

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH AUGUST 2025
HELD AT EAST RADNORSHIRE DAY CENTRE, SCOTTLETON STREET, PRESTEIGNE
AND ALSO VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. D. Edwards, (Mayor), C. Ross (Deputy Mayor), B. Baynham, T. Owens, L. Harling-Bowen, N. Rogers, F. Preece, A. Ramsay, C. Kirkby MBE (via video link), F.H. Fleming and J. Ramsay.

Apologies: Cllr. M. Price.

Absent: Cllr. A. Van Huls

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk.

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:

Cllr. T. Owens, friend of applicant re. planning application 25/1124/FUL.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Cllr. F.H. Fleming: Cllr. Fleming completed the declaration of office witnessed by the Clerk.

MIN 4517 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July, 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 4518 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS AND CLERKS REPORT

- (1) Missing Litter Bin by Spar Shop: Still not replaced.
- (2) Hedge Management Review: Not yet completed.
- (3) Police/Recent Crimes: The Clerk had not as yet received any additional information from Cllr. Van Huls.
- (4) Changes to Car Parking Charges: Cllr. Kirkby had provided details to the Community Newsletter.
- (5) Distribution of Town Council Newsletter to Community News/PACDG: In response to a question from Cllr. Kirkby on the Council newsletter the Clerk explained that, as previously discussed, the monthly newsletter was not released electronically until the Minutes had been formally approved at the next Council meeting. It was agreed that this policy continue unchanged.
- (6) Bench, Station Road: Renovation now complete.
- (7) Pollution of River Lugg: Cllr. Kirkby had sent a copy of the Town Council's response to both the Wildlife and Countryside Link and the River's Trust.
- (8) Caring for God's Acre: Norton Churchyard had now been cut and distributed on Coed Llanandras.
- (9) Offer of Gala Tent: Cllrs. Edwards and Ross had not yet been to inspect the tent.

MIN 4519 FINANCE

- (1) Payments: The following payments were approved –
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| NEST (pension conts.) | £174.44 |
| Mrs T.A. Price | £1853.20 |
| HM Revenue & Customs | £850.37 |
| Highground Maintenance Ltd | £469.96 MEADOW ACCOUNT |
| Mr. N. Close | £12.00 |
| Mr. N. Close | £256.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT |

PHS Group	£129.54
PHS Group	£52.20
Strictly Tables (storage building)	£2168.88 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Welsh Water (Wilson Terrace)	£35.63
Faulks & Cox Ltd (storage building)	£149.50 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Purrfect Cat Hire (storage building)	£2259.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Artisan Print (dark sky signs)	£28.94
British Gas Lite (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£17.57
Welsh Water	£286.31
Welsh Water	£53.98 MEADOW ACC
Presteigne Building Supplies	£20.46
Presteigne Building Supplies	£127.03
T. Lloyd-John	£750.23
EDF Energy (H'fd Street Toilets)	£37.53
EDF Energy (meadow)	£57.98 MEADOW ACC
O. Rimington	£300.86 MEADOW ACC
Knighton Men's Shed	£55.00 MEADOW ACC

(2) Renewal of Annual Insurance: Members reviewed insurance requirements and noted that the Clerk had tried a new insurer but had not been able to obtain a quote which included cover on the new barn. It was agreed to continue the policy with AJ Gallagher and to do so for a three year fixed term (other than for additional index linking costs).

AJ Gallagher £1705.82

(3) Notification of Annual Pay Award at 3.2%: Noted.

(4) Redecoration and re-enrolment, Pensions Regulator: Members noted that the three yearly declaration had been completed.

(5) Receipts: The following receipts were noted –

Presteigne Carnival Committee (twds storage building)	£1000.00 MEADOW ACC
Fitness Instructor (donation re use of barn)	£15.00 MEADOW ACC
Sheep Music (donations raised for storage building)	£5000.00 MEADOW ACC
Sheep Music (donation twds storage building)	£875.00 MEADOW ACC

(6) Letter of thanks from Papyrus (donation from Mayor's Fund): Noted.

MIN 4520 PLANNING

(1) The following applications were considered –

Cllr. Edwards left the room at this point due to her position on the County Council Planning Committee. In the absence of Cllr. Ross (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Preece chaired the following item.

25/1055/REM Grid Reference: E:331353 N: 263900 Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 21/0702/FUL. Resolved no objections to the application but to be noted that due to the large South facing roof there was a good opportunity for the installation of solar panels.

Cllr. Owens left the room during the following item.

25/1124/FUL Grid Reference: E:330295 N: 266972 Proposal: Erection of two dwellings, new access and associated works Site Address: Land At Jacks View, Norton, Presteigne. Resolved no objections to the application but noted that due to the South facing roofs there was a good opportunity for the installation of solar panels and this was not currently being considered.

Cllrs. Owens and Edwards returned to the room.

Cllr. Edwards retook the Chair.

(2) Planning Decisions: The following decision was noted –

24/0890/LBC, 2 Fold Cottages, Broad Street, Presteigne: Approval 31st July.

Cllr. Ross joined the meeting at this point.

MIN 4521 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Fold Farm DMMO: Members had all received a copy of the response drafted by Cllr. Kirkby. It was suggested that provenance for the photograph of the no vehicular access sign be included and Cllr. J. Ramsay noted some typographical errors which needed correcting. Cllr. Rogers was concerned at the mention of comments from residents (page 2 – first paragraph after the map) and it was agreed to remove

most of this section but to retain the mention of the County Council installed footpath sign. Cllr. Kirkby would amend and send to the Clerk for formal submission to the County Council.

(2) Removal of Telephony Services, 'Phone Kiosk in Station Road: Agreed not objections to this. It was noted that as the kiosk was listed BT could not remove it. Members agreed to further consider possible adoption at the September meeting.

(3) Brilliant Basics Paths Project: Cllr. Preece confirmed that work had now started and that the length from the scout hut car park was complete. Two of the oak posts surrounding the car park had had to be replaced and an invoice for the posts was awaited from JJW Ltd. The distribution of the earth and turf removed was discussed briefly and the Clerk confirmed that contractors had been advised that this would need distributing on the Meadow site. Cllr. Preece continued to monitor the project. Members noted some of the recent social media posts which contained inaccurate and misinformed information. No action for the time being. Cllr. Preece confirmed that the Scouts had been fully informed about the project and she had been in touch with them since early 2025.

(4) Meadow Use 16th August: The use by Sheep Music the previous weekend was noted.

Cllr. Baynham joined the meeting at this point.

MIN 4522 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Item for September Agenda: Presteigne Carnival and need for Committee Members.

(2) Survey on Waste and Recycling Changes: Cllr. Ross advised that this was now available for completion.

(3) Knighton and District Community Support Public Meeting: Cllr. Baynham had attended this meeting and advised that due to a lack of funds the scheme was closing. This had originally been planned to happen in August but the closure had now been delayed until October.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m. and was followed by the annual town walk.

MIN 4523 TOWN WALK

Members visited the following –

New Storage Building: Members were impressed with the quality of the new building.

Allotments –

- Gap by bridge allowing access to riverside of allotment site – felt to not be a problem currently. No further action.
- Proposed new bases for water pumps – agreed that this work be done over the coming months.
- Possible rabbit proofing of the site: Given the time of year it was difficult to review the fencing but it was confirmed that the Council would not rabbit proof the whole site although it had been willing to fund materials should the PNAA wish to repair any existing holes in the perimeter. It was noted that the allotment rules allowed tenants to fence their existing plots to exclude pests if they wished.
- Condition of Plots: The current situation was discussed and noted as follows –
 - Tenant on one plot to be contacted as the plot was in a very bad condition.
 - Plot 36 – now covered. To be offered to the Playgroup in the first instance as a community plot.
 - Plots 32 and 24: Tenants had both surrendered their tenancies. As discussed at the July meeting plot 32 had now been dug over and would be offered to the person on the waiting list. Plot 24 would be dug over and, if necessary, covered until a tenant could be found.
 - All other plots were under some degree of cultivation although one that was previously a problem seemed to have just been strimmed over. No further action at present.