

**Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17TH AUGUST 2016
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

Present: Cllrs. J. Tennant-Eyles (Mayor), B. Baynham (Deputy Mayor), H. Marchant, J. Matthews, F. Preece, P. Robinson, B. Price, J Wilding.

Apologies: Cllr. G. Banks, N. Humphreys, C. Kirkby MBE, P. Smith, H. Owens.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk; member 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 and the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

Personal: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

MIN 3170 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Clerk informed Members that Cllr. Banks had informed her that he had made a declaration of interest at the July meeting but that this had not been recorded. A completed form had been handed in at this meeting via Cllr. Baynham. Members did not recall any declaration being made and it was resolved that nothing be added to the Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting on 20th July 2016 were therefore approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3171 UPDATE ON URGENT ITEMS

No items were raised.

MIN 3172 FINANCE

(1) Donations: No donations this month.

(2) Payments: the following payments were approved –

Mrs T. Price	£911.27
HMRC	£241.59
(income tax and employees and employers NI due on above)	
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	£815.74
Border Janitorial (toilet supplies)	£84.00
Artisan Print (map, scans/copies footpath)	£9.78
Presteigne Building Supplies (Norton bench)	£35.79
Presteigne Building Supplies	£34.96 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Highground Maintenance (grass cutting)	£263.28 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£237.50
N. Close	£68.75 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(3) Renewal of Annual Insurance Policy: The Clerk reported that the annual renewal was due on 3rd September and that she had obtained five quotes including one from the Council's present insurer. The lowest quote was from Hiscox via Came and Company and included the option of contracting for a three year agreement at a further cost saving. Cover was the same or better with the exception of personal

accident cover which was reduced. Resolved that the quote from Came and Company be accepted for the fixed three year term at an annual cost of £799.47. Noted there would be a slight annual increase for index linking.

Came and Company (annual insurance premium) £799.47.

(4) Council Spending on Church Buildings/Property: Cllr. Wilding explained his concerns that such spending was not prohibited and referred Members to a recent mention in Clerks and Councils Magazine which indicated such spending was possible. The Clerk reminded Members that legal opinions had been sought previously and that these agreed with her view that local Councils were currently prevented from such spending. In addition moves by UK government to consider repeal of the relevant sections of the 1894 Act and a motion put forward for the forthcoming One Voice Wales AGM supported the view that such spending was not lawful. The Clerk had challenged the view given in the Magazine but had not yet received a reply. As things stood the Clerk advised that she could not support any such spending and if payments were made this would be against her advice. No further action at present.

(5) Receipts: Awards for All Grant £1500.

MIN 3173 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications: The following application was considered -
P/2016/0819, Grid Ref: 332156.74/263845.56 for Outline, Proposed residential development of 27 dwellings to include creation of new access at Land Opposite Kings Court, Presteigne: *Resolved that no objections be raised subject to the following - the need to retain or replace existing hedgerows must be a condition of the application and fully enforced; the Town Council would like to point out that it was consulted on the principle of development on the site but not on the actual application itself; the Town Council assumes that Welsh Water will be fully consulted on the sewerage capacity in the town but would like to point out that there are serious capacity issues in the town; Page 7 (2.1) of the Flood Risk Assessment refers to a different site completely - the Town Council would like the accompanying data to be checked and confirmed in case of further 'cut and paste' issues; finally and most importantly the Town Council has sought clarification from Hughes Architects on the amount of affordable housing to be provided and has received an email confirming that 4 of the self builds shall be affordable via a Section 106 and that 5 other houses shall be provided by a Section 106 as affordable houses also. The Town Council would wish these to be provided and asks that this is ensured through a relevant Section 106 agreement. Given the short time scale the Council may add to or amend these comments at a later date should it receive representations from the public.*

(2) Planning Decisions: The following planning decisions were noted -
P2016/0586 Broadaxe, Presteigne : Conditional Consent 20/07/16
(office accom/new access).

P2016/0186, Plot 1, Development Knighton Road: Conditional Consent 30/06/16.

(3) Further Information on Examination of LDP: The information was noted.

(4) Welsh Government Consultation on draft Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment: Noted. No comment to be made.

MIN 3174 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Naming of Roundabout: Deferred to the September Meeting due to the absence of Cllr. Smith.

(2) Area Behind Premier: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles had visited the shop and the area would be tidied. In addition the Guerilla Gardeners had cut back the ivy overgrowing the passage to the shoppers car park.

(3) Response from Cllr. Brunt re Knighton Road Development: Members had all received a copy of the response which was duly noted.

(4) Reporting of Highway Items for repair: The following item was reported -

faded white lining at the junction of High Street. The Clerk would report this to the County Council as needing urgent attention.

MIN 3175 NORTON

- (1) Quotes for Painting of Kiosk: Three quotes had been obtained and the work awarded to the contractor supplying the cheapest quote.
- (2) Norton Show: To be held on 20th August.

MIN 3176 WENT'S MEADOW AND EDDIE'S MEADOW

- (1) Grant Applications Update: Decisions on the three applications to Tesco Groundworks were still awaited.
- (2) Skateboard Pyramid: No reply had yet been received from Park Leisure.

MIN 3177 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

- (1) Public Consultation Traveller's' Sites Options Herefordshire Council: Noted. No comment to be made.
- (2) One Voice Wales Guidance on Working with Young People: Noted. Cllr. Marchant would liaise with the secondary school Head Teacher about the possibility of forming a Youth Council.
- (3) One Voice Wales Motions for AGM (Information): Noted.
- (4) County Council War Memorial Project: Possible (Part) Grant Funding: It was agreed that the Memorial would be visited on the town walk and if it was considered necessary the Clerk and Cllr. Baynham would meet Mr/ Protheroe on site to discuss possible renovations.
- (5) Hereford Street Toilets Hire of Air Freshening Unit: It was agreed that the Clerk proceed to arrange the hire of an air freshening unit for the gents section of the toilets. The Clerk also advised of an ongoing problem with the flushing mechanism in the gents toilet and that replacement parts were proving difficult to source.

MIN 3178 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

- (1) Report on August Surgery: Cllr. Preece reported that two residents had attended. One had suggested Welcome to Wales/England signs for Lugg Bridge. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to get its view on this. The second had raised two issues - recycling and the need for a larger supermarket in Presteigne. The Clerk would write in reply.
- (2) Arrangements for September Surgery: Cllrs. Price and Matthews to attend.

MIN 3179 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES

- (1) Tennis Courts/MUGA Update: Paperwork had been received that day and the Clerk would check it through before presenting for signature.
- (2) Assembly Rooms Project Update: An expression of interest form had been received and was being completed.
- (3) Meeting with Welshpool Town Clerk: Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Baynham had attended with the Clerk. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that it had been an interesting meeting and outlined brief details.
- (4) Day Centre: Cllr. Baynham reported that a meeting had recently been held with the County Council. She also reported that the County Council had recently launched a consultation on day time activities for older people and encouraged Members to complete this.
- (5) Community Hub Update: It had not been possible to arrange a meeting in August but it was hoped that one would take place in September.
- (6) Asset Transfers Generally: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles stressed the need for presenting the transfer of services etc in the town as a whole package.

MIN 3180 INFORMATION

No items for information.

MIN 3181 URGENT_BUSINESS INFORMATION

Presteigne Festival Opening Reception: Members were reminded of the invitation to this event on 25th August.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm and Members proceeded on the Town Walk.

MIN 3182 TOWN WALK

Items considered were -

- the repainting of Hereford Street/Wilson Terrace Toilets: Agreed the Clerk ask Mr. Close for an estimate of costs to repaint in vinyl magnolia paint, also to paint the door to the disabled toilet;
- war memorial: the Clerk and Cllr. Baynham to meet Mr. Protheroe on site to discuss any work that was needed;
- Lloyds Bank, Members could not see any trimmings that did not appear to be wooden (in response to a comment received by Cllr. Kirkby from a member of the public);
- Seat/Telephone Kiosk, Station Road: Agreed that Cllr. Wilding would obtain a price to repair the seat. the Clerk to obtain an estimate to repaint the seat plus the two similar seats along the bypass. British Telecom to be asked to repaint the phone kiosk and also the kiosk in Castle Road;
- Harford House, Members noted that repairs did not appear to have been commenced;
- street cleaning generally: during the walk Members noted the general state of cleanliness of the streets and any issues with weeds etc.
- Tourist Information Sign, Station Drive: In need of cleaning. The Clerk to ask Mr. Close if this could be done cheaply, possible the subject of a future grant application to update;
- Assembly Rooms Siting for Notice Boards, Members had no preference for the siting of the boards inside or outside the archway.