

MIN 2841 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

(1) Former Kayes Site: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that Kirsty Williams AM had asked a question in the Welsh Assembly on the need to encourage development of such sites. He read the reply of Carl Sargeant AM to the meeting. It was agreed that it would be useful for the email to be forwarded to Bovale Ltd.

(2) Defibrillators: Cllr. Kirkby was pleased to inform the meeting that so far he had raised £750 towards the new defibrillator for the Presteigne Fire Service Co-Responders. The Fire Brigade had also raised some money and Cllr. Kirkby hoped to visit the Station to discuss the amount of extra funding now needed. Members re-confirmed their willingness to provide funding towards the purchase. Cllr. Kirkby had also tried to contact Welsh Hearts about the two defibrillator units obtained for siting in Presteigne and Norton but had been unable to speak to the grant officer.

(3) Cashpoints: Presteigne: Members noted the procedures Lloyds Bank used for re-stocking the cash machine. Bank Machine Ltd had not replied.

(4) Rockbridge Park: The submission of planning permission had been delayed but the site owner had confirmed that full information would be supplied when the application was made.

(5) Grass Cutting: Powys County Council had now formally commenced the three weekly grass cuts on the Meadow. In order for the grass to be cut prior to the Carnival the 4th July cut would be delayed until 11th July.

(6) Devolution of Services Training: The Clerk and Cllr. Ms. Preece had attended this training session in Llandrindod Wells. The Clerk had also attended an Employment Law and Health and Safety Seminar in Montgomery.

MIN 2842 FINANCE

(1) Donations: . The following donation was agreed:-

The Samaritans **£100** (precepted)

Request for donation re Presteigne Fair: This request had been received via Cllr. Ms. Baynham and was for a grant towards the rent required by Bovale Ltd for the use of the former Kayes Factory site. The Clerk had requested further information regarding other possible sites and also for details of who would profit from the fair. No response had been received. Members agreed therefore that there was insufficient information to award any monies for this year. The applicant was to be advised to apply at the end of 2014 if the project was to be considered for funding in 2015/16.

The letters for thanks from Norton Church (community works), Presteigne Festival, Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association, Home Presteigne, Presteigne Little People Playgroup and the Shirehall Museum Trust were noted.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved -

Mrs T. Price	£651.40
HMRC	£214.11
(income tax/employees and employers NI due on above)	
Mrs T. Price	£181.89
(travelling and reimbursement of postage expenses)	
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£401.75
Nick Close (April/May)	£329.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Nick Close (May/June)	£105.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT
C. Kirkby (1st Instalment of Mayor's Allowance)	£500.00
OCS Group Limited t/a Cannon (hygiene units)	£30.61

Information Commissioner (data registration)	£35.00
Beaumont Electrics (work at toilets)	£668.40
Npower (electricity account)	£30.04 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Presteigne Building Supplies	£63.53 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Npower (electricity account toilets)	£12.11

(3) Setting up of new Bank Account: Cllr. Kirkby suggested that a new account be set up for the funds received from the Warden Appeal Fund and Welsh Water re the former reservoir land. This account would ensure that the funds were retained for use on these areas. Members agreed that the Clerk set up a further account.

MIN 2841 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications

P2012/0573 full, new site access road from A4113 to the Llanshay Lane and the creation of passing places to enable access to the consented Reeves Hill wind farm at **agricultural land south of A4113, Knighton: Deferred to the July meeting as further information was expected.**

Cllrs. Kirkby, Wilding, Ms. Baynham, Ms. Preece and Wilding left the room for the duration of the following planning application..

P/2014/0438, outline, residential development (all matters reserved) at **development land off Will's View, Norton**. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles summarised the application and listed the reasons submitted to Powys County Council by residents objecting to the application. Similar letters had been received by the Town Council and circulated to each Member. These reasons were

That there is no demonstrated need for housing in Norton.

That the development is outside the current village boundary as specified in the UDP

That the grading of the site as a candidate site for the LDP is red

That the development is not in keeping with the character of the village

That the proposed drainage arrangements to this number of septic tanks with soakaway into the field will cause problems for both to the residents in the houses and the large tree in the field

That the access from Wills view onto the road through the village is dangerous

That the village does not have the facilities' to support any further significant development

That the development would disturb the peace and tranquillity of Wills View

That the development would effect the market value of the existing properties

That the land is subject to mineral rights and is therefore unsuitable for development

That the new buildings would overlook the existing ones.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles then reminded Members of the objection by the Highways department concerning visibility issues at the junction although the developer was working with the County Council to resolve this particular issue. He explained that, due to a shortfall in available land in Powys as a whole, applications were being considered by PCC outside the development plan boundaries but that there appeared to be no demonstration of specific need in Norton. He reminded Members that if the new LDP went forward unchanged then Norton would be designated as a small village and as such only small scale infill development would be permitted. He stressed that the LDP was not yet final and could yet change. Finally Cllr. Tennant-Eyles repeated the results of surveys in 2011 (TC Housing Survey), 2013 (LDP Survey) and 2014 (Norton Survey) and also asked that Members note the Town Council response to the site in question as a Candidate Site for the LDP and also the response to the recent planning application for land at Jacks View/Orchard View, Norton.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles then reported on the site meeting held with the developer and his agent to discuss the application and also the possibility of land being supplied to create the first section of a Norton to Presteigne path. This would be seen as planning gain and would facilitate foot/cycle access to Presteigne for Norton residents. The developer had agreed to consider this. The Clerk reminded Members that whilst planning gain was a legitimate request, the planning application must be considered on planning grounds alone and that any possible gain should have no part in their considerations.

Members then discussed the application and the following response was agreed -

The Town Council has considered the application and also the representations from members of the public.

After discussion Members agreed to object to the planning application because, due to the size and the implications this would have for the village, it would be better dealt with as part of the current LDP process when all the potential sites can be considered as a whole and a considered plan for the whole of the village developed. The County Council should be reminded of the comments made by the Town Council in respect of the site when put forward as a Candidate Site for the LDP, that the site represented ribbon development and that the Town Council would prefer to first see development within the village.

Members also wished that to make the County Council aware of the concerns of the public over this application and these were:-

*That there is no demonstrated need for housing in Norton.
That the development is outside the current village boundary as specified in the UDP
That the grading of the site as a candidate site for the LDP is red
That the development is not in keeping with the character of the village
That the proposed drainage arrangements to this number of septic tanks with soakaway into the field will cause problems for both to the residents in the houses and the large tree in the field
That the access from Wills view onto the road through the village is dangerous
That the village does not have the facilities to support any further significant development
That the development would disturb the peace and tranquillity of Wills View
That the development would affect the market value of the existing properties
That the land is subject to mineral rights and is therefore unsuitable for development
That the new buildings would overlook the existing ones.*

The Town Council would, without prejudice to the decision, ask that should the application be granted planning permission then, as part of that permission, land be made available along the boundary of the site (from the Wills View entrance to the Home Farm lane junction and beyond to include the edge of the field with the twelve trees) by the developer to facilitate the provision of phase one of a foot/cycle route to Presteigne).

P/2014/0542 LBC, re-plaster ceilings and chimney breasts and erection of internal stud wall. Erection of burglar alarm to rear of property, at **Fold Farm, Broad Street, Presteigne. No objections raised.**

P/2014/0541 For Householder: Erection of fence and installation of cover and flue pipe for condenser boiler at **Fold Farm, Broad Street, Presteigne: No objections raised.**

Cllr. Owens left the room for the duration of this item.

P/2014/0202, full, erection of two poultry buildings to include a control room, feed bins, new access and hard standing (resubmission of P/2013/0671) at **Upper Heath Farm, Presteigne: Consultation on Additional Information:** Cllr. Kirkby reported on the new items submitted to the County Council and on the additional letters received by the Town Council. He expressed concern that some of the letters from the public had arrived very late that day and as such Members had not had sufficient time to consider the information contained. It was agreed that in future late information would only be admitted at the discretion of the Mayor and that members of the public should be advised to submit information in time for inclusion on the Agenda (by 9am on the Thursday preceding each meeting).

Members discussed the additional information in relation to the Council's previous response and it was agreed that almost all the points had already been covered. It was agreed that the Clerk respond by reminding the County Council of the earlier letter and also asking for clarification how Welsh Government TAN 6 advice note would apply to the application. The Clerk was also asked to remind the County Council

that no reply had been received to the request for an explanation of the handling of the previous application at the site.

(2) Planning Application, P2013/1026 Land off Knighton Road: It was noted that this application had been granted for the amended number of 11 homes.

(3) Tree, The Paddocks: Cllr. Kirkby stated that the tree had in fact been felled before the last Council meeting. Cllr. Ms. Baynham submitted a letter received from a nearby resident expressing concern that this work had been done and asking for details of the procedures that should have been followed. It also indicated concern for other mature trees in the Presteigne area. It was agreed that the Clerk ask for details of procedures from the County Council and also for a list of all trees in Presteigne that were currently under a Tree Protection Order.

(4) Local Development Plan Update: Cllr. Kirkby reported on the meeting held with Mr. Chris O'Brien and on the updated information regarding development in villages under the LDP. The additional information received from Mr. O'Brien after the meeting was noted. Cllr. Kirkby asked the Clerk to check with the County Council to see if permission was still valid for 4/5 properties in Mill Lane as this was not shown on the list of outstanding permissions received.

(5) Land at Orchard View/Jack's View, Norton: The letter from the Planning Agent providing an update on the application was noted.

MIN 2842 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Tennis Courts Progress Report: The Clerk reported that the County Council had agreed to proceed to order the additional works and invoice the Town Council for the sum of £1250 after the transfer of ownership was complete.

(2) The Scallions, replacement sign: Cllr. Kirkby had now discussed the location of the sign with the County Council.

(3) Regeneration: Cllr. Kirkby informed Members of the possible grant opportunity but it was agreed that the timescale was too short for an application to be submitted. A new Regeneration Manager, Jenni Thomas, had been appointed at the County Council.

(4) Emails re grass cutting/street lighting: The comments from two persons concerned at the state of the verges etc were noted. Powys County Council had supplied dates for the reduced number of cuts and these had been provided to the complainants.

(5) Home Presteigne Survey: Cllr. Ms. Marchant reminded Members that the survey should be completed as soon as possible. She also asked them to note the date for the official launch of Home Presteigne on 9th July.

(6) PCC Highways Scheme for Undertaking Minor Works: Noted.

(7) Uncovered Poultry Trailers: Cllr Tennant-Eyles reported that he had received a further complaint concerning a trailer travelling along Broad Street. The Clerk was asked to investigate the legal requirements for such trailers to be covered.

(8) Industrial Noise, Framewise: Cllr. Ms/ Preece reported that recently work was continuing overnight and causing concern to those living nearby. The Clerk was asked to investigate any planning restrictions on the site and also to contact Framewise to ask if the work would be continuing long term.

(9) Potholes: Cllr. Robinson reported that the potholes in Norton had still not been repaired.

(10) Planting of Roundabout, Kington Road: Cllr. Banks reported that there would be no planting this year by the County Council and suggested that the Town Council might like to purchase plants instead. If this were to be done then permission from the County Council would need to be sought. It was agreed that before this be considered Countrywide be approached to see if they would sponsor the planting. Cllr. Ms. Preece agreed to approach Countrywide and report to the July meeting.

(11) Flints, John Beddoes School: Cllr. Ms Baynham reported that a location was now being sought for these and it was agreed that she approach the Judges' Lodgings to ask if the flints could be stored there, subject to the agreement of the School.

MIN 2843 NORTON

(1) Welcome to Norton Sign: The repair should soon be complete.

(2) Highway Safety, Norton (Horse Riders): Cllr. Kirkby reported on the site visit to discuss the possibility of the footpath from Mynd Road to Offas Green being used by horses and riders (dismounted). Members attending had felt that the path was too narrow, visibility not ideal and that use by horses would create problems with horse manure etc not only on the path but also along Offas Green. Adjoining residents were also against the use by horses.

The main road had then been investigated to see if any possible improvements could be made to improve the route not only for horse riders but for traffic in general. Ms Gwyneth Mills at the County Council had agreed to investigate possible options and report back to the Town Council in due course.

It was resolved that the Town Council would not pursue the option of horses being allowed to use the footpath.

Cllrs. Kirkby, Wilding, MS. Baynham and Ms. Preece left the room for the duration of the following item.

(3) Letter from Norton Civic Society: Members had all received a copy of the letter and also a possible reply for consideration. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles read the draft response to the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that the letter be sent unchanged.

(4) Land between 5 and 6 Offas Green: The general un-kept condition of this plot of ground had also been looked at the site meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the landowner to ask if the area could be tidied up.

(5) Works at Norton Church: Cllr. Price submitted a document currently being circulated in the village. Whilst he was happy for information on the works to be circulated he was concerned at the inaccurate information contained within it. He agreed to supply full details to the Clerk.

MIN 2844 WENT'S MEADOW / EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Inspections: Cllr. Kirkby thanked Cllrs. Ms Preece, Baynham and Tennant-Eyles for agreeing to carry out inspections of the Meadow during the annual holiday of Mr. Close.

(2) Grass-Cutting: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the County Council had been present grass cutting during his inspection and he wished it to be noted that they had been doing an excellent job and that it appeared to be good value for money despite the increase in cost.

(3) Welsh Government Nature Fund: Noted but agreed not to apply.

(4) Skateboard Park: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that there had been issues with the original installation which was incorrect but that the firm were correcting this.

(5) Wood Chips: It was agreed that Cllr. Kirkby order additional wood chip for the skateboard area.

(6) Car Park Field: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles confirmed that the field would be cut shortly before the Carnival.

MIN 2845 YOUTH MATTERS

Nothing to report.

MIN 2846 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Town Emblem Update: No progress.

(2) Presteigne Memorial Hall Progress Report : Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that a grant of £65,000 had been awarded for renovation works. In addition to this quotes had been sought to tidy and tarmac the former play area. He suggested that he investigate possible grant options for this and Members agreed to consider providing some monies towards the works.

(4) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Survey: The Clerk was asked to complete this on behalf of the Council. It was agreed that as an additional comment the suggestion of the need for clarification on income tax implications should be obtained.

(5) Harford House, Information from Cllr. Banks: The maintenance information provided by Cllr. Banks was noted.

(6) Home Care Services Reply from Portfolio Holder PCC: Noted. Details of the monitoring processes in place had still not been received and the Clerk was asked to chase for these.

(7) Herefordshire Council Local Plan Core Strategy Consultation: Noted. No response to be made.

(8) Presteigne Website and Councillor Contact Details: Members considered including personal contact details on the town website. It was agreed that contact should be made via the Clerk whose details were already included on the site.

(9) Welsh Government Consultation on Access to Information Town and Community Councils: Noted. The Clerk confirmed that the Council was in the main complying with the requirements to provide information electronically although it might in future be necessary to include direct contact information for each Councillor. Details of the Ward each Councillor represented would be added to the site.

(10) WW1 Anniversary: Cllr. Ms. Preece had contacted the Presteigne British Legion and no events had been planned. Cllr. Kirkby had therefore spoken to Rev. Hollinghurst and a commemoration service had been arranged for 3rd August. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Austin at the Legion to discuss the service and a possible parade prior to the service.

(11) Public Health White Paper Consultation (inc public toilets): The Clerk was asked to respond supporting the maintaining of public toilets as a statutory provision by the County Council.

(12) National Conversation 'Wales we want': Noted.

(13) East Radnor Leisure Centre and Knighton and District Sports Centre Local Consultative Committee Meeting: Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported on the recent meeting. The County Council was looking at creating a trust to manage the Leisure Centres in Powys.

(14) Tackle Rural Poverty NEA Cymru: Noted. No action.

(15) Dyfed-Powys Police Survey: It was agreed that the Clerk pass the information on the Presteigne Library to promote public awareness of this survey.

(16) Powys County Council ALN Consultation Report: Noted.

MIN 2847 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

June Surgery: Matters reported were -

- the need for a litter bin for dog waste bags, Ava Maria Lane
- potholes and drainage issues, Stapleton Road towards the cemetery
- cracked road surface, Slough Road near Hill Farm
- need for additional bollard near 14 Hereford Street
- bent street light near to Dukes Public house

The Clerk was asked to report these matters.

Cllrs. Kirkby and Smith agreed to man the July Surgery.

MIN 2848 INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items for information were noted:

- One Council: Rough Guide to Powys County Council
- Further emails Poultry Unit Planning Application
- Nature Resource Management Bulletin (as emailed)
- Western Power Distribution - Preparing for a Power Cut Information
- One Voice Wales The Voice Magazine

MIN 2849 URGENT ITEMS

(1) Spelling Of Presteigne: Members believed that the final 'e' had been added in approximately 1948. The Clerk was asked to reply to the enquiry from a member of the public.

(2) Speeding: Cllr. Banks reported concerns that young drivers were speeding along the by-pass. The Clerk was asked to request that the police monitor the area. She was also asked to pass on the thanks of the Town Council for the excellent job Officers were doing in patrolling the Meadow area.

(3) 50th Anniversary of Presteigne Primary School: Cllr. Price reported that the School had asked if any funding would be available to assist with the celebrations. Members agreed that a formal proposal should be submitted for consideration.

The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.