

## PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

### CLERK'S REPORT

APRIL 2018

1. Planning Liaison Meetings: I'm pleased to let you know that these are being reintroduced on an annual basis initially. The meetings help to keep Town and Community Councillors informed of planning developments and to meet planning staff.
2. Fold Farm Footpath: The new landowner is refusing to re-instate the stile. Both myself and Cllr. Baynham are trying to press the County Council to get on with the DMMO.
3. Public Transport Review, Knighton Town Council: The Presteigne resident is willing to assist and his contact details have been passed to Knighton TC.
4. Forthcoming Road Closure - B4355 – Titley (Balls Corner to U91417) for resurfacing works. Monday, 30 April 2018 and Tuesday, 1 May 2018. Road closed 09.00 hours to 17.00 hours daily.
5. Street Lighting: The light by the former Council Depot should now be back on and the fault should have been corrected to the Norton light NT60.
6. Length of Path by Mill joining PR1807: Following the discussion at the last Meeting I have checked the files and the adding of the missing length was left with PCC for adding as it is their land. I have reminded the footpath officer.
7. School Transport, Idling Buses: A reply has now been received from the Transport Unit at PCC and is as follows – *Unlike cars and vans which are ready to run at the turn of a key, buses and HGV lorries systems for brakes, steering, and doors are operated by air. This air has to be built up in tanks by means of a compressor that only works if the engine is running. The length of time needed to reach a safe operating pressure is dependent on conditions including weather and temperature, and can take up to 15 minutes. I have contacted the operator to be mindful of your concerns and not to idle for the sake of it but only what is required to ensure safe systems.*
8. Dog Fouling and DNA Testing: The suggestion has been passed to Welsh Government (Kirsty Williams and Lesley Griffiths and to Cllr. Phyl Davies at PCC the Portfolio Holder now responsible.
9. War Memorial Information Board: The date for training in the Secondary School has now been confirmed for 18<sup>th</sup> April. Once pupils have completed this the Information Board can be purchased from the Powys War Memorial grant fund. The Project Officer will do this direct. Picture below as a reminder. Work on the Presteigne and Norton Memorials will then be complete. School Students will research information to be included. The design is from an excellent firm which also provides memorial benches. Website link is <https://www.davidogilvie.com/>. The firm attends many of the local government conferences and has really good quality items. Llandrindod have some of the WW1 benches.

