



Community News

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"Working Together For Our Community"*



Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton Presteigne & Norton Town Council NEWS from the meeting held on 19th February 2025

Community Orchard Pruning Day: Cllr. Kirkby reported that this had been very successful with all the trees being pruned and around eleven volunteers assisting.

Planning applications: The following applications were considered -

25/0110/FUL Grid Reference: E:331536 N:264264 Proposal: Change of use of ancillary domestic summer house to holiday let. Site Address: 43 Hereford Street, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2AT. Resolved to make the following comment - the application states that 'Having lived in Presteigne over the last summer we have noted that there is steady flow of tourists in the town but a shortage of short stay affordable accommodation in or close to the town centre.' Members were of the opinion that there was currently sufficient holiday accommodation. Other than this the Council had no comment to make.

25/0199/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331511 N: 264279 Proposal: Felling of a sycamore tree. Location: Appletree Lodge, Hereford Street, Presteigne LD8 2AT. Resolved no objections be raised.

25/0203/REM Grid Reference: E:332402 N:263963. Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 24/0871/FUL in relation to reduction in size of building following ground investigation. Site Address: Unit 1 Presteigne Mill, Presteigne, LD8 2HG. Resolved no objections be raised.

Planning Decisions: The following decision was noted:
24/1382/HH, Fairview Stonewall Hill Presteigne: Approval 29th January.

Fold Farm DMMO Application: The full consultation report was issued on 18th February and any comments need to be submitted to the County Council.

Update - café bar/storage on Went's Meadow:

Cllr. Kirkby provided a brief update on the project. He had been in touch with the planning department and planning permission should be issued very shortly Sheep Music had set up a Just Giving page to raise the remaining £5000 needed for the project. The £20,000 lottery grant application had been successful and the money received.

Closure of Lloyds Bank/Cashpoint Update:

Members agreed to send a letter of thanks to all staff and one also to the longest standing staff member. Members noted the undertaking from Lloyds Bank to maintain the current cashpoint until a new LINK cashpoint was installed in the town.

Went's Meadow Work Day: Members agreed that the Spring Work Day be on 26th April. All welcome and posters would be put up around the town to encourage volunteers to help on the day.

Allotment Grant: The two raised beds and picnic bench were now ordered and the delivery was expected in late March. The raised beds would be placed on plot 36 to provide a plot which would be easier to manage.

Pollarding of Trees, Station Road: Cllr. Kirkby felt that the trees were becoming very overgrown and needed pollarding. This had not been done for a number of years and branches were becoming over-sized, making pollarding increasingly difficult. It was agreed that the Clerk raise this with the Highways Department.

General Works, Norton: Cllr. Wilding reported that the milestone works were complete and he had the stone ready for re-siting. The first bench had been completed and the second was currently drying out before being restored/re-treated

High Street Grants – Update: The Clerk confirmed that all work was now complete and the businesses paid.

Public Conveniences: Toilet roll thefts were continuing from the Hereford Street site. Users are asked to report any suspicious behaviour to the police or to the Clerk.

Full Minutes are available on the website - http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town_Council

Tracey Price, Town Clerk

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