

Minutes of the Meeting of Prees Parish Council held on Tuesday March 21 2023  
at 7.00 pm in Prees Village Hall

Present were Cllrs R Hiron; J Whelan; Mrs B Finch; Mrs L Baer; Mrs J Catterall; J Allen; M Lanham and P Wynn. Mrs K Sieloff clerk to the Parish Council was also present along with one member of the public.

**027/23** Public Session. There were no contributions from the public.

**028/23** Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs B Rainford; Mrs S Short; Mrs S Jones; R List and D Ladd;

**029/23** Declaration of Interests. There were none.

**030/23** The Minutes of the meeting held on February 21 2023, previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record and Cllr Mrs B Finch proposed that they should be signed. This was seconded by Cllr J Allen and all were in favour.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on March 7 2023 had also been previously circulated and were agreed to be a true record. Cllr J Whelan proposed that they should be signed and this was seconded by Cllr M Lanham. All were in favour.

**031/23** Matters Arising from the Minutes (which are not included on the Agenda.)

Cllr J Whelan reported that the management of Prees Cricket and Recreation Club had decided that they would not be renewing the lease of the land on which the Youth Shelter stands when it expires in a few years time.

**032/23** Shropshire Council report. Cllr Wynn's report made the following points:

- No action by SC can be taken against someone proposing to trade from a site without permission to do so until the trading activity actually begins.
- No action will be taken by SC against the erection of the security fencing on the A41 unless it is found to be encroaching on the footway.

**033/23** Community Policing Report. The clerk apologised for omitting to bring the report received from local police to the meeting and agreed to email it to all.

(At 7.20 pm an additional member of the public joined the meeting.)

**034/23** Mr John Eastwood, who has joined WSP (consultants to SC Highways) to work on highway schemes funded by either Section 106 or Community Infrastructure Levies (CIL) explained three options for highway improvement in the vicinity of the new Skylark Fields development off Heathwood Road. £74,000 is available through Section 106 funding which is to provide local infrastructure benefit after development. PC to email Mr Eastwood with its response as soon as possible.

### **035/23 Planning Matters**

#### **Current planning applications for consultation:**

23/00910/FUL: Erection of a building for private horse-riding practice and associated works.

Land South Of, Nook Lane, Weston Under Redcastle, Shropshire, Applicant: Mr P. Sutton

The meeting was temporarily closed to allow a member of the public who had missed the Public Session to voice his objections to this Application. His concerns centred around the propensity of the proposed site to flooding and the poor access. He was also concerned about a possible increase in traffic, but was reminded that the Application stated that the proposed building was to be for private use only.

The meeting was re-opened and the Parish Council discussed the Application. It resolved to object to the Application as it was felt that the over-bearing size and scale of the building for a non-agricultural purpose was inappropriate in open countryside, and that the visual impact of it would cause a loss of amenity to nearby homes. This was proposed by Cllr R Hiron and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Catterall. All were in favour.

23/00862/FUL: Erection of a single storey extension. Church Farm Bungalow, Fauls, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2AU. Applicant: Mrs June Irvine-List.

The Parish Council resolved to support this Application. This was proposed by Cllr J Whelan and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

23/00833/FUL: Conversion of existing outbuilding to form a single dwelling, conversion of former pigsty building to form an ancillary domestic storage building and associated demolition and landscaping works. Outbuilding North of The Lighteach, Lighteach Road, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2DR.

Applicant: Warm Beautiful Homes (Mr David Hill.)

The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application on the grounds that Lighteach Road is not suitable for increased vehicular use or pedestrian use, and this development would result in both. The road is narrow and bendy, used by heavy farm traffic and already hazardous. The scale of the development is not suited to the quality of the access. The objection was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

23/00789/VAR: Variation of Condition No 1 (approved plans) and Condition No 2 (approved materials) attached to planning permission 21/05340/REM dated 17/12/2021.

Silver Birch, Mill Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury SY13 2HR. Applicants: Messrs James and Grocott (Belford Homes Ltd and Grocott Developments (Higher Heath) Ltd.

The Parish Council noted the Application but had no comment to make.

23/00791/VAR: Variation of Condition No 4 (approved plans) Condition No 5 (access location) Condition No 6 (engineering drawings) Condition No 8 (tree protection) Condition No 9 (landscaping) and Condition No 13 (ecological enhancements) attached to planning permission 21/04559/VAR dated 10/11/2021.

Silver Birch, Mill Lane, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury SY13 2HR. Applicants: Messrs James and Grocott (Belford Homes Ltd and Grocott Developments (Higher Heath) Ltd.

The Parish Council noted the Application but had no comment to make.

23/00749/FUL: 23/00749/FUL: Erection of a garden building to provide a gymnasium and games room.

Miami Cottage, Weston Under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5LR. Applicant: Mr W Tudor.

The Parish Council noted that the construction of this building is already underway. It resolved to object to the Application on the grounds that the proposed building is too big making it out of proportion within the site, and it is of inappropriate construction for the declared purpose. The Parish Council also noted that the plot already houses a building of dimensions exceeding its original permission. The objection was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All were in favour.

23/00741/TPO: Dismantle to ground level 2no. Scots Pines (T1 and T2) protected by The North Shropshire District Council (Prees Higher Heath No 6) TPO 1975 LOCATION: Leyan , 6 Sylvan Close, Higher Heath, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

The Parish Council resolved to object to this Application on the grounds that the trees are not apparently diseased and there is no claim that they are causing any damage. In addition, the Application is incomplete in that there is no stated plan to replace the trees and no reason given to explain why replacement is not planned. The objection was proposed by Cllr R Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Whelan. All were in favour.

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

23/00259/FUL: Knights Grange, Prees Green, Shropshire SY13 2BN. Proposed addition of external flue for wood-burning stove and addition of PV solar panels on existing roof. Decision: Grant Permission.

23/05617/FUL: Holly Bank, Lower Heath, Prees, Shropshire SY13 2BX. Erection of a single storey extension. Decision: Grant Permission.

### **036/23 Parish and Parish Council Matters**

- The clerk reported that it has been established that the two trees on Brades Road verge outside the playground are indeed the Parish Council's. Shropshire Council says they are dead and need replacing. Clerk to check if replacement is indeed necessary and to get quotes for their removal.
- The Square, Prees. No update available from Helen Morgan MP's office. Clerk to enquire again.
- Local Vehicle/Traffic concerns. Cllr R Hirons to lead.
  1. Hazards caused by parked vehicles in village centre. Response from SC received is that road markings will be re-instated when Mill Street is resurfaced shortly and Traffic Engineering is following up the possibility of the provision of No Parking signage to reinforce the double yellow lines.

2. Hazardous parking outside Prees School. Disappointing and unhelpful response received from SC. Cllr Wynn is in contact with the relevant Portfolio holders (including that for Schools) to endeavour to get some support.
  3. Heathgates Crossroads. No update available. Clerk to chase.
  4. Way forward? Do we need a public meeting? It was agreed there was no current appetite for this.
- Bike stands required Tin Fauls and Higher Heath wards? Clerk to order 6 galvanised bike stands: 2 for Fauls Church Hall; 2 for central Prees (outside Jackie's Shop) and 2 for Higher Heath Village Hall. Proposed by Cllr Hirons and seconded by Cllr J Allen. All in favour.
  - Damaged vehicle speed monitor in Shrewsbury Road. Clerk reported that the insurance payment for the claim to replace the damaged speed monitor has been received. Unanimously agreed that it was sensible to replace with a solar-powered version. Clerk to order.  
Clerk suggested that the new solar monitor could be sited on the A49 outside Holly Farm and the battery-powered one currently at that site could be erected outside the Industrial Estate where the clerk would be happy to continue responsibility for re-charging the battery.
  - Local Police Community Charter. Three priorities to be identified by 28.3.23.  
Priorities identified as parking outside local primary schools; parking impeding passage of emergency vehicles in centre of Prees and anti-social behaviour in public. Clerk to respond to consultation.
  - Lengthsman. Carried forward to next meeting as Cllr Mrs B Rainford unable to attend.
  - Designated disabled parking on Church Street to stay? Cllr Mrs J Catterall reported that the resident for whom the space was designated wishes the designation to stay to be used by other disabled drivers, although it is no longer used by his household. Clerk to check with SC what the protocol is.
  - Do local dog-owners need educating about the hazards of dog excrement? Carried forward as Cllr Mrs S Jones unable to attend.
  - Station Road hazardous for pedestrians. Clerk had met with the owner of the trees which need pruning in order to avoid obstructing the street-lamp and they agreed on acceptable works. Clerk to obtain cost of this work.
  - Community-led housing project. Cllr Hirons reported that work has started again on site. Anticipated completion in 2024.
  - Review of proposed replacement printer cost. Clerk to obtain missing information for next meeting.
  - Housekeeping: nothing to report.
  - Facebook: nothing to report.

**037/23 SALC.** Nothing to report.

**038/23 Accounting Matters**

- Cllr Mrs L Baer proposed that the following Accounts should be paid for March 2023. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Catterall. All were in favour.

	£
Mrs K Sieloff clerks salary March 2023	481.62
HMRC (PAYE)	8.12
Clerk's expenditure (15.2.23- 15.3.23)	35.91
Scottish Power (streetlight energy 1.2.23 – 1.3.23)	200.93
Groundforce Landscape Ltd ( works Feb 2023))	158.64
Prees Village Hall (donation	500.00
Highline Electrical Ltd (February repairs)	<u>529.20</u>
TOTAL	1914.42

Clerk's expenditure 15.2.23-15.3.23

*BT line rental contribution March 2023: £ 12.50*

*Petrol: 2x trips to noticeboards (Feb Meeting +Extraordinary Meeting) 16 miles @ 45p per mile=£7.20*  
*Stamps:6 x 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps @ 66p= £3.96*  
*Black printer cartridge: £12.25*  
*Total= £35.91*

- Clerk requested authorisation to apply to open an additional account for the Parish Council with a different bank as current deposits with Barclays exceed the amount guaranteed protection. All were in favour. Clerk to action.

**039/23** Correspondence.

Clerk received query concerning Agenda/Mins requesting that they always be published on the Facebook page. Unanimous decision was that the proper place for these documents is the Parish Council website and the Ward notice-boards not the Facebook page.

**040/23** Items for next Agenda.

Temporary fencing behind bus shelter Whitchurch Road - Heathgates Crossroads update – Lengthsman – Dog Waste – A49 crossing – Response re Heathwood Road improvements – Visit to Planning HQ? – The Square – Caravans at Prees Green – Parking at Prees School – Burial Ground – Station Road – Printer.

Meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

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