

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2018
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. J. Wilding (Mayor), Ms B. Baynham, T. Owens, D. Edwards, R. Bamford, N. Rogers, S. Dixon, P. Linnett, R. Bennett, F. Preece, L. Veary.

Apologies: C. Kirkby MBE, (Deputy Mayor), C. Ruby.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk; members of the public.

Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

MIN 3421 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 24th January, 2018 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3422 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS

(1) War Memorial Information Board: The Clerk reported that this was expected to go ahead and that the School would be contacting the War Memorial Project Officer in the near future.

(2) Councillor Training: The Clerk reminded Members that there was a budget for training and of the forthcoming One Voice Wales/SLCC joint conference in May. Members would contact the Clerk if interested in attending.

MIN 3423 FINANCE

(1) Donations: Request for donation from British Red Cross: Refused.

The letter of thanks from Presteigne Youth Project for annual grant in 2018-19 budget was noted.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved –

NEST (direct debit)	£28.80
Welsh Water (Hereford Street Toilets)	£268.15
Mrs T.A. Price	£1254.80
HM Revenue and Customs	£459.36
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd.	£425.93
Welsh Water (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£33.89
SLCC Enterprises Ltd (conference fee)	£274.80
Amberol Ltd (picnic benches)	£1011.60
Viking Direct	£36.32
Border Janitorial Supplies	£84.00
Artisan Print (poster orchard pruning)	£6.53 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water (Meadow)	£17.75 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Highground Maintenance Ltd (grass cutting)	£268.55 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£103.12
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Members agreed that a cheque be produced from the Meadow Account to cover the planning application fees as soon as the application was ready for submission.

(3) Reply from Presteigne Trust re. reserves and direct access to website: The details concerning the reserves were noted. Members were pleased to learn that the Clerk now had direct access to update the website.

(4) Receipts:

Allotment Rent £84.00

CONNECT (re. Christmas lights) £1247.00.

(5) Quote for Christmas Lights 2018: Members noted the quote provided for the lights in 2018. This price would be discounted if an early installation date could be arranged.

MIN 3424 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications: No applications this month.

(2) Planning Application Decisions:

TREE/2017/0054, 12 Hereford Street, Presteigne: Works accepted.

TREE/2017/0051, Tarn Hows, Norton Manor Park: Works accepted.

P/2017/1187, land at Jacks View/Orchards End, Norton: Reserved matters consent.

P/2017/1373, Seconds & Co, Unit 5, The Morgan Building, Presteigne: Consent.

P/2017/1169. 11 Church Street, Presteigne: Consent.

MIN 3425 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) PACDG Update: Members noted the update which had been previously circulated. Cllr. Wilding drew attention to the comments on the decisions relating to the Drill Hall and old School and the need to ensure that residents were aware of the reasons. He agreed to draft a news item for publication on the website.

(2) Street Lighting:

- Broadaxe Business Park: These lights were not yet adopted by the County Council but it was agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council asking that changing to part night or motion sensor lights be considered on adoption.
- Cycle Route to King's Court: The Clerk and Cllr. Baynham had made enquiries about the possibility of new lights for the final length of the route but this was not possible due to financial constraints. The possibility of reflective strips was to be considered. Cllr. Baynham was also asked to suggest solar lights.
- Update re. request for light in Mill Lane: This had initially been refused but it was hoped that it would be turned on as a replacement for the light turned off at the former Council Depot.

(3) New Bench for High Street: Cllr. Linnett reported that no suitable sites were available. No further action.

(4) Meeting with Cllr. Liam Fitzpatrick: The meeting had been attended by Cllrs. Wilding and Baynham together with the Clerk and the following had been discussed –

- Parking by Lloyd's Bank Cashpoint: Suggestions were discussed but it would not be possible to add hatched lines as these were not permitted alongside the double yellow lines already in place. Cllr Fitzpatrick had therefore indicated that nothing could be done.
- Speed limit for Rockbridge: Following a site visit the possibility of a 50mph limit was being investigated and an officer would be visiting the site shortly.
- Car parks: There was no possibility that the County Council would incorporate a free hour of parking even if paid for by the Town Council. Payment for full control of the car park would however be considered. The double ticketing scheme was still a possibility if CONNECT wished to go ahead with this scheme. Members agreed that Cllr. Wilding should continue to explore possibilities.
- Surface of bypass car park: Potholes to be filled with spare tarmac as and when possible.
- Moving of litter bin in Shopper's Car Park: To be done.
- Permanent Siting of Dragon Sculpture: Agreed in principle subject to checks with the County legal department.
- Scottleton Street and High Street resurfacing: To be done.
- Parking on keep clear area at Scallions: Land could possibly be leased to the Church. County Council investigating.
- Possible use of car parks for craft fairs, markets etc: Under consideration by the County Council. Use would be free from late afternoon onwards.

(5) Bulb planting etc, Walkers Meadow Boundary: The Clerk reported that Harpers claimed to have planted bulbs along the boundary but that there were very few. She had raised a concern with the Housing Association which would be requesting further planting by Harpers.

(6) Dog Fouling Issues: The County Council had replied indicating that little could be done but the suggestion that dna samples be stored for all dogs was presently being considered by the Portfolio Holder. Cllr. Baynham reminded Members that the County Council would prosecute if sufficient evidence was received. CCTV was considered to be a useful way of providing this and Cllr Baynham would also pass on this suggestion. Concern was expressed about the fouling of the school field and it was agreed that the

Clerk contact the secondary school to suggest that it consider making a further request to divert the footpath given the imminent completion of the cycle route.

(6) Reporting of Highway Items for repair:

- Clerk to write to Herefordshire Council complaining about the terrible condition of roads in the border area.

MIN 3426 NORTON

(1) Community Consultation on future of Norton Church: Cllr. Edwards reported that residents would shortly be consulted on possibilities for the future of the Church.

(2) Arrangements School Transport during the Road Closure of a length of the B4355: Parents were concerned at arrangements for school transport during this period. The Clerk would investigate.

(3) Broadband Provision: Cllr. Wilding reported on problems with connecting properties in Norton due to a lack of capacity. This was also a problem in Presteigne. The Clerk was asked to write to British Telecom voicing concern and asking what would be done to improve matters.

(4) Mobile Phone Mast; Work continuing and should hopefully be complete by early Summer.

MIN 3427 SITES AND BUILDINGS MATTERS

(1) Public Conveniences:

Electricity Issues Hereford Street: No cause had yet been found for the increase usage but checks were continuing.

Paintwork: The Clerk had arranged a site visit with the contractor to discuss the peeling paintwork.

(2) Allotments:

- One more plot had fallen vacant and was in the process of being re-let.
- The loose fence posts had been replaced.
- Rabbit proof fencing: To be installed the weekend of 24/25th February.

(3) Meadows:

Pruning Workshop 4th March.

Picnic Benches: Now on site.

Use by Presteigne Carnival: 13-15th July (until midnight).

(4) Wilson Terrace Play Area:

Insurance for new play items: Covered by County Council for public liability. Regular checks carried out by Mr. Close for the Town Council.

Oak Shelter: Awaiting installation of base by County Council.

MIN 3428 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) One Voice Wales Area Committee Meeting: No one had attended.

(2) Town & Community Council Review Engagement Event 1st March, 2018: Members to contact Clerk if able to attend.

(3) Ombudsman's Casebook: Noted.

(4) East Radnorshire Day Centre AGM Report: Cllr. Baynham would provide a copy of the report to the Clerk for circulation.

MIN 3429 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

February Surgery: Cllrs. Bennett and Baynham had attended. The following matters were raised –

- Condition of the cash machine in Station Road: Clerk to try to find out what was happening with repair/replacement/removal.
- Sweeping of Warden Close: A resident had called in to say thank you for this being done.
- Parking at the Church: The current situation had been explained.
- Hedge, By Pass (behind Forge Meadow): This had been reported as overgrown and in need of trimming. Cllr. Baynham to investigate.
- Cleaning of pavements: Clerk and Cllr. Baynham to chase.
- Flooding of Garage, near Clatterbrune: Clerk and Cllr. Baynham to request gully emptying.
- Pavements, Norton: Still not swept. Clerk and Cllr. Baynham to chase.
- Speeding Bus, Greenfield Road: Clerk to report to bus operator.
- Obstruction of Pavements, Royal Oak Public House: Cllr Wilding to discuss with the landlord.
- New Cycle Route: Compliments on new route.

March Surgery: Cllrs. Dixon and Wilding would attend.

MIN 3430 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES

(1) Cemetery Land: The sale was progressing.

MIN 3431 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Items of note this month were –

- Rubbish in Albert Square: Officers to visit.
- Elan Valley Pipeline, Presteigne Road, Knighton: Work to commence 5th March.
- Closure of High Street by Welsh Water: Confirmed for 25th February only.
- Visit to Westminster.
- Meeting with Management, Presteigne Doctor's Surgery: Matters of concern over women's health checks discussed and new nurse appointed for one day per week to cover smear tests. Availability of appointments after 5pm being investigated as these should already be available.
- Council Housing Sites: Cllrs. Baynham and Wilding had met with a County Housing Officer to discuss possibilities.
- Ongoing highway items being followed up.

MIN 3432 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

None.

The Meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

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