

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022  
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Present were Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs S Jones; Mrs B Finch; Mrs L Baer; Mrs B Rainford; J Allen; J Whelan and M Lanham, together with Mrs K Sieloff, clerk to the Parish Council and one members of the public.

**040/22 Public session.** There were no contributions from members of the public.

**041/22 Apologies** received from Cllrs Mrs Short; Mrs D Foster; D Ladd; R List and P Wynn.

**042/22 For members to disclose** pecuniary or impecuniary interests. None were declared.

**043/22 The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs B Rainford that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour and the Chairman duly signed.

**044/22 Actions arising from the Minutes** that are not on the Agenda.

- Shropshire Council has advised that the Parish Council's concerns about pallets stored outside the Convenience Shop are being investigated.

**045/22 Shropshire Council Report.** Cllr P Wynn had sent his Apology and provided a report making the following points:

- Residents who have requested a third wheelie bin for recyclables will start receiving them in May. The whole county should be done within a couple of months. It is not too late to order one of these bins, but new orders will not be delivered until the 70,000 plus already ordered have been delivered.
- Whitchurch swimming pool, which has been closed for two years, is to be replaced with a new one, despite rising costs, while plans for one in Shrewsbury have been put on hold.

**046/22 Community Policing.**

No one was available to attend the meeting, but PCSO Hannah Lister sent the following report for the month of March

Incidents to be aware of this month:

1 X RTC Prees Heath Car vs Pole- Non injury

1 Burglary of generator at Prees Heath at empty premise. Nothing seen, No CCTV and unknown when this was taken as we have a timeframe of a week. Enquires ongoing.

1 Report of Hand Glider Crash- thankfully glider was just making an unscheduled landing and all was ok.

1 X Call regarding two teens lurking in someone's garden. Upon Police arrival they had left. Area search conducted but unable to locate. No burglaries in area that week.

1 X Criminal Damage to Methodist Church where two small windows smashed. No CCTV but SNT are adding the Church yard into night time patrols to deter any more damage.

1 X RTC- Sanford Bends. Slight injury and RTC is being investigated.

2 X Land Rover Defender Thefts Prees. Both have no CCTV and nothing seen. Enquires are ongoing and Shropshire is currently having a spate of these thefts. Rural Crime officer is contacting Defender owners and assisting with crime prevention tactics.

3 X Reports of the same two males walking in Higher Heath with an Air Rifle in the open and hunting in peoples fields. SNT are attempting to locate the males but can we urge everyone if spotted to dial 999 and contact us.

**047/22 Planning Matters.**

Planning Applications passed to the Parish Council for consultation:

**22/00505/FUL:** Erection of first floor extension. Llwewellyn House, 6 Hillside, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Applicant: Gaynor Jenkins.

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

**22/01070/FUL:** Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of existing outbuildings to provide annex ancillary to main dwelling and workshop. The Granary, Heathgates, Lower Heath, Prees, Shropshire.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs James and Nicola Greenhalgh.

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

**22/01318/OHL:** Upgrade to an existing overhead line from two to three wires/from single to three phase. Land near Pear Tree Farm, Broadhay Lane, Lower Heath, Prees, Whitchurch.

Applicant: SP Energy Networks.

This Application was not discussed as it had already been determined.

**22/00413/FUL:** Erection of two storey rear extension. Laurel Bank, Painters Lane, Fauls, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Applicant: Mr Jon Scarratt.

The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application on the grounds that the proposed huge extension was inappropriate as the property had already been massively over-extended and the site over-developed. Proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

**22/00886/TCA:** To reduce in height by 15% 1 no. Cherry tree within the Prees Conservation Area. The Vicarage, Church Street, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2EE. Applicant: Revd D Walton.

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. Proposed by Cllr M Lanham and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

### **Planning decisions received from Shropshire Council**

**22/00488/TPO:** Leeward Lodge, Sylvan Close, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2TB. 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. Decision: Grant Permission.

**22/00437/FUL:** Ashbrook, Twemlows Walk, Higher Heath, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2JE. Proposal: Erection of rear extension and conversion of garage. Decision: Grant Permission.

**21/02288/FUL:** Brades Farm, Brades Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2DX. Proposal: Reorganisation and extension to Farmhouse, including construction of replacement domestic outbuildings and modification of extant consent for conversion of traditional barn to three dwellings. Decision: Grant Permission.

**21/02289/LBC:** Brades Farm, Brades Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2DX. Proposal: Reorganisaion and extension to Brades Farmhouse, including construction of replacement domestic outbuildings and modification of extant consent for conversion of traditional barns to three dwellings affecting a Grade II listed building. Decision: Grant Permission.

**22/00286/FUL:** The Mount, Shrewsbury Street, Prees SY13 2EY. Proposal: Erection of agricultural building. Decision: Grant Permission.

**22/00662/FUL:** Greenacres, Whitchurch Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2DD. Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension. Decision: Grant Permission.

**22/00589/VAR:** Quizas, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HG. Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 3 (external materials) attached to planning permission 20/02101/FUL dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 for the erection of a rear extension. Decision: Grant Permission.

**22/00799/FUL:** Hatton House, Darliston, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2AP. Proposal: 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. Decision: Refuse.

**21/04748/OUT:** Land Rear NWS Motor Services, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2HX  
Proposal: Outline application for the formation of new workshops in association with NWS Motor Services and secure storage facility (all matters reserved). Decision: Withdrawn

### **048/22 Parish and Parish Council Matters.**

- Repair of railings around War Memorial. Clerk reported that this repair had been organized by Mr Len Gibbon and generously completed by volunteers from Harry West (Prees) Ltd. Clerk to draft letters of thanks to Mr Len Gibbon, Mr J Llewellyn, Mr Peter Kukla and Dr Rayne Longhurst. Chair to sign.
- Community-led building development: the next meeting of the Project Board will be on 26 April 2022.
- Restoring local wild flower verges. Cllr Mrs B Rainford advised that a grant for an initial feasibility survey is available. There was some discussion about where the wildflower verge would be, as the only land that the PC owns is comprised of the playgrounds/playing-field. It was evident that there was an

appetite to pursue the matter: the clerk was asked to contact Caroline Sewery in Fauls; Cllr Whelan said he would discuss the idea with the Rec Club and Cllr Mrs B Finch said that she believed the Gardening Club was interested. Matter to be carried forward to the next Agenda.

- Purchase of two solar-powered vehicle speed monitors. The clerk was able to confirm that after discussion Morelock Signs had agreed that the monitors could be paid for after delivery.
- Clerk requested permission to send PC documents out to pairs of cllrs for review, with reports to be made at the Annual Parish Council in May. Granted unanimously.
- Concerns reported by resident of Gorse Meadow concerning cars parked at the entrance to the road causing difficulty and hazard for vehicles entering and leaving the road. This is largely caused by double yellow lines painted along the length of Berwick Close opposite. The Parish Council assumes that the double yellow lines are not official or authorized. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council to ascertain the facts of the matter.
- Arrangements for Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2-5 June 2022. Cllr J Whelan advised that Lower Heath School is intending to send two children to assist with the lighting of the Beacon on the Thursday evening, and it is hoped that there will be two representatives from Prees School, too. Clerk to follow this up. The Rec Club is preparing to provide free non-alcoholic refreshments to those attending the beacon-lighting and Cllr Whelan suggested that the Parish Council could make a contribution to the expense of this. This matter to be on the May Agenda.

Cllr Whelan explained that on Friday 3 June attention will be turned to events in London, with Trooping of the Colour and a service in St Pauls Cathedral. On Saturday in Prees there will be all-day events with games, competitions, stalls and live music. Festivities continue on Sunday with stalls and music, and there will be a Christian Service, but held not at the Church but at the Rec Club.

- Community Engagement. The Parish Council asked the clerk to confirm with the organisers that it wanted a stall at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the Rec Club, on the Sunday only. The idea of cllrs attending in 2 hour stints, preferably in pairs, was agreed. Clerk to draw up document and circulate for cllrs to choose time slot. Ideas for content of stall welcomed, the idea being to use this event to publicise the Parish Council and what it can, and could, do, and so encourage increased community engagement.

Clerk noted that stall-holders are required to supply their own table and the cost of stall is £10.00 for the day, 10am to 4pm.

- Dog excrement causing offence locally. Clerk clarified contexts in which dog owners have an obligation to pick up after their dogs. Cllr M Lanham suggested that rather than just putting up more signs, a more productive and engaging way forward be found if possible. Clerk to find out what other parish councils do.
- Possibility of provision of a central EV charging point. Clerk confirmed that there is funding available of up to 60% of capital costs for local authorities. It was agreed that an obvious site would be the Village Hall car park. Clerk to make initial approach to funding body to gain more information including finding out who enforces considerate use of the facility and where does the revenue go.
- Housekeeping. Cllr M Lanham confirmed that the Prees sign, originally displayed in Lacon Street, had been passed to Mr Len Gibbon to be re-installed, at Mr Gibbon's request.
- Facebook. Nothing current to report.
- Parish Council 'Christmas' Dinner. It was agreed unanimously that the Bull and Dog in Coton would be a suitable Summer evening venue. Cllrs to let the clerk know which Tuesday in June would suit them best (21<sup>st</sup> is the PC meeting.)
- Anticipated permanent closure of road from Heathgates crossroads towards A41. Cllr J Allen led the discussion. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk should write to SC and ask for an update.

**049/22 SALC.** Cllr Mrs B Rainford reported from the Area Committee Meeting held on April 11 2022.

- Food Poverty in Shropshire was discussed, including concerns about the difficulties of identifying local people in need in this way. Local councils are to be provided with helpful leaflets to distribute: they should be available for our stall at the Platinum Jubilee event.
- SALC are working on helpful guidelines for councillors concerning sensitive matters such as bullying; safe-guarding and handling difficult situations.

**050/22 Accounting Matters**

Payment of April accounts. It was resolved that the following accounts should be paid. Proposed by Cllr J Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

Accounts for Payment April 2022

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary April 2022	481.62
Back-dated pay award 1.4.21-31.3.22	81.22
HMRC (PAYE)	28.42
Clerks expenditure (9.3.22-11.4.22)	19.40
Scottish Power (streetlight energy: 28.2.22-31.3.22)	490.99
Groundforce Landscape Ltd (works March 2022)	313.20
Highline Electrical Ltd (March repairs)	<u>152.40</u>
Total	1567.25

**Late-arriving invoice**

ALC (SALC/NALC) Affiliation Fees 1.4.22-31.3.23	<u>1240.01</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2807.26</b>

Clerk's expenditure 9.3.22-11.4.22

*BT line rental contribution April 2022: £ 12.50*

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

*Stamps: 5 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps @ 66p=£3.30*

*Total = £19.40*

**051/22 Correspondence.**

A letter had been received from Prees Parochial Church Council explaining that unfortunately all the efforts to find additional space within the churchyard at St Chad's have proved unworkable, and there is now only one new grave space left.

The matter will be on the May Agenda, but in the meantime the clerk was asked to write to the PCC asking it to clarify its plans for the way forward and what actions it had taken so far in the quest for new burial land.

**052/22 Items for next Agenda.**

- Hugely increased electricity costs for streetlamps. How is our budget doing?
- Burial space crisis at St Chad's.
- Possible donation towards catering costs for Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
- Speed limit outside Medical Centre, Whitchurch Road.

Meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

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