

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SITES AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SITE - 26TH APRIL 2021

Present: Cllrs R. Bennett, C. Kirkby MBE, D. Davies, P. Smith, N. Rogers.
Outside Representatives: Ms. K. Lewis (allotment section only), Mr. G Graham, Mr. R. Rimington.
Additional Members: Cllrs. Bamford and Wilding (both for part of the meeting).

Apologies: None.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk.

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 SB6/20 ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE TO NORTON

Cllr. Wilding explained the present situation and suggested that the best, if not only, way to progress matters was for the Town Council to actively seek to purchase the land needed. Cllrs. Wilding and Rogers would approach the main two landowners and begin discussions.

MIN SB7/20 WENT'S AND EDDIE'S MEADOWS, MUGA, FOOTBALL PITCH

(1) Tiny Forest Area: Cllr. Bamford attended to explain the tiny forest principles and to explain the two possible choices for the site (area about the size of one tennis court). Those present agreed that the far bottom corner of the car park field would be better than the area below the bike track. The use of a part of Lower Went's Meadow was a possibility discussed later in the meeting and could be considered when full Council considered its decision.

(2) Knighton Road Gate: Mr. Close had reported that this was becoming increasingly difficult to open and Cllr. Wilding agreed to ask that it be attended to when the fence repairs were done.

(3) Possible Changes to Entrance at Knighton Road: Cllr. Wilding suggested that moving the entrance in and creating parking to the side of the present track for a short distance might improve parking generally and in particular when events were on. Cllr. Bennett to look into possible costs for this.

(4) Thorn Trees: All those present thanked Mr. Graham for his volunteer work on the site, specifically the moving of thorn trees into the hedge line.

(5) Path to Lower Went's Meadow and additional area at New Barn: Cllr. Bennett to cost out the work and report to Full Council.

(6) Timbers around grass stage: Options were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr. Bennett cost the option of replacing the timber sleepers (rough estimate for materials £1000).

(7) Wall, Ligne Garden: All agreed this needed the gaps filling and re-rendering. Cllr. Bennett to get a quote for this work.

(8) Work at New Barn: Mr. Rimington explained that he expected all to be complete by the end of June.

(9) It was agreed to leave the two benches where they are at present and consider putting them on fixed bases at the next meeting.

MIN SB8/20 ALLOTMENTS

Ms. Lewis, Chairman of the Allotment Association raised the following matters –
County Council Recycling Bin – Ms. Lewis asked if the Town Council could ask if the bin could be collected from the car park area rather than the roadside. The Clerk would make this request.

Repairs to fence – contractor appointed and work to commence shortly.

Repairs needed to rabbit proof fencing – PNAA to carry out.

Pumps reported as occasionally problematic but generally working ok.

Main gate onto allotment site: Cllr. Bennett to meet Ms. Lewis on site to consider any repair/replacement needed as Ms. Lewis reported it was difficult to open (those present did not have the access code to test it at the time).

Paths reported as uneven due to molehills.

One plot reported as not yet being cultivated this year. The Clerk would check that the tenant intended to use the plot.

Fly tipping problems in the car park were reported and it was noted that the County Council was taking further steps against those responsible for a recent incident. Ms. Lewis would notify the Clerk of any further issues.

Allotment Car Park Entrance – Work by Welsh Water on the pipeline had removed a lot of the brambles and it was considered sensible to adjust the post and rail fence to slope diagonally back from the road in order to improve the visibility splay. The Clerk would contact the County Council for permission. It was noted that the entrance to the allotment car park had not been tarmacked as discussed with Welsh Water. The Clerk to remind them of this request.

Gully under Main Road: Almost blocked and a resident reported that this had led to flooding of adjacent properties. The Clerk would ask the County Council to clear this.

Gate from Allotment Car Park into Meadow (below bike track): Cllr. Wilding to obtain a cost.

Old Stone Plinth – Cllr. Bennett stated that the intention had been to place an illustrated map of the site here and this was still the intention in due course. He would follow up with Cllr. Bamford.

Weir: Agreed water level was now low enough for a site meeting with NRW. The Clerk would arrange.

MIN SB9/20 WELSH WATER

Cllr. Kirkby provided a brief update on the Welsh Water work. He was not happy with the grading of the soil round the service cover that had been moved from the original agreed plan to the side of the roadway and it was agreed to request that additional soil was placed around it to lessen the gradient in the corners.

There was no urgent business.

Summary of Full Council Decisions Required –

Allotments:

To consider the alteration of the post and rail fence at the car park entrance to improve visibility.

To consider the need for repairs/replacement of the main allotment site gate .

Site meeting to now be arranged with NRW to discuss the weir.

Meadows:

Further consideration of tiny forest site.

To consider changes to Knighton Road entrance gate to increase on site parking.

To consider works (subject to costings by Cllr. Bennett) on path to Lower Went's Meadow and at New Barn.

To consider the renewing of the timber stage (approx. cost of materials £1000).

To agree work on the wall at Ligne Garden.

To request that Welsh Water place additional soil around the new service cover adjacent to the track.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.