



<b>J. Wilding</b> (Mayor's Allowance 1 <sup>st</sup> Payment)	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>Clearview Cleaning Services (HFD) Ltd</b> (cleaning services Wilson Terrace Toilets)	<b>£369.08</b>
<b>D.P. Morris</b> (Internal Audit)	<b>£88.00</b>
<b>Artisan Print</b> (copies of notice Hall Exhibition)	<b>£5.20</b>
<b>Flagpole Express Ltd.</b> (£100 precepted, postage extra)	<b>£136.79</b>

In order to clarify the costs of the Meadow Inspections under the new arrangements Cllr. Tennant-Eyles informed Members of the cost of the admin and actual inspection elements. Members discussed the possibility of altering the system of reporting to save on admin costs but it was decided that as the present arrangement was working well and costing no more than previously no change should be made at present.

(3) **Internal Audit:** The letter confirming the satisfactory completion of the internal audit was noted.

(4) **Claim for VAT Repayment** – Members noted that the Town Council's claim had been selected randomly for additional checks and so repayment would be delayed.

#### **MIN 2085 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> May were approved with no amendments. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes.

#### **MIN 2086 MATTERS ARISING**

(1) **Weed Killing on Wents Meadow** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that although some of the weed killing had been done the larger areas of docks near to the BMX track had not been treated. The Clerk agreed to report this to the appropriate Officer at Powys County Council.

(2) **Tidy Towns** – The Clerk reported that she had that day been advised that the new pathway (inc replacement gate) was not now due to start the following week as the funding had been allocated elsewhere. The Oak Bollards were still due to be replaced. She informed Members that they could write as a Town Council to request this path and if required could use the costings already produced by Powys County Council. Members felt that this cost was high and Cllr. Kirkby agreed to obtain quotes from local contractors.

(3) **Wall at Castle Dyche, Presteigne** – The Clerk updated Members on her efforts to find a solution to this issue. It was heard that Powys County Council had replied confirming that they were not intending to take any action but that the developer had agreed to meet with Town Council representatives to discuss matters. It was hoped that this would take place in the near future.

#### **MIN 2087 PLANNING**

(1) The following applications were considered –

**P2009 0617** Outline, erection of a dwelling **Building Plot at Fold Farm, Broad Street, Presteigne** – No objections were raised, providing the buildings were not listed, although the Clerk was asked to add the note that the Town Council felt the access road was in a poor condition and to ask whether this development would mean the road would formally be adopted.

**P2009 0605** Advert, display of non illuminated hanging sign at land opposite entrance to **Norton Manor Park, Norton** – No objections raised.

Cllr. Wilding left the room at this point, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following application. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles took the Chair for the item.

**P2009 0629** Full, erection of a dwelling and change of use of land to domestic curtilage and access at **Plot 4 Site adjoining Rose Cottage, Norton** No objections were raised.

Cllr. Wilding returned to the room and resumed the Chair.

## **MIN 2088 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT**

**(1) Allotments** – Cllr. Wilding explained that a complaint had been made to Powys County Council via the local County Councillor. This complaint concerned the informal approaches made to tenants of various portions of the John Beddoes charity lands. He explained that as a result all approaches would now need to be made via Powys County Council as Trustees of Charity Lands. This would, he explained, naturally delay the process. He had already made a formal request for full details of the tenancies and contact details of the tenants and was awaiting a reply. The possibility of offering compensation to tenants if they were willing to give up their land was considered but was not felt appropriate at this stage. It was noted however that an offer would not be committing the Council to anything at this point. Cllr. Kirkby felt that a copy of the complaint should be requested. Cllr. Wilding responded that he understood that a formal letter was on its way to the Town Council and that he hoped that this letter would provide more details.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles updated Members on the investigations into possible sites. Around twenty five had been looked at although only around ten remained as possibilities. Although none were ideal all had the potential to be used if problems could be addressed. The possible sites included the current PCC Depot and several of the charity land fields.

Members were then advised of the parcel of land for sale adjacent to the Warden and details of Powys County Council's own disposal policy for assets were discussed. It was apparent that at the very least the Town Council should have been informed of the proposed sale and allowed to register any interest it may have in the site. Powys County Council should also consider any potential sites for sale for other uses before considering sale and allotments were one of these uses.

A number of additional letters of objection to one possible site had been received and these were noted. All had received an immediate response.

**(2) Land for Sale, Adjacent to Warden** – Members were informed that the Town Council had become aware of this sale and as a result the Clerk had spoken to the Legal Services Manager at Powys County Council and asked that the sale be delayed whilst Members were consulted. Given that Powys County Council's own procedure had not been followed with regard to land disposal Members asked that a moratorium on any sale be requested, this to be for a period of three months. The Clerk confirmed that a meeting on site had been arranged for the following day and it was agreed that the possible use for allotments be considered and if the site was not suitable then Powys County Council be asked to consider transferring ownership to the Town Council. Given the site's history, having originally belonged to the town, this was felt to be reasonable. This would allow the ground to be incorporated into the Warden.

**(3) Recycling Centre/Project** – Cllr. Kirkby updated Members on the progress of the Cwm Harry grant bid. Three applications had been received and two of these, including the Cwm Harry bid, had been asked to submit full project details. A meeting to discuss the project was to be held in Presteigne the following Monday.

**(4) Transition Presteigne** – There was nothing to report at the present time.

**(5) Footpath Matters** – The Clerk updated Members on the current situation regarding the various outstanding matters in Presteigne.

**(6) Mid and West Wales Fire Rescue Authority Draft Annual Action Plan** – Cllr. Ms. Baynham took this report and agreed to bring comments to the July Meeting.

**(7) Affordable Housing** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the two sites looked at by the Town Council had been put forward and that Mid Wales Housing were also considering another site on the outskirts of the town. He had been assured that all sites would be looked at equally and that priority would not be given to the site the Association were already investigating.

**(8) Other Highways Matters** – Members reported a number of Highways matters which needed attention –

Tidying/weeding of either side of Pound Lane

Cutting back of the fir trees by 14 Castle Road

Footway, Broad Street – cobbles and paving slabs loose

Clatterbrune junction with Hereford Street – surface in poor repair and in need of re-surfacing

Underpass – now also being used by motorbikes

The condition of the Norton Road on the rise beside Boultribrooke, temporary signs in place for some time but no work carried out

Potholes and subsidence, Killhorse Lane, Norton

Footpath sign in Norton – now not necessary, ask for removal.

The Clerk agreed to forward details to Powys County Council.

#### **MIN 2089 NORTON MATTERS**

**(1) Damaged Road Signs, School Lane** – The Clerk informed Members that Powys County Council did not intend to replace the signs as they were not in a dangerous state.

**(2) Trees, Home Farm Lane** – Cllr. Spawton that the problem had now been attended to.

**(3) Presteigne and Norton town website** – Cllr. Spawton expressed concern that there was no entry for St. Andrews Church, Norton on the site. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles was able to confirm that the Church was included under the 'Churches' section. He also explained the structure of the site and the process by which additional information could be included. He stated that the site had been set up using contributions from larger organisations in the town and that it was these 'core' organisations that had individual pages. He agreed to look into the possibility of more information being included on St. Andrews, Norton and to let Cllr. Spawton have details.

#### **MIN 2090 WENTS MEADOW**

**(1) ROSPA Play Area Inspections** – Reports for both sites had now been received and appropriate action was being taken to address any issues mentioned.

**(2) Temporary Footpath Diversion during Sheep Music** – The Clerk confirmed that as was usual she had written to Powys County Council to confirm the Town Council supported the above temporary diversion.

**(3) Skateboard Ramp** – Cllr. Robinson mentioned his concern about a portion of the ramp which he felt could be improved. Cllr. Kirkby pointed out that the site had recently passed the necessary inspection and felt any such improvements could prove costly. He agreed to provide Cllr. Robinson with Richard Rimmington's contact details so that he could discuss the matter further.

**(4) Barn** – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on recent small fires in the barn using twigs and pieces of toilet paper. Notices had been posted asking that fires not be lit in the area and the police had been asked to patrol regularly. It was felt that it was probably necessary to inform the Council's insurer about the matter. It was agreed that the Fire Prevention Officer be asked to visit and that the Clerk make enquiries about the need to contact the insurers.

**(5) Tennis Courts** – It was reported that the nets needed replacing. The Clerk reminded Members that this had been mentioned to Steve Gealy of Powys County Council a few months previously and he had said that Powys County Council would not replace the nets. She was asked to contact him again to see if the situation had changed and also to get an idea of the cost of more robust nets. The suggestion was also made that a facility could be provided further down the Meadow and Cllr. Ms Wake agreed to look into a possible grant fund that she felt might be available.

The possibility of an additional gate to the courts was also discussed.

#### **MIN 2091 MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the very successful exhibitions held – at the Hall itself, the Day Centre and John Beddoes School. Details were still available on the website and comments were still welcome. The next meeting of the Hall Steering Group was due to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June. A number of letters had been received commenting on the Hall generally and also specifically mentioning the acoustics. Cllr. Ms. Simpson commented that the project had provoked a great deal of debate in the town. Various other meetings had been arranged to assist with furthering the project.

#### **MIN 2092 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the electrical work had now been completed.

#### **MIN 2093 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(1) Powys UDP Further Proposed Modifications** (Stone Hard Rock Resources North of Garth)-  
Noted.

**(2) Trees and Ivy, Station Road, Presteigne** – Cllr. Banks had replied that he would monitor the growth.

**(3) Welsh Assembly Government** – Consultation on proposed changes to Account and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 –Noted.

**(4) Speeding on Presteigne By Pass** – Sgt. Wheatman had confirmed that the traffic car could only be requested if speed monitoring figures were available. He believed that some were available for the by pass and was trying to get hold of the figures. The traffic car would then be able to monitor the area.

**(5) Powys County Council** Letter re. attendance at Code of Conduct Training – Noted.

**(6) Zurich Insurance** Invitation to Annual Local Council Advisory Service Seminar (cost £60) – Noted.

**(7) Presteigne and Norton Community Support AGM 18<sup>th</sup> June** –Noted.

**(8) East Radnor Leisure Centre Management Committee** – Cllr. Green agreed to attend as Town Council representative.

**(9) Llandrindod Wells and Area Twinning Association Open Forum Meeting** – Cllr Kendall confirmed that he would be attending on behalf of the Twinning Association.

#### **MIN 2094 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE**

The items for information were noted.

#### **MIN 2095 OTHER MATTERS**

Cllr. Kirkby confirmed that the mounting of the bugle had been arranged and Members agreed on appropriate wording.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.55 pm.