

PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT

APRIL 2017

1. Skateboard Pyramid: Still not done.
2. Allotment Garden No. 36: The tenant has now replied and has agreed that the area can be incorporated into the communal parts of the site.
3. Allotments Generally: I still have one plot vacant. Please can you spread the word and encourage anyone interested to apply. The form is on the town council page of the website or there are copies in the library. If there are no takers by the end of this month I will ask Nick to cover over the plot.
4. Wilson Terrace Toilets: The re-painting is now complete. A number of general repairs were done at the same time. The new tap has been ordered for the one ladies basin and will be fitted soon.
5. Meeting with Radnorshire Wildlife Trust (Grant Opportunities): Several funds were discussed - Parks for People (heritage lottery) but £100,000 upwards, Awards for All (we are currently at the limit), Big Lottery Reaching Communities (£10,000 to £500,000) and Tesco Bags of Help.
Main areas we have been looking for funding in are - a management plan, information points, interpretation boards, restoration of leat and pond.
Conclusion: RWT with the help of a volunteer consultant to consider applying, probably to Awards for All, for funding for a scoping exercise to produce a list of possibilities for including on larger applications. I would like to ask for delegated authority to, in consultation with Cllr. Kirkby, view and approve any draft application that RWT puts forward.
6. Elections: As you all probably know the nominations were as follows -
Norton Ward - Deb Edwards, Chris Ruby, John Wilding.
These three will be elected unopposed. The TC will need to co-opt to fill the remaining vacancy.
Presteigne Town Ward - Sixteen nominations, one of which was invalid so fifteen remain nominated for the nine places and an election will be held on 4th May. Full details are on the Town Council page of the website.
7. Existing Councillors: A number of Councillors are standing down and this will therefore be their last meeting (apart from Cllr. Tennant-Eyles who will need to attend the May meeting to preside over the election of the Mayor/Chairman for 2017-18). I would like to say thank you to all of you for your help and support over the years. You will all be missed.
8. Refurbishment of Hereford Street Toilets: The formal order to Healthmatic has now been issued and work is expected to start in early May.
9. Allotment Rent: Five tenants have yet to pay their rent for 2017-18. A third reminder was sent on 10th April.
10. Fly-Tipping, Broad Street: I have asked for details of the person responsible but had no reply.
11. Cemetery: The land purchase is now in the hands of Dilwyns, our solicitors. The borrowing approval has been re-issued for 2017-18.
EOI for existing cemetery: As requested I have written to ask PCC what grant would be provided towards annual running costs.