

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday December 21 2021
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hiron; Mrs B Finch; M Lanham; D Ladd; R List and P Wynn, together with Mrs K Sieloff, clerk to the Parish Council.

170/21 Public session. There was one member of the public present who raised on-going concerns about inconsiderate parking in the centre of the village. Clerk advised that she had very recently chased this matter up with SC.

171/21 Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Short; Mrs B Rainford; Mrs L Baer; Mrs D Foster; Mrs S Jones; J Allen and J Whelan.

172/21 For members to disclose pecuniary or impecuniary interests. None were declared.

173/21 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 16 2021, previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr D Ladd that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed.

174/21 Actions arising from the Minutes that are not on the Agenda. These were listed as follows:

- Posts for vehicle speed monitors. Installation by SC's contractors promised imminently.
- The Square: PC was told by the solicitors handling the probate that the properties are to be marketed by Berrys.
- Bench for bus shelter Heathwood Road. Ordered.
- Waymarker signs for Prees Walks. Ordered.
- Letter sent to CCG concerning services at Prees Health Centre.
- Parish Council Christmas meal: currently postponed.
- Concerns about road safety at crossroads in Prees centre. Clerk has again requested re-instatement of road markings.
- Transfer of accounts to Unity Trust Bank. No further applications being considered until January 2022
- Bank reconciliations checked. Cllr Mrs D Foster checked the second quarter and agreed with the record.
- Consideration of clerk's (self-inflicted) salary underpay. Deferred to next Agenda.

175/21 Shropshire Council Report.

Cllr P Wynn reminded the Meeting that these are tough times: 80% of Shropshire Council's budget is allocated to Social Care (recipients constitute 3% of the population) and SC only receives a third of the funding per capita that London councils do.

176/21 Community Policing.

PCSO Hannah Lister provided the following report for Prees Parish 1-30 November 2021:

1 X Break in reported at a business in Prees, attended and was the owner locking up and no burglary had occurred.

Single car RTC on Brades Road, non-injury.

1 X Drunk driver caught, arrested and car seized near to Prees Heath Roundabout.

2 car RTC at Sandford Bends, minor injuries reported.

2 X Poaching incidents on Prees Heath Butterfly Conservation- working with our Rural Crime/ Wildlife Crime officer and the warden to combat this. Attended at the time and no-one with animals were found.

1 report of a lorry with no lights on in the dark and no registration plate attached. Driver was dealt with at the scene.

Reports of a car driving the wrong way down the dual carriageway at Prees Heath. Officers attended and unable to locate. Only one call about the car came in.

One stolen car reported after owner parked up on the A49 after breaking down. Enquires are ongoing to locate the vehicle.

The night of the Storm, Whitchurch SNT were out and about moving trees, bins, skips, sheds and trampolines from the road and keeping everyone safe until the early hours. We moved around 9 trees from Prees Parish Council boundaries alone that night, with Highways moving a few more. Hoping to have the mobile police station visit Prees Fire Station 29th Jan @ 1900-2000 hours. Will update you nearer the time to confirm.

177/21 Planning:

Current planning applications for consultation

- 12/05340/REM: Approval of reserved matters (appearance and scale) pursuant to planning permission 21/04559/VAR. Silver Birch, Mill Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HR. Applicant: Shingler (Mr J Shingler, Hillcrest Works, Myddle, Shrewsbury SY4 2SE.) *Determined by meeting date.*
- 21/05295/FUL: Erection of first floor extension and alterations. 4 Pheasant Close, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2DB. Applicant: Mr and Mrs P and L Oswell. *Determined by meeting date.*

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council

- 21/04559/VAR: Silver Birch, Mill Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HR. Variation of conditions 4 (approved plans) and 8 (vehicular access) attached to planning permission 17/06143/OUT allowed on appeal reference APP/L3245/W/18/3205100 dated 23.11.18. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 21/04750/CPE: Highbury Poultry Produce Ltd, Highbury Poultry Farm, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HJ. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate as proof of commencement of works relating to planning ref 18/02479/FUL for erection of extension to form cutting room, storage area and staff welfare facilities. Decision: Certificate – Lawful.
- 21/05187/FUL: Proposed replacement of existing garage to form additional residential accommodation and erection of attached garage (revised scheme.) Berwick, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch SY13 2HF. Decision: Grant Permission.
- 21/04777/FUL: Erection of two storey rear extension. The Laurels, Wem Lane, Prees Green, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2BW. Decision: Grant Permission.

178/21. Parish and Parish Council Matters

Cllr Mrs S Short had requested a leave of absence from Parish Council meetings held face to face for a further period of 6 months, starting from December 2021. Cllr Hirons advised that although unable to attend the meetings during this period Cllr Mrs Short would be listening in via Zoom each month. She would also be contributing to the business of the PC in other various ways.

Cllr Hirons proposed that the leave of absence should be granted and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

179/21: Accounting Matters

- Accounts for Payment December 21 2021

Cllr M Lanham proposed that the following accounts should be paid and this was seconded by Cllr D Ladd. All were in favour.

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary November 2021	464.32
HMRC (PAYE)	3.80
Clerks expenditure 10.11.21-14.12.21	20.99
Scottish Power (streetlight energy 31.10.21-30.11.21)	124.11
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (works November 2021)	24.00
Highline Electrical Ltd (April/May 2021)	95.40
Highline Electrical Ltd (November 2021)	718.80
Technochip Computers Ltd	230.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal donation	100.00
Prees Parochial Church Council (churchyard maint donation)	300.00
Fauls Parochial Church Council (churchyard maint donation)	100.00
Clerks annual membership SLCC	112.00
Prees Village Hall 4xhirings @£20.00: 19/10; 26/10;16/11; 21/12 2021 + £100 annual contribution to car park light electricity	<u>180.00</u>
Total	£ <u>2473.42</u>
Late-arriving invoice: SALC (Budget-setting training 12.10.21)	<u>30.00</u>
Grand Total	£2503.42

Clerk's expenditure 10.11.21-14.12.21

BT line rental contribution December: £12.50

Delivery of Nov Agenda etc: mileage allowance of 13 miles @ 45 ppm: £5.85

Stamps: 4 x 2nd class stamps @ 66p=£2.64

Total = £20.99

- Consideration of Budget for 2022-23

The Finance working party, comprised of Cllrs R Hirons, Mrs S Short and J Whelan had met more than once with the clerk via Zoom to consider the Budget and Cllr Hirons now reported back. Cllr Hirons said that the Finance working party was well aware that the coming year was going to be a tough one financially for everybody, with some parishioners very adversely affected by the large increases already being seen in food and energy costs. For that reason every effort had been made to produce a budget that ensured that each household would pay the same contribution to the Precept (part of the Community Charge) as it had in the current year. He also advised that the working party was recommending an investment of £17,000 to press on with the conversion of old-style SOX street-lamps to new LED ones which were better for the environment and cheaper to run. This one off strategic investment was expected to cover the cost of converting the remainder of the lighting stock and would not affect the Precept as the additional cost, over and above what was usually budgeted, would be met out of existing

reserves. Cllr M Lanham proposed that this investment in the lighting stock should be made and this was seconded by Cllr D Ladd. All were in favour.

Approval of the budget amounting to expenditure of £40,756.00, with £14,471.12 coming out of Reserves, was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr R List. All were in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr M Lanham that the Precept request of £26,284.88 should be submitted to Shropshire Council and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

Cllr Hirons expressed his thanks to Cllr Mrs Short and J Whelan, and the clerk, for the work they had undertaken to set the budget.

180/21 Items for next Agenda.

- Community engagement: the way forward.
- Do we need a policy to guide the giving of donations/grants?

Meeting was closed at 7.50.

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