

# Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH AUGUST 2017 AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs. L. Veary, R. Bennett.

**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: None.*

*Personal and Prejudicial: None.*

### **MIN 3343      DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by Cllrs. Preece and Dixon and witnessed by the Clerk.

### **MIN 3344      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting on 19th July 2017 were approved without amendment. The Chairman then duly signed the Minutes.

### **MIN 3345      ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Following the resignation of Cllr. Baynham as Deputy Mayor nominations were invited for Deputy Mayor for the remainder of 2017/18. Cllr. Kirkby was proposed by Cllr. Baynham and seconded by Cllr. Linnett. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Kirkby was elected unanimously.

### **MIN 3346      FINANCE**

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	
Came & Co. (annual insurance)	£834.08	
PHS Group (air fresheners)	£97.04	
EDF Energy (Herford Street)	£83.27	
EDF Energy (Wilson Terrace)	£48.05	
Llandrindod Wells Town Council (training places)	£160.00	
EDF Energy (Meadow Barn)	£37.89	MEADOW ACCOUNT
Highground Maintenance Ltd (grass cutting)	£268.55	MEADOW ACCOUNT
Mr. N. Close	£21.88	
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### **MIN 3347      PLANNING**

Planning Applications:

P/2017/0788, Grid Ref: 331002.48/264119.19 for Reserved matters application in respect of outline planning permission P/2014/0049 for the erection of 2 dwellings and creation of shared access at Plots 2 & 3 Slough Road, Presteigne. Cllr. Wilding reminded Members of the letter of objection submitted to the Council concerning a legal covenant. Resolved no objections to the above application. Additional comment - the Council understood that there was a possible legal issue which had been already brought to the attention of the County Council by the affected resident. It was noted that this issue was not a planning consideration.

P/2017/0790, Grid Ref: 331025.14/264128.96 for Full: Erection of two storey dwelling and associated works at Plot 1 Silia Meadow Slough Road, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised in principle but two concerns were raised. These were - the site is very close to the junction and so the requirements of the Highways Section should be included in any permission plus concerns about the height of the proposed dwelling in relation to its surroundings.

P2017 0204, Grid Ref: 329460.97 266767.82 for Full - Repair and renovation of the west wing of Norton Manor and Change of Use from Hotel to Dwelling (retrospective) at West Wing Norton Manor Hotel Norton Manor Park Norton (amended particulars). Resolved to fully support the application.

#### **MIN 3348 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS**

- (1) Invitation to Palace of Westminster, Chris Davies MP: Cllrs. Ruby and Edwards would be interested. The Clerk was asked to provide contact details so a visit could be arranged.
- (2) Sewerage Services, Welsh Water: Reply re improvements in Presteigne and Norton (as previously circulated): Noted.
- (3) Report on Welsh Government Meeting, 20th July 2017: Noted.
- (4) Cutting of Footpath, Folly Wood-Silia Meadow-Slough Road: Cllr. Baynham reported that this had been done and so was no longer a pressing issue. The matter would be reviewed in the future if necessary.
- (5) Powys Well Being Plan Further Survey: Cllr. Ruby raised a number of points and agreed to produce a summary for the Clerk to submit.

#### **MIN 3349 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY**

(1) Report on August Surgery: Cllrs. Baynham and Ruby had attended.

A number of items had been raised -

- Yellow lines – PCC have re-painted the yellow lines and have put them by the dropped kerb outside the Dukes and extended them outside 34 Hereford Street. This was new. Clerk to review recent traffic order.
- Property at Hereford Street, leaving recycling bins out all week: Cllr. Baynham had arranged for a letter to be sent.
- 2 pine trees on the edge of secondary school playing fields blowing pine needles into the garden of a house at Clatterbrune: No action. Not a Council issue.
- Speeding down Greenfield Road and speeding in general in Presteigne: Clerk to report to PCSO Anna Bowen and ask for action.
- Footpath behind The Paddocks, rubbish, rubble, dumped cars: This was on private property. Clerk to write polite letter asking if the area could be tidied.
- Trees overhanging from a house at Clatterbrune: Cllr. Baynham would check and if necessary report to the Clerk so a letter could be written.
- Memorial Hall car park – huge hole in the middle of the car park: Ownership to be checked and reported for repair.
- Parking in Pound Lane – problem for residents, would like a parking permit for houses only: Not currently possible under County Council policy.
- Norton Church 10th Sept. Harvest Service & December Christmas Service. Enquiry on possible closure: Noted.

#### **MIN 3350 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES**

(1) Presteigne Cemetery Land Purchase: Cllr. Baynham reported that County Officers had now presented the business plan for the purchase from the Town Council to the relevant Portfolio Holder. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Officer, Ken Yorston together with both Portfolio Holders concerned asking for formal confirmation of the intention to purchase so negotiations could commence.

#### **MIN 3351 COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

The vacancies were filled as follows -

Sites and Buildings Committee: Cllr. Linnett

Local Development Plan Working Group: Cllr. Rogers.

Grant Awarding Policy Working Group: Cllr. Veary.

Representative Home Presteigne: Cllr. Bamford.

A full updated list would be circulated.

**MIN 3352 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION**

- (1) Cemetery Bins not being emptied. Clerk to report.
- (2) The Terrace, Norton: Chimney flue being removed.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm and was followed by the annual town walk which looked at the following -

- Hedge, Lloyds Bank: Clerk to write to ask to be trimmed.
- New Dropped Kerb, British Legion: Members were pleased that a proper kerb had been installed.
- Visit to Drill Hall re. possible transfer to Town Council.
- Visit to Old School re. possible transfer to Town Council.
- Visit to Hereford Street Toilets to review refurbishment and consider painting of external doors.
- Overgrown Trees/Verge, Station Road: Clerk to ask County Council to tidy verge and to check safety of over hanging bough. Letter to be sent to resident who trims trees on opposite side to express thanks.
- Loose Bollard by Hereford Street Car Park: Clerk to report.
- Safe Cycle Route: Proposed New Arrangements at Slough Road.

The Town Walk was followed by a presentation evening in the Radnorshire Arms to thank recently retired Members for their years of service.