

Community News

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PRESTEIGNE & NORTON TOWN COUNCIL NEWS from the meeting held on 15th November 2023

Councillor Vacancies: As no formal election has been called the Council will now co-opt to fill the two vacancies. Closing date 31st December. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

Broadband Provision in Presteigne: Cllr. Williams asked for an update on the situation as he is receiving complaints from businesses in the High Street. Cllr. Van Huls informed the meeting that all of High Street should now have access to fibre to the cabinet and that businesses should contact their broadband provider to discuss upgrading their package.

Update on Leisure Services Review: Nothing further to report at this stage. It is hoped that a report will be released over the next month.

Planning Decisions: The following decision was noted:- 23/1277/FUK 11 High Street, Presteigne: Approval 23rd October.

Update re. Proposed Speed Limit, Coombe: Members noted the reply from Herefordshire Council and were disappointed to learn that the suggested speed limit did not meet the criteria and so would not be taken forward. Given there would be no limit on the Herefordshire side it was not practical to progress any limit for the short length of road on the Powys side.

Consultation on Adult Day Services: Members encouraged to complete this. Public meeting to take place at the Day Centre, Presteigne on 30th November – 1.30pm to 2.30pm and John Beddoes School from 6pm to 7pm.

Wales Air Ambulance: Second phase of consultation now closed.

Nature Reserve: Members noted the conclusion of project. The Clerk reported that National Forest for Wales status had been granted. Cllr. Wilding confirmed that the ponds were now slowly filling with water.

Fold Farm Footpath Map Modification Order Update: Members noted the email from the County Council indicating that the intention was to present a report to Committee in March 2024. They were extremely disappointed with the efforts of the County Council, particularly given the direction of the Planning Inspectorate to determine the application by March 2020.

Welsh Blood Service: Cllr. Baynham reported that due to the Memorial Hall being closed there had been no recent sessions in Presteigne and the Clerk was asked to write and to ask if an interim venue could be found until the Memorial Hall was again open.

Norton Community Trust: Cllr. Wilding reported that work continued to progress and that it was possible the facility would be open for Christmas.

20mph Limit: Norton Members reported that the new limit did appear to be slowing, and even reducing traffic.

Annual Bonfire and Firework Display, Norton: Members congratulated the organisers on another successful event

Dates for future meetings: December Main meeting - 20th December, 2023; January Budget Setting Meeting: 17th January 2024; January Main Meeting: 24th January 2024.

Full Minutes are available on the website http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town_Council.

Draft Minutes are published as soon as possible after each meeting and can be found on the main Town Council page of the website.

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SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR NOTICE OF CO-OPTION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

PRESTEIGNE & NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Section 116 Notice of Co-Option

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Presteigne and Norton Town Council intends to Co-opt **TWO** member(s) to fill the vacancy(ies) that exist in the office of Councillor for the Presteigne Ward of the Town Council.

Expressions of interest are being sought from members of the public who meet the following qualifications and are interested in representing their community on the aforementioned Community Council.

You must be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of any member state of the European Union citizen or a qualifying foreign citizen and not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom or have indefinite leave to remain.

You must be 18 years of age or over; and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- registered as a local government elector for the area named above; or
- during the whole of the last 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the community named above; or
- your principal or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the community named above; or
- you have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the Community or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

If you wish to be considered for co-option for the vacant seats(s) or want more information regarding the role of a Community Councillor please contact the Proper Officer, Clerk to the Council for an informal chat or an information pack on how to apply.

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Deadline for applications: 31st December, 2023

Dated this fifteenth day of November 2023.