

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

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

026/22 Public session. A member of the Public raised again the issue of the bad potholes in Church Street, between the Village Hall car-park and the crossroads. Clerk to chase repair again.

027/22 Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs Short; Mrs D Foster; D Ladd; R List; J Whelan and M Lanham.

028/22 For members to disclose pecuniary or impecuniary interests. None were declared.

029/22 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 15th 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 J Allen. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed.

030/22 Actions arising from the Minutes that are not on the Agenda.

- David Gradwell said he would raise the issue about parking on yellow lines at crossroads with Parking Enforcement Team and would ask that the repainting of the junction road markings be included on their list of lining maintenance works. Victoria Doran confirmed that repainting the road markings is on the list for completion and that she will try to give it some priority. She also said that the area is included in the capital resurfacing scheme for later this year, which should address all the maintenance issues.
- Delay in transference of business to Unity Trust Bank. Unity Trust Bank is still wading through a backlog of new business, but is now taking new applications. I suggest that we wait now to apply until after our precept is safely in our account (April.)
- Litter-picking volunteers spokeswoman Judy Gosling says that they are not currently in need of supplies, as they are currently able to get these free of charge from SC, but asked for the group's gratitude to be conveyed to the PC.
- Bus shelter bench is on the list of local contractor to be installed, but currently awaiting a date.
- John Hopwood and Peter Slater have promised a quote on retiling the Youth Shelter roof.

031/22 Shropshire Council Report. Cllr P Wynn reported that signs warning 'Not Suitable for HGV vehicles' are expected in Mickley Lane and that speed monitors at Sandford will be fixed.

032/22 Community Policing.

PCSO Graeme Baines attended to present the following report for the month of February 2022.

- 1 x report of suspicious vehicle in layby. Officers conducted enquiries which confirmed the suspicious vehicle was a recovery van assisting a vehicle.
- 2 x poaching incidents on Prees Heath. Officers attended immediately, area searched but no trace.
- 1 x RTC: 2 vehicle collision around a bend, obstructing the road. No injuries with all vehicles recovered.
- 1 x report of vehicles doing burn outs on road. No registration plates given therefore area searched but no trace.
- 1 x report of a careless driver overtaking people dangerously. Vehicle details passed to all officers. Officers also attended area to do a search for vehicle.
- Mobile police station will visit Prees Fire Station 2.4.22 from 10.00 to 11.30 am.

033/22 Planning:

Current planning applications for consultation

22/00437/FUL: Erection of rear extension and conversion of garage. Ashbrook, Twemlows Walk, Higher Heath, Prees, Shropshire, SY13 2JE. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lewis

This application was not discussed as it was discovered to have already been determined.

22/00491/FUL: Change of use of former filling station to timber storage yard (B8 - Storage and Distribution.) Land To The South-east Of Gerayne, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr C. Bevan-Jones (Border Hardwood Limited, The Timber Yard, G Aisle, Wem Industrial Estate, Wem, SY4 5SD)
The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

22/00589/VAR : Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) and Condition 3 (external materials) attached to planning permission 20/02101/FUL dated 10th August 2020 for the erection of a rear extension. Quizas , Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2HG. Applicant: Karen Clarke (Quizas , Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Shropshire, Whitchurch, SY13 2HG)

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr J Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.

22/00662/FUL: Erection of single storey side extension. Greenacres, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2DD. Applicants: George And Pam Harrison (Nook Farm, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, SY13 3JZ)

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

22/00799/FUL: Erection of two storey extension to side and rear elevations (following some demolition) to include first floor balcony; elevational alterations and the addition of a porch to front. Hatton House, Darliston, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2AP

Applicant: Mr G Adkins (2 Northwood Cottages, Fauls, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2BA)

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council

21/04647/FUL :Erection of one 2 bedroom dwelling. Land Adj Prees Fire Station, Brades Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2DU. Decision: Refuse

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. Decision: Withdrawn.

22/00143/FUL: Construction of 20m x 60m equestrian riding arena to include change of use of land.

Hawkestone View, Green Lane, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2AH

Decision: Grant Permission

22/00260/FUL: Erection of extension, rendering of existing dwelling, associated works and installation of replacement foul water drainage system. Address: Carmen, Nook Lane, Weston Under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LP. Decision: Grant Permission.

Other planning matters

- Discussion of the disquiet felt by Parish Council about slow and sometimes unfathomable decisions made by SC Enforcement team, and the message this sends out. Cllr Hirons expressed the view that more frequent updates on the progress of enforcement activity would be very welcome. Cllr Wynn agreed to pass this on to SC officers.

034/22 Parish and Parish Council Matters

- Occupation of Ukraine by Russian forces. Cllr Hirons suggested that the Parish Council could act as a conduit of information about local efforts to support Ukrainian people. Mention was made of collections of warm clothing, bedding and food being made by the Rec Club and the Baptist Church.
- Further consideration of a draft policy and application form for grants and donations from the Parish Council. The simplified policy and application form drafted by the clerk at the councillors' request and circulated to all previous to the meeting, was further considered and with a few amendments was

approved and adopted by the Parish Council with immediate effect. This was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Rainford. All were in favour.

- Community Led Building Development Whitchurch Road. Cllr R Hirons provided an update from the meeting of the Project Board held 22 February 2022. He confirmed that the first homes should be ready for occupation in November 2022. A publicity event is planned for April 2022.
- Proposed purchase of two further vehicle speed monitors (solar-powered ones this time.) On the clerk reporting that the solar power facility is expected to last ten years, the Parish Council resolved to purchase two solar powered units at a cost of £2995.00 each. (ex VAT and delivery.) Clerk asked to pursue. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Finch. All were in favour.
- Cllr Hirons read out a report dated 8th March 2022 provided by Cllr Mrs S Short concerning the future of delivery of prescriptions from the Prees Medical Centre. The report confirmed that a member of the Business Management Team had rung Cllr Mrs Short to advise that a decision had been made to continue the service providing delivery of prescriptions to the housebound only, who were in essential need of the service. The service was available from the Prees Dispensary for Prees patients only. Application to benefit from the service could be made through the Practice.
- Arrangements for Platinum Jubilee June 2022. Cllr Hirons led the item. It was confirmed that the Beacon will be lighted at the Prees Cricket and Recreation Club at 9.45 pm on Thursday 2 June as part of a nationwide ceremony. Prees and Lower Heath Primary Schools have each been invited to provide 2 children to assist a Parish cllr with this task.
The clerk reported that the Woodland Trust had been offering trees for commemorative planting. This offer had temporarily closed but would re-open. (Bare-root trees can only be planted October to March.) It was agreed that there was no obvious choice for a site for such a tree. Matter to be carried forward.
- Funding for local community projects available from Community Resource. Cllr Mrs B Rainford led, suggesting the idea of applying for a grant to fund the planting of local verges with wildflowers, the verges then to be left uncut except for twice a year. Cllr Mrs Rainford to report back with more information.
- Community Engagement: feedback from informal meeting held with Ms Nicky Young on 10 March 2022. Ms Young had suggested that a stall be booked, to publicise the work and role of the Parish Council, at the Platinum Jubilee Weekend at the Cricket and Recreation Club 4-5th June 2022. Cllr Hirons suggested that a rota could be drawn up for councillors' attendance, and asked for everybody's support.
- Website improvements and problems: update by clerk. Clerk reported that she had been having some success in her efforts to engage more productively with the website.
- Pallets still being insecurely stacked outside front of the Convenience Store. Cllr Mrs B Finch led. Clerk was asked to again ask for Shropshire Council's support with this matter.
- Dog excrement causing offence and hazard locally. Clerk to put article in Venture encouraging the reporting of 'black-spots' to the PC for possible action.
- Possibility of the provision of a central car-charging point in the parish. Cllr J Allen to pass initial information to the clerk for her to follow up.
- Housekeeping: nothing new to report.
- Facebook: nothing outstanding.

035/22 SALC. Cllrs Mrs B Rainford and R Hirons attended Shropshire Good Food Charter and Food Poverty Alliance Event on 21 February 2022 and reported on the work being undertaken to address the alarming rise in food poverty. They asked for the information about the Food Charter to be put on the PC website.

036/22 Accounting Matters

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

Accounts for Payment March 2022

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary March 2022	474.85
HMRC (PAYE)	6.43
Clerks expenditure (9.2.22-8.3.22)	46.72
Scottish Power (streetlight energy)	115.79
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (works February 2022)	24.00
Highline Electrical Ltd (February repairs)	408.00
Prees Village Hall Trust	60.00
TEEC Ltd	<u>151.19</u>
Total	1286.98

Clerk's expenditure 9.2.22-8.3.22

BT line rental contribution March 2022: £ 12.50

Trip to noticeboards for February Agenda etc: mileage allowance of 8 miles @ 45 ppm: £3.60

Stamps: 7 x 2nd class stamps @ 66p=£4.62

Paper-shredder: £26.00

Total = £46.72

037/22 Correspondence. None outstanding.

038/22 Items for next Agenda.

- Public car-charging point for the Parish?
- PC dinner
- Heathgates closure of road
- Problem of dog excrement in public spaces.

039/22 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS: It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information. The matter to be discussed was the clerk's Annual Appraisal. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour. The clerk's Appraisal for the period February 2021-January 2022 had been read and agreed by the two appraising councillors and the Chairman and the clerk. It was now signed by Cllrs R Hirons and J Allen and the clerk. Cllr M Lanham to sign when he is available.

Meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.

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