

PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT OCTOBER 2017

1. Council Newsletter: Information is currently put on the website, facebook, in the parish magazine and via PACDG. I notice Knighton has introduced a newsletter. The parish magazine article could easily be converted into a short monthly or quarterly flyer if you felt this would help get the activities of the Council across. It could be left in the Library, perhaps one or two shops, community support. Thoughts?
2. Meeting with Red Kite Healthcare 25th September: Cllrs. Kirkby, Preece, Ruby, Linnett, Edwards, Dixon and the Clerk attended.
Three from Red Kite Healthcare, Sian Jones, Dr. Douglas Paton and Dr Sean O'Reilly.
Other practices - Hay/Talgarth, Ystrad and Brecon - independently run, not directly run by Red Kite. Presteigne will at least for an initial period be directly run by Red Kite. Red Kite is a not for profit community interest company. Assets go to PAVO should it dissolve. Formed in 2015. It has independent contractor status with the Health Board.
Take over from 2nd October.
Existing staff able to remain.
New staff appointed - advance nurse practitioner (duties to include prescribing and telephone triage). Full Time
Pharmacist one day per week
Pharmacy Technician part time.
New Practice Manager, Steve Hawker
Treatment of minor injuries will be carried out but not at this point minor surgery
No plans to dispense medication.
Will be Monday to Friday practice with Out of Hours the responsibility of the Health Board.
Telephone System to be modernised.
It will be a new model of delivering Primary Care with the support of the Health Board in ensuring the professionals are doing the right thing in a multi-disciplinary team. This will mean changes to the appointments system with patients being triaged if requesting same day appointments and including the modernisation of the telephone system
Letters sent to patients had been done by Health Board and one per household.
3. PAVO Meet the Funders Morning: I attended this in September. Presentations were from The Waterloo Foundation, Big Lottery Wales, Powys Community Regeneration & Development Fund and Sport Wales. All very useful funds and something to bear in mind for future applications. PAVO have also appointed a new Officer to assist with the Community Asset Transfer Process. His name is Tim Davies and depending on how matters at the TC progress we may wish to meet with him in due course. Individual funding meetings with some of the above organisations are to be arranged at PAVO to get advice etc.
4. Tesco Grant Award: The Award for the picnic benches to be sited near to the Scout Hut has been confirmed at £1000. I will proceed to order the two benches detailed in the application in the near future.
5. Presteigne War Memorial: Article on the recent renovation in the Powys Regenerator Magazine. Thanks to Cllr. Baynham for bringing this to my attention. I'll have the article with me at the meeting if anyone would like to borrow it.
6. PNAA: Cllr. Linnett met the PNAA committee on site on 9th October. In general all is fine. There were some minor items raised which I will agenda for the Sites and Buildings Committee. The rent review (to take effect from March 2018) is due. Three months notice must be given to tenants. Your initial views to guide the committee are requested at this meeting or if you feel you wish to make a decision on this now you can.
7. War Memorial, Norton: Work has been commissioned and will take place as soon as possible.
8. Goal Posts: These have been given a special check by Nick and I've also checked with the PCC Officer responsible for installing them. A small amount of play is normal. I should add that the posts are on the formal inspection list for periodic checking.