

**Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton**  
**PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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10<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Dear Councillor

There will be a meeting of Presteigne and Norton Town Council on **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022 at 7.30 p.m.** at the Assembly Rooms, Broad Street, Presteigne and also via video conferencing and you are hereby summoned to attend.

NB – if there are changes to covid-19 restrictions this meeting may be held entirely by video conferencing. A note will be put on the town website if this is the case and Members will be notified by email.

The public and press are cordially invited to attend.

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Meeting ID: 819 0342 9971 Passcode: 562027.

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*Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda SUBJECT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE CLERK AND THE CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN.*

Yours sincerely

Tracey Price

**TOWN CLERK**

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**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities

(Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008 and the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

To approve that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 are a true and accurate record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes as such.

### **4. UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS AND CLERKS REPORT**

From the Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January. Also to receive the Clerk's Report.

### **5. FINANCE**

a) Donations: None this month. To note letter of thanks from Tenovus Cancer Care.

b) Payments: to approve the following payments –

Mrs T.A. Price	£1383.56
HM Revenue & Customs	£554.82
NEST Pensions (direct debit)	£130.06
T. Lloyd-John	£390.49
N. Close	£14.00
N. Close	£70.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water (barn)	£16.51 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water (H'fd Street Toilets)	£226.10
T. Price (refund stamps)	£30.96
Lyreco (office supplies)	£44.86
Presteigne Building Supplies (sleepers)	£1244.16 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Dragon Play & Sports (Lugg View play equipment)	£11,997.60
Highground Maintenance (grass cutting)	£319.57 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Andrew Mills (tree works)	£810.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
HSBC (Bank Charges January)	£10.50
HSBC (Bank Charges January)	£8.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT

c) Receipts: To note the following receipts –

Sheep Music (twds stage)	£250.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Presteigne Carnival (twds stage)	£250.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
H. Roberts (use of new barn – donation)	£100.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Allotment Rent (2022-23)	£28.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Website Advertising	£104.00

Powys County Council (covid grant re. toilets) £3772.00

(to be spent on toilets only – to be added to toilet allocated reserve – PCC hope to do the same in 2022-23).

d) Request for £250 from Climate Grants Fund for Foraging Walks (Cllr. Bamford).

### **6. PLANNING**

(a) To consider applications received:

22/0045/HH Grid Reference: E:331724 N: 264129 Proposal: Single storey extension to front and side of existing bungalow dwelling Site Address: 22 Orchard Close, Presteigne.

22/0108/FUL Grid Reference: E:329622 N: 265350 Proposal: Retrospective approval of window on southern elevation, lean to shed on northern elevation and balcony supports on western elevation Site Address: Cottage, Wild Meadow, Discoed.

22/0112/HH Grid Reference: E:331161 N: 264256. Proposal: Erection of a conservatory. Site Address: New Barn Bungalow, Slough Road, Presteigne.

22/0186/LBC Grid Reference: E:331582 N: 264503 Proposal: Listed building consent to renew rear facing timber and glass door, replace 2 no. rear facing Upvc windows with painted timber casements; to alter and improve attic room Site Address: Ivy House, Broad Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AF.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PLANNING APPLICATIONS CAN BE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA AND MAY BE ADDED DUE TO THE TIGHT TIMESCALE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS.  
SEE THE TOWN COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE OR THE PLANNING PAGE ON THE COUNCIL SECTION OF THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR LATEST APPLICATIONS.

- (b) Planning Decisions: To note the following decisions – None this month.  
(c) Riverine SACs and Phosphorous Update Feb 2022 for Community and Town Councils Information (as previously circulated). To consider any action/response needed.

## **7. HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

- a) Dark Skies/Lighting Application Update.
- b) Climate Crisis Update. To include –
  - Consideration of PACE activities and further involvement/Councillor representative.
  - Call for Interest from communities to be part of a Home Energy Audit Project.
  - Nature Reserve Project Update.
- c) Welsh Water Sewage System Upgrade:
  - Update on phosphate permit, Norton.
  - Compensation Claim update.
- d) Speed Signs/Community Speedwatch Updates.
- e) Street Cleaning: Report on PACDG Meeting (Cllrs. Ruby and Van Den Ende).
- f) Clatterbrook Footpath: Stepping Stones/Bridges Update.

## **8. NORTON**

- a) Norton Community Trust Update.
- b) Defibrillator at Norton Manor Park: Request for Town Council to take over responsibility for ownership, inspections and maintenance.

## **9. SITES AND BUILDINGS MATTERS**

- a) Public Conveniences: Nothing to report this month.
- b) Allotments:  
To note that two plots have so far been surrendered for 2022-23 and are in the process of being re-let.  
To receive the PNAA report and consider the following –
  - Plot 36 Trial Arrangement Details.
  - Seed Swap Event – 26<sup>th</sup> March. New barn booked).
  - Action to be taken on communal paths.
  - Repairs to barge boards.
  - Siting of possible Green Bin for Guerrilla Gardeners/Mr. Close.
  - Possible communal compost area on site for tenants.
- c) Meadows: To include –
  - purchase of dog bags for dispensers.
  - Condition of decking at Ligne Garden (see Clerk's report).
  - Tree Work Update.



- To note use of new barn by PNAA 26<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Use of Barn - Radnor Scouts Fun Day, 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- d) Adopt a Bench Update.
- e) Withy Beds Boardwalk Update.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS**

- a) Town Wifi Update.
- b) Community Broadband Scheme Update.
- c) Bullying of Clerks - MP to raise question in Parliament: To consider any action considered necessary.
- d) Correspondence re. speed of traffic B3456 (as included in meeting papers).
- e) Letter re. area in front of Presteigne Primary School.
- f) Library Services Update (Cllr. Baynham).
- g) Planting a Tree for the Jubilee – Email from Royal British Legion.
- h) Review of Bus Routes: To note comment from member of the public on maintaining existing service.
- i) To consider a location for secure storage of Archived Council Documents.
- k) PAVO Localities Initiative meeting: Report from those attending.

**12. TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY**

Matters from February Surgery –

- Speed Humps on access to Presteigne Surgery.
- Condition of Timetables and Sign, By Pass Layby Bus Stop.
- Re-starting of bus to Leominster.
- Issues with Street Lights near Methodist Chapel and also near 13 Warden Close.
- Request to be included in Broadband Project. (NB all households included)
- Energy Audits. (see earlier agenda item)
- Blocked Drains, Slough Road. (already reported)
- Situation re. Town Clock.

To appoint Members for the March Surgery.

**13. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**14. ANY URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION (at discretion of Chair)**

**Enc.** *Clerk's Report February. Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> January Meeting. Various Background papers.*



**Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton**  
**PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**  
**HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Present: Cllrs. F. Preece (Mayor), D. Edwards (Deputy Mayor), D. Davies, T. Owens, C. Kirkby MBE, B. Baynham, R. Bennett, P. Smith, J. Wilding, N. Rogers, R. Bamford, C. Ruby, K. Van Den Ende.

Apologies: None.

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.*

*All present were advised that the meeting was being recorded and had no objections. The recording would be deleted once the Minutes had been produced.*

**MIN 3997 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 were approved without amendment. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 were approved without amendment. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

**MIN 3998 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

- (1) Cleaning of the Scallions: Cllr. Kirkby reported that a very good job had been done of clearing up the leaves etc from the area.
- (2) Rat Problem: The Clerk reported that the signs were now in place and that there had been no further sign of any food being left on site. She had requested a quote for treatment from an accredited company and this should be received very soon.
- (3) Changes from Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Members noted the information provided on the forthcoming requirements for an annual report, training plans (Members and Clerk) and the introduction of the general power of competence. A decision on whether to adopt this power would be taken at the May meeting. The section on public participation would be discussed at the relevant point on the agenda.
- (4) Carnival Committee Donation towards Sheep Music Stage Repairs: Cllr. Davies confirmed that this would be paid by bank transfer.
- (5) Cemetery Fence: This was now complete.
- (6) Grass Cutting Contract: Members noted that this contract had now been issued.
- (7) Cleaning Contract: Members noted that this contract had been issued.
- (8) Review of Bus Routes: The Clerk had received no reply and would follow this up.
- (9) New Lease on Assembly Rooms Building: Cllr. Kirkby reported that this had still not been received.
- (10) Letter to Ambulance Service: Members noted the comments of James Evans MS as included within the Clerk's Report. The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any reply from the Service itself and had chased this up a few days previously.
- (11) Reminder Next Staffing Committee Meeting: To be arranged for late February/early March.
- (12) Forthcoming Election Costs: Cllr. Kirkby asked that, given the significance for the coming year's budget, the estimated election costs for May 2022 (as included in the 2022-23 budget) be noted within the Minutes as £5500 if both Wards were contested.
- (13) Works to Footpath, Clatterbrook: Members were pleased that works were underway and noted that there would be an extension to the weekday closure with work expected to be completed by the end of

January. They considered the removal of the damaged stepping stones and it was agreed to press for these to be repaired/replaced as without them the path would be impassable for much of the year and this could lead to walkers using private land to allow them to pass. The email from a neighbour about the path was noted.

(14) Rambler's Cymru Paths to Well Being Project: The Clerk had some time ago applied for Presteigne and Norton to be part of this project. Sadly just three areas were successful in mid Wales - Llechryd, Penparcau and Rhayader.

(15) Boultibrooke Weir: The planned site visit by CPAT had not yet taken place but the officer was due to be on site shortly.

## **MIN 3999 FINANCE**

(1) Donations: None this month.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved –

Mrs T.A. Price	£1383.56
HM Revenue & Customs	£554.82
NEST Pensions (direct debit)	£130.06
Mrs T.A. Price (refund cctv notices)	£27.96 MEADOW ACCOUNT
T. Lloyd-John	£378.49
N. Close	£14.00
N. Close	£147.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
EDF Energy (Barn) (Direct Debit)	£35.08 MEADOW ACCOUNT
EDF Energy (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£35.04 (Direct Debit)
EDF Energy (Hereford Street Toilets)	£162.54 (Direct Debit)
HSBC (Bank Charges December – Treasurer Acc)	£8.00
HSBC (Bank charges December) – Meadow Acc)	£8.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water (Wilson Terrace)	£77.94 (Direct Debit)

(3) Use of Climate Crisis Grant Fund to fund tree talks (deferred from December meeting): Cllr. Bamford confirmed that it was now hoped that no monies from this fund would be needed.

(4) Donation towards the repair of the Sheep Music Stage: Members were pleased to accept the offer of a £250 donation from Sheep Music towards the replacement of the stage. The Clerk would forward the necessary bank details.

(5) External Audit 2020-21: Members received the report of the external auditors on the 2020-21 accounts. It was noted that no matters of concern were raised although the auditors had stated that the internal audit had been completed after the approval of the annual return. The Clerk confirmed that this was not the case. She had posted the notices of completion of audit both on notice boards and on the Council website.

(6) Receipts: The following receipt was noted –

Website Advertising	£78.00
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## **MIN 3400 PLANNING**

(1) Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered –

21/2306/FUL Grid Reference: E:331453 N: 263966 Proposal: Erection of 2 no. general industrial units and associated infrastructure Site Address: Plot 6 , Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne.

Resolved no objections but the following comments be made in addition - hours of operation/opening are not stated and this should be established to avoid noise or other nuisance, suggestion that solar panels be installed on the roof and that boxes for swifts be added.

22/0027/LBC Grid Reference: E:331663 N: 264552 Proposal: Listed building consent for replacement windows on side elevation (South West facing)- 5 windows (W1-W5) and refurbishment of existing windows to front elevation (South-East facing) - 6 windows (W6-W11) Site Address: Breeze Cottage, 3 Fold Farm, Broad Street, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

22/0026/HH Grid Reference: E:331663 N: 264552 Proposal: Replacement Windows on south side of Breeze Cottage - 5 windows (W1- W5) and Refurbishment Windows front of Breeze Cottage- 6 windows (W6-W11) Site Address: Breeze Cottage, 3 Fold Farm, Broad Street, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

(2) Planning Decisions: The following decisions were noted –

21/1992/TRE Postings House, High Street, Presteigne: Approval 17<sup>th</sup> December.



21/2120/TRE, Harford House, Hereford Street, Presteigne: Approval 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
21/2070/TRE, Golwg Yr Eglwys, Cannon's Lane, Presteigne: Approval 20<sup>th</sup> December.  
21/0361/FUL, Former Church of St. Andrew's, Norton: Consent 30<sup>th</sup> December.  
21/0362/LBC, Former Church of St. Andrew's, Norton: Consent 30<sup>th</sup> December.

(3) Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday lets: After discussion Members agreed that the Clerk write in support of the proposed change in use classes to separate second homes and holiday let properties from dwelling houses.

(4) Powys Local Development Plan: Draft Delivery Agreement Consultation: Members noted the consultation document and it was agreed that the Clerk write reminding the County Council that many Town and Community Councils do not meet in August and on the need to allow adequate time for the sector to respond to any documents sent out.

#### **MIN 3401 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

(1) Dark Skies/Lighting: Members noted that the change to the lights in Norton was underway. The Clerk had not received any proposals for an event to mark the Dark Skies Festival as the organiser in North Wales was off work. It was felt that in any event it might be better to organise something once the street lighting works were complete.

(2) Climate Crisis: Cllr. Bamford provided an update as follows –

- Grant application for Nature Reserve: The draft expression of interest had been submitted for a first check by an advisor and initial feedback had been positive and helpful. It was agreed that once final the document be circulated to Members for any final comment before submission.
- School Garden: Some works were being arranged by the School and the possibility of planting more trees was being considered. Cllr. Bamford had some designs produced by the students and she would provide these.
- Tree Group – the group continued to meet.

(3) Welsh Water Sewage System Upgrade: Members noted the reply from Welsh Water as follows – *I can confirm that we have recently completed a scheme to pump all sewage flows from Norton to Presteigne Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). At the current time, there is no Phosphate permit at Presteigne WwTW but we are currently undertaking a scheme to introduce one by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (which is the end of our current capital investment programme (AMP7) ) in line with the environmental obligations identified by our environmental regulator Natural Resources Wales (NRW) in their National Environment Programme (NEP).* Cllr. Kirkby felt that taking this long to comply with regulations did not seem appropriate given the current problems with the phosphate levels in the River Wye. The Clerk was instructed to write asking why if it was necessary was it not being done as a matter of urgency.

The Clerk was also asked to chase up the progress of the compensation claim for works on Went's Meadow.

(4) Old Doctor's Surgery, Harpers Lane, Presteigne: Cllr. Kirkby reported that the nephew of the owner had been in touch with him and that the property had now been secured and the windows boarded up.

(5) Fold Farm Footpath: There had been no progress with the DMMO application and Cllr. Baynham reported that the Officer had nothing to report as yet although it was hoped to move DMMO work on in the next few months. Members agreed that, as previously discussed a formal complaint now be made given the extreme length of time the matter had already taken.

Members noted the improvements to the Council's website walks 3 and 4 with new stile kits about to be distributed and other access improvements. There would also be some new signage.

(6) Street Cleaning: The Clerk explained that she felt a meeting with PACDG would be beneficial prior to the start of the 2022-23 year. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting and Cllrs. Preece and Ruby would attend.

#### **MIN 3402 NORTON**

(1) Community Hub/Church Update: Cllr. Wilding reported that real progress was now being made and the group was in the process of addressing some of the planning conditions.

(2) Condition of Bus Stop, Norton: Members were pleased to note the intention to replace the timetable board and timetables. This should have been done in early January and Members were asked to check that it had been completed. The Clerk would follow up the request for a replacement sign.

#### **MIN 3403 SITES AND BUILDINGS**

(1) Public Conveniences: Nothing to report.

(2) Allotments: Members noted that the reminder letters for the year end had been sent out.



(3) Meadows: the following matters were discussed –

- Update re. low hanging tree branches – access track from Knighton Road and Footpath to Old Mill: The Clerk confirmed that Mr. Close would attend to the branches along the track and Radnorshire Wildlife Trust had agreed to attend to the branches over hanging the footpath.
- Quote for one off cut of car park field in late June: Members noted that a figure for this had been allocated in the budget based on the current quote. It was agreed that Cllr. Wilding obtain a further quote.
- Cost for one weed killing treatment in 2022: Noted.
- Mole Problem: Members had noted the increased numbers of moles on the Meadow and it was agreed that if possible the Clerk arrange for the return for the previous contractor and to offer to reimburse him for any damage to his equipment. She would also arrange for the field to be harrowed before the grass cutting commenced.
- Use of Meadow and Barns – 29<sup>th</sup> August: The use by Norton Community Hub was noted.

(4) Adopt a Bench Update: The Clerk reported that she had not as yet managed to progress this but would do so in time for a scheme to commence in the Spring.

#### **MIN 3404 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS**

(1) Town Wifi Update: The Clerk confirmed that an Officer was covering the vacancy following the resignation of Mr. Simmons. Tender documents were now on the Sell2Wales site and the closing date was 21<sup>st</sup> January. It would be possible to provide an update on time scales for completion once tenders had been received and considered.

(2) Community Broadband Scheme Update: A first meeting with Broadway Partners was arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. Working Group Members had been notified but if any other Member wished to attend they should contact the Clerk for joining details.

(3) Public Participation at Council Meetings: The Clerk explained the new statutory requirements that would come into force in May and recommended a review of Standing Orders 3e-3k in relation to public speaking. Members considered the existing rules and after some discussion on the possibilities it was agreed that for the time being no change be made but that a note be placed on future Agenda regarding the arrangements for the public to speak to make sure the public were aware of the option. Members were reminded that the public could approach the to raise any issues and that they could ask that an item be added to the agenda if appropriate.

(4) Defibrillator Training: Cllr. Kirkby reported that he had been approached about defibrillator training and had investigated but that PAVO had advised that it was not necessary as the units provided full instruction on use. Their only training was on first aid generally and cost several hundred pounds. He was aware that the fire brigade had provided some instruction in the past on use of the defibrillator. Cllr. Baynham reminded Members that training had been on the December agenda and it had been agreed to arrange this is due course when covid conditions eased. The Clerk advised the training was possible through St. John's Ambulance and that Radnor First Responders had offered to carry out training in other areas. It was re-confirmed that training would be arranged in due course.

#### **MIN 3405 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY**

No surgery in January.

Members to attend February Surgery to be – Cllr. Ruby and one other. Members to let the Clerk know if they were available. Members were reminded to get residents to complete the contact forms so that the Clerk could provide them with updates on their concern.

#### **MIN 3406 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Baynham reported the following –

- Information briefing on the School Transformation Programme: This had included a presentation on through schools with several in Powys now complete or underway. The intention was to create eight all through schools by 2025. She confirmed that Presteigne was on the list for review.
- Digital Updates: Grants for schemes had been received.
- My Powys Account: Members were encouraged to sign up for an account to make reporting of issues easier and to receive their Council Tax bill etc.
- Council Tax Increase: Proposal to increase by 3.9%. To be discussed by Full Council in February.
- Welsh Government Financial Settlement had increased.

#### **MIN 3407 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION**

(1) Training Plans: Cllr. Owens asked for more detail on these and the Clerk confirmed that the plans would include an analysis of training need, recommended courses and time scales for completion.

(2) Ash Tree, near Bridge, Knighton Road: Cllr. Van Den Ende asked why this tree was marked and it was confirmed as having been marked by Welsh Water as part of their survey for the pipeline work and then identified for work during the Town Council's own survey. Cllr. Wilding confirmed that the tree was suffering from ash die back disease.

(3) Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Cllr. Baynham informed Members that the Norton celebrations were to take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the Presteigne ones on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Further details to follow.

#### **MIN 3408 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

*Resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business because of the confidential nature of the item.*

#### **MIN 3409 TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS INSTALLATION**

The Clerk had sought three quotes all for either one year or three year contracts. Having considered the quotes obtained Members agreed to award the contract to Highline Electrical Ltd for a three year period - 2022, 2023 and 2024.

The meeting closed 9.17pm.



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## **CLERK'S REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 2022**

1. Withy Beds: Materials ordered and three quotes in for installation. Work expected to start late February/early March. Contractor will access from allotment car park.
2. Lugg View Playground Work: Work is now complete. The work at Wilson Terrace will be done very soon.
3. Moles: I am co-ordinating a visit with Steve Gealy at PCC. Steve has generously agreed to fund travel and set up costs and we will pay our share of the ongoing costs.
4. Trees on edge of Warden: PCC have had a tree surgeon on site to look at works to trees 1 and 2 as identified in our survey earlier this year. The oak tree the surgeon believes to need no immediate work. The ash tree has a hollow trunk and will be reduced to the height of the ivy and that base be retained for wildlife.
5. Tree Works, Branches overhanging Footpath to Old Mill: Radnorshire Wildlife Trust had these done as part of planned works in late January. There remains one higher branch that Nick noticed and RWT are aware that it needs keeping an eye on. Two of the fence rails were broken at the time of the works and RWT say these will be replaced.
6. Ligne Garden Decking: Shortly after the January meeting I received a report of someone slipping on the decking here and breaking a wrist. In the past we have pressure washed the wood off to improve grip but as the surface is getting older should the possibility of adding a chicken wire top to the decking be considered?
7. Street Cleaning – Meeting with PACDG: Cllrs. Ruby and Van Den Ende attended this meeting with Annette Gurr representing PACDG.
  - PACDG reminded of £250 held in reserve from 2020-21 and the total of the £250 allocated in 2022-23. Discussed possibly using extra for additional work prior to Platinum Jubilee events.
  - Advised that TC could purchase larger items of equipment if needed and donate the equipment. This would use the street cleaning budget but as a TC funded activity the TC could reclaim the VAT.
  - PACDG advised of presentation from Ashley Williams from PCC at a PACE meeting on the problems of disposing of green waste collected by volunteer groups.
  - PACDG had ongoing concerns that PCC only collected their green waste in brown bags and so it was disposed of in landfill. I have looked into this before without much success and the suggestions of a composting site or bin on Went's Meadow had been turned down by the Town Council before. The possibility of purchasing a green bin and siting it on the allotments was discussed. PNAA would need to be happy with this and of course for use only by guerrilla gardeners and street cleaner. Council permission needed to fund this. Current cost £35 per year. Fortnightly collections March to December. It would be necessary to ask Mr. Close to wheel out for emptying every two weeks.
  - PACDG asked to avoid removing low flowering plants in walls (one recently identified as not having been seen in Radnorshire since 1969).
  - PACDG asked for suggestions on further areas to clean. Currently covering –
  - Norton (shortly to include estates), High Street, Hereford Street, Scallions, road outside bowls club by build out, By Pass. Hours vary and are not on fixed days or times.
8. Donations awarded in 2022-23: All the organisations have been notified of the amount awarded. The following organisations have asked that their thanks be passed on to you all –



East Radnorshire Care, Radnor Wildlife Trust, Mid Border Arts, PACDG, Wales Air Ambulance, Presteigne Festival, Judge's Lodgings, Presteigne Youth Project Brecon & Radnor Samaritans, Powys CAB and Norton Community Hub.

9. Welsh Water Reply re. phosphate permit for Norton Sewage Works: *Although the scheme to introduce the phosphate permit at Presteigne WwTW is required to be in place by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 in line the environmental obligations identified by our environmental regulator NRW in their NE, we do have a target completion date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. If you require further information, please let me know.*

10. County Council Liaison Meeting for Town and Community Councils: This took place on 1<sup>st</sup> February and the following items were discussed –

- Digital Powys 2019-2025 (officer Di Reynolds)– 74 projects ongoing including website accessibility improvements, business intelligence data and the expansion of online access via the PCC website for reporting fly tipping, road issues etc, accessing Council Tax bills and records etc.
- Update of Regional Skills Partnership. (Officer Aggie Caesar-Homden)
- Update on Mid Wales Growth Deal. (Officer Nigel Brinn)
- Marches Growth Deal – discussions just starting with Shropshire on this.
- Covid Recovery Grants. Fund presently closed for applications but re-opening around June.
- Phosphate problems: update and further information to be sent out (has now been circulated to Members).

11. Clerk's Practitioner's Conference: This is taking place virtually over three days from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February. Sessions I plan on attending include – street lighting, use of Microsoft software, allotments, new Councillor induction, forthcoming legislation changes in Wales, training plans, running hybrid meetings, purdah period in Wales and the importance of play.

12. Town Wifi Update: The successful company is Telemat and Cllr. Ruby and I will be meeting the PCC Acting Community Broadband Officer and a representative of the company on site on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Full report at the meeting.

## **Email re B3456 – in front of Warden Close**

I am writing in relation to the B3456 in Presteigne that runs along the park and the bottom of Warden Close.

I reside at Warden Close with my family and it is a road that we drive/walk on a daily basis. Since moving here we have always had concerns about the speed of the traffic in this area.

I do not feel that this is a police matter, I feel it would be policed every now and again with an officer who will have a speed gun giving out a ticket maybe to people who don't even live in the area, and to my knowledge I have not seen this part of the road policed.

There are a lot of young families now that live on the estate and a lot of children who use the park, the fields at Wents Meadow for a game of football and the exercise equipment.

We take the children for regular bike rides and use this road for crossing to the park or to walk our dogs.

I would like to list my points of concerns regarding this matter and perhaps something the council could action on this road before a child is knocked down and killed or seriously injured. I am shocked that given the amount of adults/children that use this area that nothing has ever been put in place to make it safer.

The speed is clearly not adhered to and today my partner had to shout at lady in a 4x4 to slow down who driving at a speed of 40mph+ whilst my daughter was riding her bike. She clearly had absolutely no regard for this or made any attempt to slow down and this has happened on numerous occasions.

It makes my children very nervous and anxious and I certainly do not want my children to feel this way when they enjoy getting out and about.

The pavement is far too narrow to allow 2 people to walk along there side by side so as a parent with 2 children this concerns me given the speed of the traffic.

I feel that another suggestion could be that we need speed bumps along here to slow the traffic down.

I also feel some pedestrian traffic lights are needed where you are able to cross the road opposite the park.

Perhaps a roundabout at the bottom of Warden close opposite the Knighton the road.

Could you also confirm if a chicane is going to be put in as part of the cycle path extension and when work will start for this please?

This are my personal opinions and I am more than happy to take this further or follow it up with whoever deals with this matter until we can have something put in place to make the lives of our children much safer. I would like to think the safety of the children in Presteigne is a priority to the Council.

I would like these points raised and considered please at your next meeting and a response would be much appreciated.