

**PRESTEIGNE & NORTON TOWN
COUNCIL
NEWS**



From the meeting held in April, 2023

Planning Applications: No applications this month.

Planning Decisions: Two decisions this month –
22/1323/HH Fairview, Stonewall Hill: Approval
14th March.
23/0236/FUL The Woodyard, Broadaxe: Refusal
5th April.

Small Grant Awards: Organisations receiving their 2023-24 grant this month were –

East Radnorshire Care	2000.00
Memorial Hall	1000.00
Mid Border Arts	1250.00
Norton Community Trust	5000.00
PACDG	250.00
Presteigne Festival	1250.00
Presteigne & Norton Community Support	250.00
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000.00
Powys CAB	200.00
The Samaritans	250.00
Youth Project	1000.00

Donation to the Sleeping Dragon Fund: The Clerk advised Members of the budgets held for miscellaneous donations and it was agreed to donate the £300 remaining in the budget for 2022-23 to the project.

Approval of Annual Accounts for 2022/23: Approved as circulated. Available on the Council website.

Internal Audit 2022/23 Accounts: Members noted the internal audit was now complete and that no issues had been raised.

Nature Reserve Update: Cllr. Bamford reported the following –
Secondary School to monitor the new site as part of a GCSE project.
Pond planting delayed due to the weather.
Project Update completed on the Lottery Portal and the Clerk had submitted a claim for repayment of additional monies spent to the end of the financial year.
Purchase of tractor/implements:
Discussions took place on the best options for purchase and Cllr. Bamford confirmed that the model suggested had been recommended by three wildlife trusts.
Agreed that Cllr. Bamford proceed to purchase and also if possible, to get a three or five year service agreement included.

Free Tree Hub: 233 trees given out in March. A number of trees also provided for planting on the new nature reserve.

Community Broadband Scheme Update: Surveying work still planned to start in September. Leaflets had been sent out to local households and the Clerk had a new set of banners which would be put up shortly to promote the project.

Drainage/Flooding Problems, Greenfield Road - Complaint from resident: Clerk to forward to the County Council and to notify the resident of the action taken.

Vandalism – A number of incidents in recent weeks. Residents are asked to report any incidents seen to 101. Help us to look after your park!

Ambulance Service – EMERTS Consultation (potential removal of Welshpool Air Ambulance Base): Consultation Event, Knighton: Cllr Baynham reported on this. Around eighty people had attended. An online consultation is available and everyone is encouraged to complete this. <https://easc.nhs.wales/engagement/sdp/>

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