

PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2017

1. Active Travel Route: PCC intended to take advantage of the school holidays and complete some of the Active Travel Route alterations along Slough Road. This was to involve the widening of the existing footpath by extending the path within the grass verge between Green End and the school (each side of The Paddocks). The Traffic Order proposed for Slough Road met with some opposition and recommendations were to be put forward at the next Radnorshire Committee meeting by PCC Traffic officers.
2. Christmas Lights: Insurance is in place and the bunting licence has now been received. Lights should be up well before our November meeting. Thank you to Colin Felgate and Cllr. Colin Kirkby for agreeing to be the responsible persons to contact in case of any emergency.
3. Wilson Terrace Toilets: These are now closed for the Winter and will re-open in April.
4. Rubbish Behind the Paddocks: I received a phone call on 2nd November to say the cars have been removed. The rubble will be used to fill gateways etc. There is a problem with the dumping of grass cuttings etc on the area which is of course not helping.
5. Litter Bin, Meadow Gate, Knighton Road: This has been badly damaged by a vehicle. It has been reported and PCC have agreed to replace it.
6. Audit Review: As Members of the Council you should make yourselves aware of the internal audit procedures (as contained on the documents in your meeting papers). A review of these processes must be carried out every year and this review should include consideration of the continued suitability of the internal auditor as well as the procedures to follow. The procedures are taken from the governance guide produced for Wales. The present internal auditor is fully qualified, familiar with the Council accounts from previous years and has indicated that he remains independent. He has carried out the interim internal audit at the mid way point of our financial year. You will note in the report the decisions to be made.
7. Projects for 2018-19: A reminder to start thinking about anything you may want to put forward for the next financial year. Please feel free to discuss with me or your Mayor or Deputy Mayor if you need more information on what is possible or need any help getting information together for your idea. Even if it is not possible to budget fully for a project acceptance in principle by the Council means I can keep an eye out for grant funding opportunities to make the project possible.
8. Tesco Bags of Help Grant for Picnic Benches: The £1000 should be in our account by the time of the November meeting. As mentioned at the October meeting I will hold off placing an order until after Christmas so the benches can be installed in early Spring.
9. Grant Application for Additional Play Equipment: The application in to Tesco has not been selected during the three rounds for which it was eligible. I will shortly resubmit that application. As Tesco are proposing the withdrawal of the lightweight carrier bags the scheme may well cease in the future although I have the assurance of the local representative that the scheme will continue into the Summer of 2018. We do however need to take the opportunity now to submit applications – these of course need to be for items that you as Councillors believe to be worthwhile. Suggestions welcome please – without these I don't know what to ask for!