

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday February 15th 2022
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hiron; Mrs S Jones; Mrs B Finch; Mrs L Baer; M Lanham; J Allen; and R List together with Mrs K Sieloff, clerk to the Parish Council and two members of the Public.

013/22 Public session. A member of the Public raised the on-going issue of the dreadful, potentially hazardous potholes in Church Street, between the Village Hall car-park and the crossroads. Clerk to chase repair.

014/22 Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Short; Mrs D Foster; Mrs B Rainford; D Ladd and J Whelan.

015/22 For members to disclose pecuniary or impecuniary interests. None were declared.

016/22 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on January 18th 2022, previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed.

017/22 Actions arising from the Minutes that are not on the Agenda.

- Damaged panel in fence around War Memorial is being sorted by local volunteer engineer: our contact is Len Gibbon.
- Additional battery charger has arrived for vehicle speed monitor so both can be kept fully operational.
- Nathan Roberts will carry out work on trees in Prees playground to discourage climbing.
- For Sale notice has gone up at The Square.
- Clerk has reported, again, concerns about parking at the Crossroads, and need for re-painting of road markings. SC will endeavour to speed this up (as per circulated email from Victoria Doran.) She also promised roadside warning of 'Uneven surface' for motorcycles on A41.
- Clerk has asked for update from SC on extension of 30mph limit to remainder of Whitchurch Road. Acknowledged by SC.
- Mole problem at Higher Heath playing field has been tackled: all moles cleared.
- Youth Shelter. Cllr J Whelan reported from the AGM at Prees Cricket and Recreation Club that the condition and cleanliness of the shelter was good and it seemed to be being kept clean and tidy.
- Platinum Jubilee: Beacon lighting is confirmed for the Thursday 2nd June at 21.45 to coincide with the National Timings. Cllr J Whelan will organise and do the liaison with the club. He suggests the two local primary schools could each nominate two older children to help light the Beacon.

018/22 Shropshire Council Report. No report was available.

019/22 Community Policing.

PCSO Hannah Lister attended to present the following report for the month of January 2022.

1 X Car seized for no TAX.

1 X report of unauthorised door stop selling, officers attended and unable to locate male. No further calls.

1 Metal Theft from Farm Press. No current lines of enquiry and support and advice given to victim.

1 X Break in on farm building and tool stolen. Enquiries ongoing and things have been put in place by police and landowner to prevent further offences.

1 X Poaching incidents on Prees Heath Butterfly Conservation- officers attended and located the suspects who promptly left the area.

1 X theft from aircraft hangar. Working with airfield to increase night time patrols and install gates on the land.

1 X RTC- car in hedge Prees Green- non injury.

1 X report of dirt bike no lights and helmet Higher Heath. Area search no trace.

Reports on social media of people trespassing on peoples gardens and trying door handles. No reports made to police but SNT have been conducting reassurance patrols. No reports of any burglaries for this month.

Mobile police station visit Prees Fire Station 29th Jan @ 1900-2000 hours. Only two people attended. Will be doing another in the near future.

Cllr R Hirons reported several incidents of cars parked on the pavements in High Heath. He also reported that the prohibition against cars turning right into Twemlows Avenue from the A41 is sometimes being ignored. PCSO Lister advised that unmarked police cars have monitored this recently but saw no one flouting the prohibition in one and a half hours watch.

Cllr Hirons conveyed reports of large vehicles parked overnight, with no lights, in Twemlow's Avenue.

PCSO Lister reported that 'shocking' vehicle speeds had been recorded outside Lower Heath School.

Cllr Hirons asked if the recorded data from our vehicle speed monitors would be of interest to the Police.

PCSO Lister said that this was certainly worth having. She also advised that the Police are asking if they can be allowed to send a letter to the registered keeper of a speeding vehicle.

020/22 Planning:

Current planning applications for consultation

- 22/00009/VAR: Variation of condition no.2 (approved plans) and condition no.5 (materials) pursuant of 20/04434/FUL to allow for elevational design alterations, fenestration changes, removal of porches and change to approved materials. Address: Proposed Residential Development Land And Care Home West Of, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Shropshire
Applicant: Hawk Developments (Fao:Mr J Owen, The Grange, 2 Aston Street, Wem, SY4 5AY)
The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.
- 21/04748/OUT: Outline application for the formation of new workshops in association with NWS Motor Services and secure storage facility (all matters reserved.) Land Rear NWS Motor Services, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2HX. Applicant: NWS Motor Services Ltd (Higher Heath, Whitchurch, SY13 2HX)
The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Finch and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.
- 22/00072/FUL: Conversion of and extension to existing garage to form self-contained annex ancillary to main dwelling and alterations. Grassleigh, Whitchurch Road, Prees SY13 2DD. Applicant: Felicity Beddoes.
The Parish Council felt it had insufficient information to make a reasoned judgment, due to the complexities of the unresolved planning matters connected to this site.
- 22/00286/FUL: Erection of agricultural building. The Mount, Shrewsbury Street, Prees, SY13 2EY. Applicant: Mr James Hopley.
The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application, on the grounds that it is not part of an established agricultural operation; it has concerns about possible increased use of the vehicular access on to the A49 and also the visual impact of proposed building when viewed from Shrewsbury Road. This was proposed by Cllr J Allen and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.
- 22/00488/TPO: Application for tree works to include the felling of one Scots Pine covered by The North Shropshire District Council (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975. Leeward Lodge, Sylvan Close, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2TB. Applicant: Mrs D Gardiner.
The Parish Council resolved to support the Application, as long as the Tree Officer does not object to the proposed action. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.
- 22/00143/FUL: Proposal: Construction of 20m x 60m equestrian riding arena to include change of use of land. Hawkestone View, Green Lane, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2AH. Applicant: Mr and Mrs M Goodridge.
The PC felt there was insufficient information available concerning this application to enable it to have a reasoned opinion.
- 22/00260/FUL: Erection of extension, rendering of existing dwelling, associated works and installation of replacement foul water drainage system. Carmen, Nook Lane, Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury SY4 5LP. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Chesters.

The PC resolved that its support for this application should be registered. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

Please note: the following application was sent to the Parish Council For Information Only and not for consultation purposes:

- 22/00284/CPL: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of single storey link extension between house and outbuildings.
The Mount , Shrewsbury Street, Prees, SY13 2EY. Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Hopley.
This matter was noted by the Parish Council.

The following planning decisions had been received from Shropshire Council.

21/05251/FUL: Erection of replacement dwelling and alterations to access. Cartref, Brades Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2DX. Decision: Refuse

21/05894/FUL: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the formation of new access (part retrospective.) Menage And Caravan, Manor House Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2HT. Decision: Withdrawn

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- Consideration of a draft policy and application form for making grants and donations. Clerk had circulated draft documents for a policy and application form. After discussion she was asked to have another look and to draft simpler documents to be run past Cllr Hirons and Cllr M Lanham first and then circulated to the rest of the PC.
- Community Led Building Development Whitchurch Road. Update by clerk or member of Project Board. Next meeting of Project Board is 22.2.22. First homes expected to be released November 2022.
- Quote received for additional vehicle speed monitors (solar-powered version.) Clerk had received current quote of £2995.00 for solar-powered version of the vehicle speed monitors we have. She was asked to find out how long the solar panel is expected to last. Matter to be on next Agenda.
- Would the PC fund the of litter-picking equipment to an organised group of local volunteers who regularly pick up litter? It was resolved to give the group £120.00 worth of equipment. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.
- Prees Medical Centre: Update email received by Cllr Mrs S Short 19.1.22 concerning on-going difficulties affecting services provided. Cllr R Hirons read as follows:
*The latest update is that the practice has completed its final vaccination clinic at Prees last week, and GP Practices in the main have been stood down from this programme now.
Business as usual across both sites, but are experiencing high levels of absences due to Covid isolations, either due to household or staff themselves, this is across both clinical and admin teams, which is affecting resources, often at short notice. So still not an easy situation.
The Practice Manager is hopeful that matters will improve and 2022 will be a better year.*
Cllr Hirons said that there was another matter, to feature on the Agenda of the next meeting when hopefully full information would be available, concerning the delivery of prescriptions to vulnerable people.
- Cllr Hirons reported that the demand from local councils to be allowed to meet remotely continues. Petition raised by change.org passes 10,000 signatures. Cllrs please to support if have not already done so.
- Funding for local community projects available from Community Resource. Cllr Mrs B Rainford to lead. This item was carried forward as Cllr Mrs Rainford had sent her Apologies.

- Bus-shelter bench in Higher Heath. Clerk has had difficulty finding anyone willing to take on the installation. Has one quote of £195.00 ex VAT and seeks authorisation to go ahead. It was resolved to authorise this spend. Proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.
- Community Engagement: initial report had been received from Ms N Young and circulated and Ms Young was at the meeting. It was resolved that the next step would be an informal meeting where interested cllrs could meet with Ms Young to take the discussion further and decide next steps. Clerk to organise a meeting. Proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.
- Website: reports of difficulties accessing Parish Council website. Clerk reported frustration with the difficulties she experiences with the new website. She has discussed this with Cllrs M Lanham and J Allen and agreed a way forward. Clerk confirmed that there is now a working link from the old Hugo Fox website to the new one. Cllr Lanham would like the website to be more 'phone-friendly' and also would like the PC Facebook page to act as a convenient and effective conduit to the website. Clerk to pursue.
- Pallets outside front of the Convenience Store: Cllr Mrs B Finch reported that this practice has not changed and she feels it is hazardous to passers-by. Clerk advised that she has written (twice) to the shop's proprietor and also asked for SC's support, but to no avail. Clerk to research legal position.
- A41: anything to report? Cllr Hirons asked for this matter to be taken off future agendas.
- Housekeeping. Local disquiet reported concerning bad potholes and proliferation of dog excrement. Both matters to be on March Agenda.
- Facebook: nothing current to be reported.

022/22 SALC. Nothing to report.

023/22 Accounting Matters

- Payment of accounts February 2022. It was resolved that the following accounts should be paid. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr R List. All were in favour.

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary February 2022	474.85
Mrs K Sieloff reimbursement of salary underpay	
April 2020-Jan 2022	231.62
HMRC (PAYE)	64.33
Clerks expenditure (12.1.22-8.2.22)	20.99
G & L Shipton	45.00
Scottish Power (streetlight energy 31.12.21-31.1.22)	128.27
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (works January 2022)	24.00
Highline Electrical Ltd (January 2022)	192.84
Brissco (Equipment) Ltd	597.96
Glasdon Uk Ltd	431.34

Total 2211.20

Clerk's expenditure 15.12.21-11.1.22

BT line rental contribution February 2022: £ 12.50

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

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

Total = £20.99

- Monthly Bank Reconciliations for Third Quarter: Cllr Mrs D Foster met with the clerk to check and approve these documents. All correct.

024/22 Correspondence.

- Communication received from resident asking why vehicle speed monitor was not installed in 60mph zone of Whitchurch Road, rather than in the zone that already has protection of 30mph limit. Clerk had explained that the monitors positioning had to be approved by Shropshire Council. She also assured the resident that the PC is continuing to pursue its request that the 30 mph speed limit should be extended out to the A49.

025/22 Items for next Agenda.

- Public car-charging point for the Parish?
- Delivery of prescriptions from Prees Medical Centre under threat?
- Problem of dog waste.

Meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

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