

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH AUGUST 2021
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. F. Preece (Mayor), D. Edwards (Deputy Mayor), T. Owens, R. Bamford, C. Kirkby MBE, B. Baynham, D. Davies, R. Bennett, C. Ruby.

Apologies: Cllr. J. Wilding.

Absent: Cllrs P. Smith, N. Rogers.

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 3935 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July, 2021 were approved without amendment. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 3936 FINANCE

(1) Payments: The following payments were approved –

PHS Group	£112.48
PHS Group	£41.68
Mrs T.A. Price (expenses inc paint)	£116.68
NEST (pension conts.)	£130.06
Mrs T.A. Price	£1383.56
HM Revenue & Customs	£554.82
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£319.57 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Powys County Council (bunting licence for Christmas lights)	£111.00
Presteigne Building Supplies	£19.24
Presteigne Building Supplies	£10.36 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Wallgate (liquid soap)	£83.77
Ms T. Lloyd-John	£618.23
Mr. N. Close	£129.50
Mr. N. Close	£325.50 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Play Inspection Company	£204.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT

(2) Renewal of Annual Insurance: Members noted that the Town Council was currently in a three-year agreement and that the small increase in premium related to the index linking of building values. Noted that the two barns are not insured for 'wet' perils. Agreed that the renewal payment be made.

Came & Company £1119.25

(3) Budget for Land Valuation: Cllr. Kirkby explained the need for an independent valuation in order to proceed and submit a grant application for a land purchase and that the District Valuer was unable to take on additional work at the present time. Alternative qualified land agents were being investigated and Members agreed a budget of up to £500 for a valuation report.

MIN 3937 PLANNING

(1) Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered –

21/1400/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331586 N: 264473 Proposal: Works to Trees in a conservation area - felling of 10 leylandii Location: Garden Cottage, Broad Street, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

21/1334/FUL Grid Reference: E:331355 N: 264260 Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two residential units with ancillary garages, car parking and garden space Site Address: W A P McColville Ltd, Presteigne. Cllr. Baynham reminded Members of the proximity of the site to existing industrial units but it was noted that domestic properties were already close to the site. Resolved no objections be raised.

21/1453/CAC Grid Reference: E:331637 N: 264197 Proposal: Change of use of shop to residential, partial removal of single storey extension and parking improvements. Site Address: Townsend House, 24 Hereford Street, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

21/1442/FUL Grid Reference: E:329734 N: 265472 Proposal: Re-siting of two existing residential units to be nearer existing residential sites forming part of existing touring caravan park area, and replacing with two tourer units and all associated works Site Address: Rockbridge Park, Discoed, Presteigne. Resolved no objections be raised.

(2) Planning Decisions: The following decisions were noted –
21/0945/HH Roseland, Broad Street, Presteigne: Consent 19th July.
21/0908/LBC 1 Church View, Broad Street, Presteigne: Refused 22nd July.
21/0907/HH 1 Church View, Broad Street, Presteigne: Refused 22nd July.
21/1217/TRE The Rectory, St. David's Street, Presteigne: Approval 28th July.
21/0557/LBC 14 High Street, Presteigne: Consent 4th August.
21/0556/FUL 14 High Street, Presteigne: Consent 4th August.
21/0558/LBC 3 Warden Close, Presteigne: Consent 4th August.

MIN 3938 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Street Lighting Update re. PIR sensors: Cllr. Baynham reported that the County Council was not willing to install sensors other than in the one car park. It was however proceeding to order the new light fittings for installation throughout the town. Members noted this with some disappointment but were pleased that overall the project was progressing. No further action required for the street lighting.

(2) Review of the Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils: Members noted the draft report and the change in the way categories were set. The Town Council would now be in Band 4 and that the following provisions for remuneration were proposed –

- Basic Payment – Mandatory.
- Senior Role Payment – Optional for up to three members.
- Attendance Allowance (new) – Optional.
- Loss of Earnings – Mandatory.
- Travel & Subsistence – Optional.
- Costs of Care – Mandatory.

Cllr. Kirkby drew Member's attention to the section on the taxation of payments, particularly the £150 basic payment and the fact that Welsh Government was in discussions with HM Revenue and Customs on the matter. Resolved no comment be made.

(3) Town Wifi: Members considered the notes from the meeting held between Cllr. Ruby, the Clerk and the County Council Community Broadband Officer and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such a scheme. Overall it was felt that the project should proceed and that the Clerk should notify the County Council that the Town Council wished to proceed.

MIN 3939 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

Members considered resuming surgeries from September but some Members had concerns and it was agreed not to resume surgeries at present but to review the situation each month.

MIN 3940 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Informal Meeting with new Chief Executive of Radnorshire Wildlife Trust 5pm on 26th August at the allotment car park.

(2) Resurfacing of Stocken Road, Stonewall Hill 3rd to 8th September.

(3) Cemetery Dedication 5.30pm 18th August followed by Town Walk at 6pm.

(4) Press Photograph at 5pm 18th August re. refurbishment of benches in the town.

(5) Litter Pickers and Guerrilla Gardeners: Cllr. Ruby asked if the Clerk could email the leader of each group to thank them for their work in and around the town. This was agreed.

MIN 3941 TOWN WALK

To take place on 18th August and to be reported at the September Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.