

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 October 2020
at 7.00 pm via the video conferencing platform 'Zoom'.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs S Short; Mrs B Finch; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs L Baer; Mrs D Foster; J Whelan; D Ladd and P Wynn, together with Mrs K Sieloff clerk to the Parish Council.

110/20 Public session. Members of the public had been invited to attend via a link published on the Parish Council website but there were no members of the public present.

111/20 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs S Jones; M Lanham; J Allen and R List.

112/20 Disclosure of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest. There were none.

113/20 Minutes of the meeting held on September 15th 2020 had been previously circulated. These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S Short that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour and the Chair duly signed.

114/20 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting. Nothing not included on the Agenda.

115/20 Shropshire Council report. Cllr Wynn's report made the following points:

- Application for Lawful Development Certificate at Brookside, Lower Heath has not been granted permission. This will be enforced if there is any evidence of business activity there: it will be unlawful.
- With reference to the traffic problems at Prees School, Cllr Wynn asked Cllr Mrs B Finch, who is a governor there, to ask the school what parking they need.
- Brookside, Lower Heath: application for Lawful Development Certificate will hopefully not be granted, but no decision yet.
- He confirmed that a 40 mph limit was being imposed at Sandford, accompanied by flashing signage.

116/20 Community Policing Report. No report available.

117/20 Planning matters.

Current planning applications:

The first three of the following applications, although on the Agenda, had apparently already been decided by Shropshire Council (although the Parish Council had not been notified of the decisions) and so they were not considered at the current meeting:

20/03450/FUL: The Cottage , Church Street, Prees, SY13 2EE. Proposal: Removal of oil tank at front of house, replace with calor gas tank which will be fitted underground in the front garden.

Applicant: Miss Penelope-Anne Gowland

20/03770/TCA : Old Vicarage, Church Street, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2EE

Proposal: To prune 2No Silver Birch Trees by 3m within Prees Conservation Area

Applicant: Mrs Katrina Cartwright

20/03771/TPO : 2 Sylvan Close, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2TB

Proposal: Works to uplift crown of 1No Oak Tree (T1) and to fell 3No Oak Trees (T2, T3 and T4) protected by The North Shropshire District Council (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975

Applicant: Mr Kenneth Harper

20/03841/FUL: 17 Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2DG

Proposal: Proposed single and storey rear extension

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Davies

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

20/04077/FUL: Hawkstone View, Lower Heath, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2BT

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and part two storey/single storey rear extension, together with erection of double replacement garage with store above and installation of septic tank

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Tom & Trina Lloyd

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

Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council

20/02101/FUL: Quizas , Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, SY13 2HG

Proposal: Erection of rear extension to provide new kitchen/dining room and provision of additional bedroom with ensuite shower room within roof void

Decision: Grant Permission

20/02455/LBC: The Clock House, Sandford, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2AW

Proposal: Erection of garaging and ancillary domestic storage

Decision: Grant Permission

20/01728/FUL: Mill House, Mill Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, SY13 2JA

Proposal: Change of use of domestic amenity land to storage for vehicles associated with Pine Lodge Cars (B8 use)

Decision: Refuse

20/03523/OHL: Wood Cottage, Lacon Street, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2EP

Proposal: Diversion of existing overhead HV and LV lines (to include the recovery of existing HV and LV lines) and the erection of a single pole and stays

Decision: No Objection

20/01727/OUT: Site Of Former Filling Station, Sandford, Whitchurch, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application (all matters reserved) for a new build 80 bed Eco Hotel with associated car parking and a separate small scale retail facility on site

Decision: Withdrawn

20/03064/CPE: Brookside, Lower Heath, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2BT

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of Repair, maintenance and storage of Heavy Goods Vehicles

Decision: Certificate - Not Lawful

20/01949/FUL: Garage At The Rear Of The Old Constable House, Shrewsbury Street, Prees, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of 2No. dwellings with associated access, parking and garden areas (resubmission of previously approved 16/02528/FUL)

Decision: Grant Permission

20/02152/FUL: Land Opposite Former Thames Valley Eggs Premises , Cruckmoor Lane, Prees Green, SY13 2BS

Proposal: Change of use of land from storage of agricultural machinery and equipment to the storage of portable site cabins/welfare units

Decision: Grant Permission

Additional planning matters

The Parish Council noted the following Application of which it has been notified, but has not been formally consulted.

20/03982/CPE: The Apothecary , Lacon Street, Prees, SY13 2EP

Proposal: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of a building as a separate dwelling house with a separate curtilage, in breach of planning condition 3 attached to outline consent, NS/80/0629/OUT and as shown as edged in red on the site plan, drawing no: HPT10944-102

Applicant: Arvon Williams (The Apothecary, Lacon Street, Prees, SY13 2EP)

The Parish Council noted the Application.

118/20 Parish and Parish Council Matters

Demise of John Ridgway. Cllr Hirons reported that a letter of condolence had been sent to the wife and family of John Ridgway, who had been a long-serving, popular and very well-respected Parish Councillor.

Playground Matters.

- The on-going rabbit cull at Higher Heath playing-field has so far reduced the population by more than 40. Further culling activity will be undertaken in November.
- There have been no current reports of Covid-related issues at the playgrounds, but consideration of this matter led to discussion of the virus situation in Shropshire, and it was reported that there were currently 1854 active cases in the county.

Community-led building development: Cllr Mrs B Rainford reported that the Public Consultation was now closed. Most of the responses received had been positive. At the meeting of the Project Board held on 22nd September 2020 it had been confirmed that the Planning Application would soon be ready for submission to Shropshire Council and it was hoped that work on site should start in March 2021.

Road safety issues at Prees Primary School and in Lower Heath. Cllr Hirons reported that the school coach serving Prees Primary School was experiencing considerable difficulty negotiating the roads near the school because of parents parking close to the school and obstructing the roads. The coach-driver had appealed to the PC for help as the school's appeals to parents had not had much effect. Cllr Hirons reminded the meeting that the zigzags outside the school only had the effect of *advising* drivers not to park there. For them to be enforceable by traffic officers a Traffic Regulation Order would have to be made so that signage could be installed advertising the hours of the parking ban. The Parish Council has asked for this to happen, but so far the matter has not made it to the top of the list of priorities for funding by Shropshire Council. Cllr Hirons also reminded the meeting that although the Police do not deal with parking offences, they are responsible for dealing with obstruction and disorderly behaviour.

The Walking Bus at Prees School is not currently operating, because of the virus, but the car park behind the Village Hall is available, but apparently not popular with parents. Cllr Wynn said he would meet with Cllr Mrs B Finch on-site at the school to consider the matter. He also assured the meeting that Shropshire Council has resolved that all schools in Shropshire are to have a 20 mph speed limit zone around them by 2025.

In response to concerns expressed by a resident about the constant speeding around the area of the school in Lower Heath, and the resulting advice received from local Police, the clerk was asked to follow up the traffic-calming measures that were promised by SC in that area.

Street-lighting issues

- Lighteach Road. Our lighting contractors have installed a low-wattage lamp.
- Appointment of working party to review street-lamp maintenance contract. With their agreement, Cllrs Hirons and Mrs S Short were proposed as members of this group, hopefully to be joined by Cllrs M Lanham and J Allen, neither of whom had been able to join the current meeting. The formation of the group, and its stated purpose of researching the options and making recommendations to the full Parish Council concerning the award of the contract, was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

Peartree Farm, Broadhay Lane. Concerns about development impacting on footpath. Cllr M Lanham to lead. This matter to be carried forward as Cllr Lanham was unable to attend the meeting.

Vehicle speed monitors. Cllr Ladd reported that the speed monitor by Holly Farm seems to be having a positive effect, from his consideration of the data that it records: fewer extremely high speeds and less speeding

generally was recorded. It was resolved that two additional mounting kits should be purchased, at a cost of £55.00 each plus delivery, to facilitate easy mobilising of the monitors. Proposed by Cllr D Ladd and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

Ensuring website access for all: Cllr Mrs B Rainford reported that the contrast on the PC website is not sufficient for the visually-impaired. She is in contact with Hugo Fox, the website provider, in an endeavour to remedy this. The clerk commented that she personally does not find the existing website easy to use when she is endeavouring to add items or move them around to display them effectively.

Housekeeping matters. Nothing new was reported at the meeting. Clerk reported that since the last meeting she had reported faulty streetlamps in Moreton Street, Church Street, Whitchurch Road and Shrewsbury Street.

PC Facebook page: Some residents had used Facebook to make suggestions for the Neighbourhood Fund spend (see item below) but no other issues reported. Cllr Ladd confirmed that he was endeavouring to support the much-needed recruitment of fire-fighters at Prees Fire Station, through the medium.

Remembrance Service 8.11.20. Cllr J Whelan advised that unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions, only scaled-down Remembrance Day services would be held at the War Memorials in Prees and Fauls, with invited representatives only from local organisations being asked to attend to lay wreaths. Posters would be erected asking everybody else to stay away. Cllr Mrs B Finch would attend Prees to lay the Parish Council wreath and Cllr Mrs B Rainford would lay the one at Fauls. Cllr Whelan added that residents were being encouraged to undertake a socially-distanced Remembrance Walk, in their own time, from the Cricket and Recreation Club up to the War Memorial in Prees, where posters along the way would be documenting some of the war-time experiences of our area and its inhabitants.

Hope House Childrens Hospice: appeal for emergency donation due to extra financial burden imposed by the Covid 19 virus. Clerk to assess if funds budgeted for donation elsewhere are likely to be used. Matter to be carried forward to next Agenda.

A41 Incident Log: nothing new to report.

Neighbourhood Fund spending priorities: further suggestions from residents include a tidy-up of the main streets in Prees, a village café, and further support for the provision of improved parking facilities at the railway station. Chair and clerk to liaise to identify legitimate possible spends.

Local Fire Service matters: obstructive parking in village centre. Clerk reported that she had spoken with a Parking Enforcement Officer at SC who had confirmed that officers had attended at the crossroads in central Prees and had issued more than half a dozen tickets to vehicles parked on the double yellow lines. The clerk had also been asked to enquire from the Fire Station which roads/times of day were most problematic and she had sent an email accordingly.

Parish Council Christmas Dinner: Unfortunately, it was unanimously agreed that due to Covid restrictions the pleasures of our usual Christmas Curry would have to be foregone, this year.

119/20 :SALC.

Clerk sought authorisation (retrospectively) to attend Clerks' seminars on-line 12-16 October at PCs expense at a cost of £25.00. Authorisation was proposed by Cllr Mrs L Baer and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

120/20 Accounting matters

- Payment of Accounts for October 2020

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs L Baer and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that the following accounts should be paid. All were in favour.

Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary October 2020	465.12
HMRC (PAYE)	3.00
Clerks expenditure (detailed below)	21.71
K D Sieloff (replacement of cancelled cheque no 102644 For July 2020 expenses)	44.22

Scottish Power (streetlight energy 31.8.20-30.9.20)	123.73
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (grass-cutting September)	313.20
Jones Lighting Ltd	185.69
SALC training Public Engagement & Community Events	
23.7.20 online training delegate R Hirons	30.00

Total 1186.67

Clerk's expenditure 10.9.20-14.10.20

October BT line rental contribution: £12.50

2nd class stamps: 4 @ 65p = £2.60

1st class stamp: 1 @ 76p = 76p

Petrol mileage for delivery of September Agenda etc 13 miles @ 45p = £5.85

Total = £21.71

- Consideration of Actual Spend against Budget for quarter ending September 30th 2020. After perusal of the figures it was agreed that there were no concerns.
- Consideration of further grant contribution to North Salop Wheelers. After discussion, including perusal of a letter sent by a local user of the service, it was resolved to send a further £300.00 as a donation to the continuing valuable work of the North Salop Wheelers. Clerk asked to raise the cheque for the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

121/20 Correspondence

- Email received from Street Naming and Numbering Dept at SC concerning the naming of the new development on Heathwood Road. Parish Council had no objections to the proposed "1-10 Berwick Close."

122/20 Items for next Agenda

- Update on The Square, Prees.
- Footpath, Peartree Farm
- Neighbourhood Fund

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