

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2017
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. J. Wilding (Mayor), C. Kirkby MBE, (Deputy Mayor), Ms B. Baynham, T. Owens, D. Edwards, S. Dixon, P. Linnett, R. Bennett, C. Ruby, F. Preece. R. Bamford, N. Rogers.

Apologies: Cllr. L. Veary.

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: Cllr. Bennett, Director of Presteigne Youth Project (uses Old School) re. future of Old School Building.

Cllr. Bamford, Director of Presteigne Youth Project (uses Old School) re. Future of Old School Building.

NB Dispensation in force for members of societies/charities.

Personal and Prejudicial:

Cllr. Wilding, owner of land re. planning applications, P/2017/1187 and 0125.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members welcomed Dafydd Llewelyn, Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed/Powys who spoke on his role as commissioner and his aims for his period of office. He explained that the two main roles of the post were to set the budget and to hold the Chief Constable to account. He had recently produced his police and crime plan and circulated copies of the accompanying leaflet to those present. Importantly he pledged not to reduce the police estate further a decision welcomed as it secured the future of the Presteigne Station. He also answered questions from Members including issues with vandalism and the use of cctv, obstruction of the pavements by parked vehicles and a police presence on Remembrance Sunday to ensure effective road closures.

MIN 3381 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 18th October 2017 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3382 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- (1) New Projects: Members were reminded of the need to bring new projects to the December meeting.
- (2) Cherry Tree, St. David's Street: New tree now planted.
- (3) Rubbish, Behind the Paddocks: The cars had now been removed. The rubble was to be used in gateways and would be used over the coming months.
- (4) Cemetery Bins: The County Council were to remove the smaller bins.
- (5) Reservoir Ground: The County Council had agreed that a path could be constructed leading into the Town Council reservoir ground and would provide some labour and materials.
- (6) Doctor's Surgery: The new management had requested feedback. Members were positive about the changes and the Clerk would convey this to the Surgery staff. It was felt that possible improvements would be some open surgeries and opening on Saturday mornings.
- (7) Sheep Music/Fireworks: The Clerk was asked to write and congratulate Sheep Music on the fireworks and in particular to congratulate Owen Rimington on the dragon constructed for the event.
- (8) Missing Swing, Wilson Terrace: Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that the County Council had now ordered this.
- (9) Christmas Lights: Cllr. Kirkby and Mr. Colin Felgate were the responsible persons to approach in the event of any problem over the Christmas period.

MIN 3383 FINANCE

(1) Donations: No donations this month.

The letters of thanks from Presteigne Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Presteigne Community Trust were noted.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved –

Mrs T. Price	£1254.60
HM Revenue and Customs	£459.56
NEST (direct debit)	£28.80
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£856.80
EDF Energy (Hereford Street)	£78.90
EDF Energy (Wilson Terrace)	£37.18
Healthmatic Ltd (refurb, Hereford Street Toilets)	£6541.20
Lyreco (office supplies)	£32.34
William Protheroe Ltd (Norton War Memorial)	£444.00
XMA Ltd (ink toner)	£74.42
T.A. Price (refund abloy padlock)	£29.50 MEADOW ACCOUNT
EDF Energy (Barn)	£48.79 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Highground Maintenance Ltd (grass cutting)	£ 268.55 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Mr. N. Close	£165.62 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Mr. N. Close	£275.00

(3) Review of Internal Audit Arrangements: Members reviewed the information supplied and it was agreed –

- That the document outlining the scope of the internal audit for the 2017/18 year be confirmed unchanged.
- To re-appoint Mr. L. Stephens for the 2017/18 year audit.
- The planning and reporting arrangements for the 2017/18 internal audit were agreed unchanged

(4) Receipts: The following receipts were noted –

PACDG (twds daffodil bulbs)	£76.67
Tesco Groundworks (Bags of Help) Grant	£1000.00

(5) Bank Balances: The following bank balances were noted –

Treasurer	£35266.15	Money Manager (reserves)	£3736.58
Allotments	£1600.16	Meadow	£11315.30
Warden Reserve	£2962.02		

MIN 3384 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications:

P/2017/1064 Grid Ref: 331512.41/264492.94 for Householder: Alterations to dwelling. Resolved no objections be raised.

P/2017/1169, Grid Ref: 331507.11/264613.98 for LBC: Retention of the replacement of three windows at 11 Church Street, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllr. Wilding left the room for the consideration of the next two applications.

P/2017/1187, Grid Ref: 330314.97/266940.42 for Reserved matters in respect of outline planning consent P/2014/0067 (and supplementary condition on NMA/2017/0033) - Phase 1 - erection of 8 dwellings (4 affordable) at Land at Jacks View & Orchards End, Norton. Resolved no objections be raised.

P/2017/ 0125, Grid Ref: 330270.6 266959.71 for Outline: Erection of 2 dwellings and associated works at Land at Jacks View, Norton. Resolved no objections be raised.

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

P/2017/0459 LBC CONSENT Listed building consent at 1,2 & 3 Castle Dyche: Conditional Consent.

MIN 3385 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) PACDG Update and request for representatives on Green Presteigne Consultancy: The monthly update was noted. It was agreed that the representatives for Green Presteigne would be Cllrs. Ruby and Wilding.

(2) Cycle Route Grant Works Update: The planned works near the School had not been completed over half term as planned. Works along the by pass continued.

(3) Request for Yellow Lines opposite Fold Farm Entrance: After due consideration it was agreed not to support the request due to the need for parking spaces in that area. The possibility of using temporary cones via the police was raised as a possibility and the Clerk would pass this on.

(4) Update on Matters raised in October:

Pothole Warden Road: Filled.

Hatched Lines, Church Entrance: Cllr. Baynham still investigating. It was felt that repainting the lines would be a help and Cllr. Baynham agreed to follow this up.

Grass Cutting: Cllr. Baynham dealing with this.

Possible 40mph limit, Rockbridge: No reply received, Clerk to chase.

Hedge, Slough Road: Cllr. Baynham had visited and the hedge had been cut back with the pavement now at the minimum width required.

Castle Road: Resurfacing now done.

Pavements, Broad Street: Done but only partway. Cllr. Baynham to speak to the Officer involved.

Station Road Pavements: Not cleaned. Cllr. Baynham to follow up.

High Street Cleaning: Arranged for just before the Christmas Fair.

Parking by Lloyds Bank Cashpoint: Meeting with Portfolio Holder still to be arranged.

(5) Reporting of Highway Items for repair:

- Request for Solid Double White Lines, Hebb's Acre to Greenfield Roundabout: A resident had raised concerns at vehicles overtaking bicycles on this length of road. This had been forwarded to the County Council. No further action by Town Council.

MIN 3386 NORTON

(1) Pavements and hedge, Offas Green: The Clerk had submitted a request to the County Council and the pavements had been added to the list for cleaning. The Clerk to ask the County Council Officer to visit the owner of the overhanging hedge to ask that it be cut back.

(2) Railings/Brambles Main Road Meeting House Lane junction to Norton Village: The County Council had no record of ownership but had offered to remove part of the railings and possibly arrange one cut of the brambles. It was agreed that complete removal of the railings was not desirable on Health and Safety grounds and the Clerk would reply stating this.

(3) Pavements: The pavements in the centre of the village would be cleaned soon.

(4) Property, Mynd Road: Concerns had been received by Norton Members about the height of a fence, the retention of a container unit and the running of a business at the property. The Clerk was asked to ask the planning department to investigate.

MIN 3387 SITES AND BUILDINGS MATTERS

(1) Public Conveniences:

- Winter Closure of Wilson Terrace Toilets: Completed without any problems.
- Refurbishment Update: Now completed.
- Withdrawal of Annual Grant from PCC: This was felt to be very sudden and the Clerk was asked to write suggesting a gradual tapering of the grant would be more reasonable.
- Winter Clean up, Hereford Street: The guttering had been cleaned, outside area weeded and all was in order for the Winter months.

(2) Allotments: All matters to Sites & Buildings Committee on 28th November.

(3) Meadows:

- Further Vandalism: Damage to the bench at the Wilson Terrace toilets and the repeated removal of the padlock to the electricity cabinet was noted. It was agreed that as access to the electric cabinet was not a safety issue the lock would not be replaced in the short term.
- Damage to Litter Bin: The bin at the Meadow entrance had been irreparably damaged and this had been reported to the County Council. The bin had already been replaced.
- Outdoor Gym Equipment: It was agreed that the Clerk continue to investigate options with the assistance of Cllr. Linnett and that grant applications be submitted by the Clerk in due course.
- Dead Trees. River Area: Removed.
- Western Power Tree Work: Due to be completed over next few days.

(4) Wilson Terrace Play Area:

- The Clerk would submit further grant applications for new equipment.

MIN 3388 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Boundary Commission for Wales: Revised Proposals re Parliamentary Constituencies: The Council's earlier comments on the size of the proposed constituency to be repeated.

(2) Welsh Government Consultation: Town and Village Greens: Resolved no comment to be made.

(3) Review of Town and Community Council Sector in Wales: Deferred to December. The forthcoming One Voice Wales consultation event was noted.

(4) Consultation on proposed amendments to the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003: The Clerk to respond suggesting that Town and Community Councils should not be included within the regulations.

(5) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine: Noted.

MIN 3389 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

(1) Report on November Surgery: Cllrs. Baynham and Veary had attended and a number of items had been raised:

- Thanks for removal of the cars behind the Paddocks: No action required.
- Slow Work/progress on cycle route: Cllr. Baynham to discuss with Officer in charge.
- Missing Name Sign Scottleton Street: Cllr. Baynham to ask for replacement.
- Warden Close Sign needs replacing: Cllr. Baynham to request.
- Warden Close in need of Sweeping: Cllr. Baynham to request.
- Request to extend 30mph past Broadaxe: It was felt this would not help. Cllr. Baynham to reply.
- Street Cleaning Concerns and suggestion that Town Council employ a street cleaner. Cllr.

Baynham suggested this might be a new project in 2018/19.

(2) December Surgery: Cllrs. Baynham and Rogers to attend.

Note no January Surgery.

MIN 3390 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES

(1) Presteigne Cemetery Land: The County Council had confirmed it wished to proceed with the purchase of the land and would meet Town Council costs as submitted. Cllr Wilding and Kirkby were still trying to get to meet the ecologist from Herefordshire Council regarding the hedge and soft landscaping before arranging a site meeting with the County Council.

(2) Drill Hall: The County Council had refused the expression of interest and had stated its intention to sell the Drill Hall. It was felt that given the property had been vacated by Community Support the case for an asset transfer had been very much weakened and it was therefore agreed that the Town Council agree to the withdrawal of its Expression of Interest but that it be asked that the site be first offered to Home Presteigne for affordable housing and if that organisation was not willing or able to proceed then the site be offered to other affordable housing providers before it was placed on the open market. The Clerk would inform Home Presteigne of this.

(3) Old School: Members had all received a copy of the letter from the Chairman of Presteigne Youth Project on the Old School. They noted that if the Town Council did not proceed to take over the building the County Council was willing to enter into a further lease with the current tenant (Presteigne Youth Project). This was felt to be a good solution and the Clerk was instructed to write withdrawing the expression of interest on those terms.

MIN 3391 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Items of note this month were –

- Attendance at Llandrindod Wells Remembrance Service.
- Free Parking obtained from 3.30 pm onwards for Christmas Fair.
- Working to get free parking for CONNECT Food Fair.
- Costings being obtained for possible free first hour of parking in shoppers car park as a possible Town Council Project.
- Grass Cutting around Sleeping Dragon being discussed with relevant officer.

MIN 3392 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

- East Radnorshire Day Centre: Collecting used stamps, ink cartridges and mobile phones.
- Flower Bed installed Warden Road/ByPass.
- Thanks to those who attended the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service.
- Examination of Accounts from Organisations: To being circulation to all Members.

The Meeting closed at 9.48 pm.