

Dilwyn Price (hedge trimming) **£76.08**
MEADOW ACCOUNT

T.A. Price (salary final quarter and payment for 30 hours on Memorial Hall Project) **£1443.03**

HM Revenue and Customs **£497.64**
(income tax, employees NI and employers NI on above payment)

Powys County Council **£493.16**
(Election Account May 2008)

MIN 2033 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 21st January were approved with three amendments; the name of Cllr. Tennant-Eyles should be inserted into (6) Precept, page 2, fourth paragraph; on page 3 the budget total for 2009/10 should read £32050 not £332050 and the Cllr. Ms. B. Baynham should be included as having declared a personal interest in the East Radnorshire Day Care Centre.

The Minutes from 4th February were approved with no amendments. The Mayor then duly signed both sets of Minutes.

MIN 2034 MATTERS ARISING

- (1) **Presteigne Bowling Club** – The Clerk had written requesting audited accounts but none had been received.
- (2) **Marquee, Norton Sports Committee** – Cllr. Robinson confirmed that a fund raising event had been held and that the sum raised was approximately £500, Cllr. Kirkby reminded him that the Town Council would consider topping up the amount if necessary.
- (3) **Kissing Gate, Wents Meadow** – Carlton Parry of Powys County Council had still not visited to look at the Gate.
- (4) **Shoppers Car Park** – Cllr. Kirkby had not been able to get hold of Kevin Lloyd but confirmed he would keep trying.
- (5) **Flooding Mynd Road, Norton** – No work had been carried out despite the matter having been first mentioned in late September.

Cllr. Kirkby stated that he felt the delays were deeply frustrating for the Town Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would compile a list of outstanding matters so that he could write to the Chief Executive of Powys County Council asking for urgent action.
- (6) **Funding for East Radnorshire Day Care Centre** – Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported that the meeting had taken place but that no real answers had been given. As a result a further meeting was due to be held shortly. She agreed to update the Town Council when possible.
- (7) **Community Benefits from Wind Energy Developments** – A reply had still not been received and the Clerk agreed to chase for a response.
- (8) **New Waste Bin, Wilson Terrace/Wents Meadow** – The bin had still not been installed.
- (9) **Recycling Centre** – A reply had now been received from Powys County Council stating that it did not wish to hand over the cleaning only and mentioning the Adopt a Site Scheme. Cllr. Kirkby had spoken to Knighton Town Council about the running of their site and suggested the Town Council consider taking over the site in Presteigne. This would only be until 2010 when a new kerbside scheme would be introduced which would then include glass and green waste. He agreed to get further figures

on tonnage, income and costs generally and bring these to the next meeting. The need to check on insurance cover was also to be considered.

(10) General Highway Matters – The grills in High Street had been replaced but the other works were still outstanding. The Clerk confirmed she had reminded Powys County Council and would try to get hold of George Lloyd to push for these works to be completed.

(11) Freedom of Information – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles confirmed that the website had now been updated.

(12) Rockbridge Footpath – The letter had now been approved by Powys County Council and sent to the Land Agent handling the matter for the land owner.

(13) Street Lighting – Cllr. Kirkby reported that a number of letters of thanks had been received from local residents. He thanked those Members involved in reviewing the lights in the area.

(14) Local Dentist – Cllr. Kirkby reported on the most recent letter from the Local Health Board indicating that funding was being directed at additional provision in Knighton, leaving no available funding for Presteigne. Cllr. Price informed Members that the dentist wishing to come to Presteigne had found premises and discussed the lease and also produced a business plan to support his proposals. Members were anxious that that this person would not be able to wait in case funding became available and asked the Clerk write to the Chief Dental Officer for Wales, Dr. Langmaid to ask him for help and support.

(15) Street Naming – It was noted that the Clerk had confirmed the Town Council wished the name 'Walker' to be included in the name of a future development and also wished to be consulted on further street naming as and when it was necessary.

(16) Dog Fouling – It was confirmed that the pavements had been cleaned. The Clerk agreed to chase the Dog Warden for action on the fouling of the pavements.

(17) Wents Meadow – The play area inspections had been booked and the quotation for grass cutting during 2009 accepted.

(18) Code of Conduct – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reminded Members of procedures concerning prejudicial interests and the ability of a Member with such an interest to speak if members of the public were also allowed to do so. He gave details of a reply from Clarence Meredith on several other queries and reminded Members to be aware of the Code at all times.

MIN 2035 PLANNING

No planning applications were received this month. One letter of objection had been received concerning a change of use application in Hereford Street. Members were advised of the contents of this letter and the Clerk was instructed to reply indicating that the comments would be borne in mind when a formal planning application was received.

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles updated Members on a similar application for other premises in High Street.

MIN 2036 HIGHWAYS HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

(1) Allotments – To be considered further at a future meeting.

(2) Affordable Housing – Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the meeting with Nick Dearden of Powys County Council would be taking place soon. It was agreed that no further action should be taken until after this meeting had taken place.

(3) Safe Routes to School – A reply had been received from Powys County Council outlining the way forward. The Clerk was asked to monitor progress.

(4) **Prohibition of Waiting, High Street, Presteigne** – It was heard that Powys County Council was still proceeding with these lines despite the Town Council's comments. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive to ask for a full explanation.

MIN 2037 NORTON MATTERS

Nothing to report this month.

MIN 2038 WENTS MEADOW

The date for the next Committee Meeting was set for 8th March at 5pm.

MIN 2039 MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles updated Members on progress since the last meeting, including the need to obtain Powys County Council support for the grant application (in their capacity as trustees of the charity) and also to formalise the terms of reference for the Hall Committee. The Clerk and Judi Charlton were due to meet Powys County Council and PAVO the next day to discuss this. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles suggested that if the PAVO grant application was allowed to go forward it would be beneficial to use the consultancy, PHT, to assist with the completion of the form. Members agreed with this course of action.

MIN 2040 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) **Stud Farm** – Reply re. mud on Home Farm Lane. The contents of the letter were noted.

(2) **Welsh Assembly Government** – A reply had been received stating that no records were available regarding the land adjacent to Labtech. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles agreed to look into the ownership of the area in question.

(3) **Letter concerning speeding vehicles, St. David's Street/High Street** – The letter was read to the meeting and Members discussed the problems generally with speeding in the central areas of town. The Clerk was asked to write to Powys County Council and re-apply for a 20 mph zone in the central area of Presteigne.

(4) **Warden Guardian Foundation** – Members agreed to give their support to the grant application and to ask Powys County Council for an additional tourist sign as suggested. Unfortunately no one was able to act as Town Council representative on the Foundation at present.

(5) **Linkline Letter of thanks** – Members heard with regret of the closure of Linkline and noted the thanks expressed for Town Council support over the years.

MIN 2041 INFORMATION ONLY/ON THE TABLE

These items were duly noted.

MIN 2042 OTHER MATTERS

Cllr. Kendall reminded Members of the problems currently being experienced by John Beddoes School and indeed all schools in Powys. He asked for support from both the Town Council as a whole, and individual Members. He agreed to circulate a draft letter to everyone. Members asked the Clerk to write to John Beddoes School offering Town Council support and also to Powys County Council and Welsh Assembly Government expressing deep concern at the funding issues.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.