

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday March 7th 2023
at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Hirons; Mrs B Finch; Mrs J Catterall; Mrs L Baer; J Whelan and M Lanham.

027/23 No members of the Public were present.

028/23 Apologies received from Cllr Mrs S Short; Mrs B Rainford and Mrs S Jones.

029/23 Planning Applications for consultation.

23/00381/FUL: Erection of garage with store over including change of use of land and a new log store (amendment to 21/01016/FUL.)

Cornerwood, formerly Nosregor The Bungalow, Sandford, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2HZ.

Applicant: Mr Tom Matthews.

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

23/00596/PMBPA: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agriculture to form 4no dwellings.

Barns at The Lighteach, Lighteach Road, Prees, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Applicant: Mr David Hill.

The Parish Council knows that access to this proposed development is of concern to local people. Lighteach Road is narrow, some of it very narrow, and there are blind bends and this road is used by heavy farm traffic. Driving along it is already hazardous. With all the extra traffic the development would generate, the impact is bound to be felt. How would this lane cope?

Additionally, families occupying any new houses here will undoubtedly want access to the village centre. It is an easy walking distance, but it is a hazardous journey for pedestrians, with the only route going along Lighteach Road. There is no pavement. It is already unsafe for pedestrian use: with more traffic it will be even less safe.

Prees Parish Council likes to see the renovation of old agricultural buildings, and it likes the design of the proposed development, but it is very concerned about the hazards faced by residents who would occupy it, and for this reason it feels it must object to the Application.

Proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Baer. All were in favour.

23/00434/FUL : Erection of single-storey dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing garage.

Brereton, Heathwood Road, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Applicant: Mr S Ratcliffe.

The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application on the grounds that it is clearly an example of proposed back-land development. The PC has always been robustly opposed to back-land development and understood it to be a policy which Shropshire Council itself rigorously adheres to.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs L Baer and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Catterall. All were in favour.

Cllr Hirons declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

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