

# **PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

**JANUARY 2018**

1. Community Barn Proposal: A number of comments have been received and these have been collated into one document and emailed to you.
2. Play Area Equipment: Voting has now commenced in the Llandrindod Tesco store. It will take place throughout January and February.
3. Meeting with Cllr. Liam Fitzpatrick: This will have taken place by the time of our meeting and a verbal report will be given.
4. Additional Items for Skateboard Park: The final firm I had asked about this has now stated that it is no longer quoting but has agreed to supply possible alternative companies. I will also speak to the exhibitors at conferences to try to find additional companies. It will also be useful to speak to the Play Inspector on site to see what he considers might be possible and the annual inspection is due in June.
5. Old School: The County Council has offered to renew the lease to Presteigne Youth Project for a further five years and at its recent Board meeting Presteigne Youth Project agreed to take a new lease and this is currently in hand. In addition, in signing the new lease, PYP is committing to completely redecorate the outside of the Old School. Estimates have been obtained and the cost will be in the region of £4500.
6. Garden Plot, Junction of Warden Road/Bypass: Information from PACDG – ‘the raised bed has been installed and planted up and the surrounding hedge has been severely trimmed and tidied up (and will be kept maintained in future’.
7. Planning Application, Land Opposite King's Court, Presteigne: County Council Planning Members recommended approval for this application subject to the signing of a Section 106 to secure public open space. The application is currently with solicitors for the signing of that legal agreement prior to the decision notice being issued.
8. New Small Business Rate Relief Scheme: Further to the consultation last year Welsh Government have now published their new scheme. Key points that have been taken forward from the consultation are the additional support for childcare providers and the restriction on the number of properties eligible for relief in each local authority area. This is being limited to two with the aim being to restrict the benefit that larger companies are currently getting from rate relief.
9. Outdoor Gym Equipment: Cllr. Linnett and myself have a meeting with Sovereign Play on 1<sup>st</sup> February. If anyone wishes to join us let me know.
10. Allotments: Just a general update. All tenants have been notified of the rent increase from March and have been reminded to give as much notice as possible if they do not intend to renew their tenancy. One has so far done so and that plot will be re-let shortly. There are currently four people on the waiting list.