

Petty Cash **£40.00**

npower **£16.12**
(electricity account Barn at Wents Meadow, £15.35 plus VAT)

(3) Receipts:

The receipt of the second instalment of the precept, **£10011.50**, was noted.

(4) Balances

The Bank Balances as at 10th September, 2008 were noted and are listed below.

Money Manager	£16384.60
Current Account	£18163.75
Meadow Account	£1520.22

Cllr. Kirkby agreed to perform the check on invoices and the Clerk agreed to deliver the papers as soon as possible.

(5) Bank Transfer

The transfer of the annual precepted amount of £2290 to Wents Meadow Account was agreed.

MIN 1968 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 16th July were approved with no amendments. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 1969 APPROVAL OF NOTES FROM TOWN WALK AND CONFIRMATION OF DECISIONS

The Notes from the Town Walk of 20th August were approved with no amendments. All the decisions noted therein were confirmed and the Mayor then duly signed the Notes as correct.

MIN 1970 MATTERS ARISING

(1) Presteigne Bowling Club – The Clerk confirmed that she had requested the accounts and that she would contact them again.

(2) BISYOC – Cllr. Kirkby had spoken to BISYOC and confirmed that there would be no local involvement next year. It was agreed therefore that BISYOC be removed from the precept for 2009/010.

(3) Wents Meadow Sub-Committee – Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that Richard Rimmington and Eddie Taylor were happy to remain on the Committee. No meeting had yet been arranged.

(4) War Veterans – Cllr. Kirkby apologised, as he had not yet been able to contact anyone about this.

(5) Affordable Housing – The Clerk reported that Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had received an email from Jude Boutle of the Mid Wales Housing Association giving details of two sites which were currently being put forward, one in Norton and one in Presteigne.

(6) East Radnor Leisure Centre – The Clerk was asked to check whether Cllr. Ms. Simpson had been interested in applying to be the user representative on the Centre's Management Committee.

(7) **Safe Routes to School Project** – Contact details for the Powys County Council officer had been received and the Clerk had passed these on to Cllr. Wilding. Cllr. Wilding confirmed that he had not as yet managed to reach the Officer but would try again. It was agreed that Cllr. Kendall check to see if John Beddoes School had any suggestions to put forward and the Clerk agreed to contact the Primary School.

(8) **Norton Manor** – It was agreed that no further action was required at this time.

(9) **Industrial Estate, Presteigne** – Cllr. Kirkby read the email response he had received from Ashley Collins of Powys County Council. The advert had been placed by the property services section which was looking for a new site for a works depot. It was possible that such a site could link with a civic amenity site.

(10) **Community Support Officer** –The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Knighton Town Council stating that the Town Council were regretfully declining the offer of sharing an Officer at this time.

(11) **Access to Hillberry via Wents Meadow** – Cllr. Wilding confirmed that he had spoken to Mr. Davies about this and there was no problem.

(12) **Radnorshire Liaison Meeting** – Cllr. Kirkby stated that he was no longer able to attend and Cllr. Wilding agreed to try to attend instead. Cllr. Wilding was asked to particularly stress the Council's views on the planning changes and also the provision of social housing. It was felt that the consultation with the Housing Association and Powys County Council had been of little use if housing in Norton was still being pursued.

MIN 1971 PLANNING

(1) The following planning applications were considered:-

P2008 1176 Former Health Centre, Harpers Lane, Presteigne – Full, Change of Use from commercial to residential unit.

P2008 1328 Worthington House (formerly part of the Bull Hotel) St. David's Street, Presteigne – Listed Building Consent, change of use function room and two hotel rooms and various other works.

P2008 1326 Worthington House (formerly part of the Bull Hotel) St. David's Street, Presteigne – Full change of use function room and two hotel rooms and various other works.

P2008 1238 Taylors Farmhouse, Norton – Full, erection of new garden walls, pergola, shed and garden building. Due to the time limit imposed by PCC a reply of *no objection* has been sent. This is for confirmation.

No objections were raised to the above applications.

(2) **Information** - The items of information were noted.

(3) **Wind Turbine Application** –

It was heard that no formal report had yet been received from Powys County Council and that Herefordshire Council had stated that application would not now go to Committee before mid November. Cllr. Robinson asked that the matter be placed on the October Agenda for a final decision. Members considered this and although they had hoped that they would have more and fuller information agreed that the matter be added to the October Agenda and the need to make a decision at that Meeting would be reviewed then.

(4) Planning Modernisation -

Members were concerned at the effect that the proposed modernisation would make to town and community councils and their ability to comment. In addition concern was expressed that access to plans by members of the public would be reduced. The Clerk was asked to reply to Debra Jarvis of Powys County Council conveying these concerns and suggesting that great care be taken with any move towards online only access to plans and asking whether any financial help would be available towards new technology and equipment.

MIN 1972 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

- (1) Footpath Matters** – Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that the Highways department had admitted responsibility for the new portion of the path and it was agreed to accept this and take no further action.
- (2) Location of Bike Racks in Presteigne** – This matter was deferred until the October meeting in order to receive further information from the Chamber of Trade.
- (3) Reductions in Bus Service** – Cllr. Kirkby outlined the present situation. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Powys County Council asking for details of the report to be made to Committee, the times of the regular 41 service and the usage figures for the on demand service.
- (4) Shoppers Car Park** – Cllr. Kirkby was pleased to confirm that the police had taken action and that the problem seemed to have lessened since then. An engineer was due to make a report on the flooding in the near future.
- (5) Street Lighting** – Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported having received several complaints about the switching off of lights. Members heard that approximately two out of every three lights would be switched off completely. Cllr. Wilding suggested that Members monitor the situation and report any problems.
- (6) Clatterbrook** – This item was for information and was duly noted.
- (7) Rockbridge Footpath** – No reply had been received from the landowner. It was agreed to allow another month before following this up.
- (8) Naming of Scottleton Street Development** – Powys County Council had now confirmed that the new properties would be numbered as part of Scottleton Street and had rejected the Town Council's suggestion.
- (9) Recycling Centre** – It was generally agreed that the site was untidy and as a result of this was also unsafe. It was considered that it would be sensible to suggest the removal of the entire site, resiting the glass and green waste collection units at the civic amenity site. This would, it was hoped, also improve the volume of kerbside recycling collections. The Clerk was asked to write to Powys County Council with this suggestion.

Cllr. Wilding added that he had received a complaint about the rapidly increasing price of trade waste bags, doubling in two years. The Clerk agreed to write and make enquiries and also to ask about the cost of providing recycling services to businesses.

MIN 1973 NORTON MATTERS

- (1) Traffic Monitoring** – Cllr. Spawton asked that the Clerk continue to chase for the results from the earlier test and also that she ask for the strips to be placed in position again as soon as possible.
- (2) Road Safety** – Cllr. Spawton gave details of the recent incident he had witnessed concerning a horse and rider. He expressed disappointment that the police reply had not provided any solution. It was agreed to invite Sgt. Wheatman to the November meeting and to ask him for more advice on the issue.

MIN 1974 WENTS MEADOW

(1) **Allotments** – Cllr. Kirkby explained that a further email had been received from Mr. Richmond asking for various details. He outlined the history of the Meadow purchase. It was agreed that the Clerk reply confirming that the area was recreation ground, that the Council was disappointed that the suggestion of contacting the Curlew Centre had not been followed up and that the matter was now closed.

(2) **Waste Bins** – After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to Powys County Council suggesting they place an additional bin at the entrance to the Wilson Terrace playing fields.

(3) **Removal of Kissing Gate** – It was confirmed that the Town Council had no objection to the removal of this gate.

MIN 1975 MEMORIAL HALL

This was deferred until the next meeting in October.

MIN 1976 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The letter from Clearview outlining the reason for the increase in charges in 2008 was noted.

MIN 1977 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **Dyfed Powys Police Invitation to open day** – Cllr. Ms Baynham took this invitation.

(2) **Letter of thanks from Mrs Evelyn Davies** - Noted

(3) **Ballot paper for nominations to Community Sub-Committee of Standards Committee.** – Members agreed that the vote should be for the most local candidate, Trevor Johnson.

(4) **Letter from PCC re. changes to the Registration Service** .- The Clerk agreed to complete the attached questionnaire.

(5) **PCC Acknowledgement of Comments re. Onshore Wind Farm Developments** - Noted.

(6) **Letter from resident of Rockbridge Park requesting information on possible new path.** – It was noted that the Clerk had replied with relevant section of Minutes and information on present situation.

(7) **Land Registry voluntary registration of land** – Cllr. Wilding took this document and agreed to look into the need or otherwise of registration.

MIN 1978 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE

These items were noted.

MIN 1979 OTHER MATTERS

Other issues to be raised with Sgt. Wheatman to be the problems in the shoppers car park and the burglaries a year ago which it appeared had not been solved.

Cllr. Price outlined a recent meeting of the East Radnor Border Health Focus Group with Judith Paget of the Local Health Board.

Some consideration was given to moving the February meeting as it fell in half term but it was agreed to defer this until later in the year.

Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported that new equipment had been placed at Wilson Terrace.

Cllr. Wilding reminded Members that a possible dentist for Presteigne had been discussed some time ago. Cllr. Price agreed to look back for details of this and follow the matter up.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.