not been the case in 2018. It was pointed out that there was a reasonable spread of locations of complaints. Concerns in relation to a private enterprise in Shropshire providing helicopter flights were discussed. It was noted the Shropshire Council was aware of this issue and would provide any feedback to the next meeting. Nothing further of note.’

Concerns about parking at Lower Heath School. Cllr Mrs B Finch had been due to lead on this item, but was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Mrs Short advised that the issue was that the proposed enlargement of the car-park at the school had never transpired, although she understood that land had been offered. As a result the road is very congested while small children are crossing, which results in a very dangerous situation. Clerk to write to Highways and Police to raise concerns again. Cllr R Hirons remembered that Mr Steve Davenport from Shropshire Council, while attending a Place Plan meeting in Whitchurch, had offered to help with the matter of getting the yellow zigzags made enforceable. This could prevent vehicles stopping on them at all. Clerk asked to contact him to see what support he could offer.

Clerk would like to do ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration) training online at a cost of £118.80 and was requesting funding for this. It was proposed by Cllr M Lanham that the Parish Council should meet this expense and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.

Consideration of quote for Playground repairs/inspections recommended by RoSPA. The Parish Council was concerned about the huge expense of the proposed inspection, which involves dismantling parts of the equipment to see whether there is any hidden damage needing attention. How often would RoSPA want these inspections done? Clerk to ask Wem and Whitchurch councils what they do in this circumstance.

Clearing of scrub to hedge-line at HH playing field. Clerk sought approval to accept quote of £78.00 for this work. Cllr J Whelan proposed that the quote should be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour.

010/20 SALC. Nothing to report.

011/20 Accounting Matters

- Payment of Accounts for January 2020

Accounts for Payment January 2020

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary January 2020	459.72
HMRC (PAYE)	8.40
Clerks expenses (detailed below)	18.09
Jones Lighting Ltd (streetlamp repairs to 29.11.19)	88.08
Prees Village Hall (electricity supplied to car-park lamp)	<u>100.00</u>
Total	674.29
Late-arriving invoice	
Scottish Power (streetlight energy 30.11.19-31.12.19)	<u>128.27</u>
Grand Total	£802.56

Clerk's expenses 12.12.19 – 8.1.20

Delivery of December mins/agenda:7 miles @45ppm= £3.15

January BT line rental contribution: £12.50

4 x second class stamp @ 61p =£2.44

Total = £18.09

Cllr M Lanham proposed that these should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

- Consideration and approval of proposed Budget for the year 2020-21. The proposed Budget, discussed at the December meeting, had been finalised on receipt of figures from Shropshire Council confirming the number of households contributing Community Charge. The final version of the proposed Budget, which anticipated expenditure of £25,756.65 in the new financial year, had been circulated to all Parish Councillors previous to the meeting. Cllr J Whelan explained the figure proposed represented a 1% increase in the Precept requested, which allowed a little extra provision for updating streetlight provision, etc. Cllr Hirons proposed that the Budget should be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

It was then proposed by Cllr Whelan that the form detailing the Precept requirement of £25,756.65 for the coming financial year should be completed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Short. All were in favour and the form was duly completed by the Chairman and the clerk, ready to be sent to Shropshire Council before January 31.

012/20 Correspondence

- Letter received from the owners of Wem Fisheries in Soulton that new gates have been installed in the footpath going through the property.
- Email received from SC Streetworks advising of Moreton Street closure 19-21 February 2020.
- Complaints received about Faults/Darliston leak of foul water from fracture pipe near pumping station, which is reputed to be a regular occurrence. Clerk to contact Severn Trent and relay concerns.

013/20 New items for next Agenda. (February 18th.) No current new matters.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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Date.....

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