

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2014**  
**AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE**

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs. G. Banks, Ms. N. Humphreys, H. Owens.

**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:*

Cllr. Price *member of Norton Sports Committee (proposed recipient of amenity land offered in planning application P/2014/0067)*

*NB this interest was not prejudicial due to the granting of a blanket dispensation to members of voluntary organisations by the Standards Community Sub-Committee on 6th February, 2013*

Cllr. Ms. Preece *related to resident (street lighting complaint)*

*Personal and Prejudicial:*

Cllr. Ms. Baynham *Related to Objector/planning applicant for another current Norton planning application Planning Application P2014 0067*

Cllr. Kirkby *Friend of applicants Planning Applications P2014 0052 and 0067*

Cllr. Ms. Preece *Related to Objector/planning applicant for another current Norton planning application Planning Application P2014 0067*

Cllr. J. Wilding *Applicant Planning Application P2014 0067*

Cllr. Kirkby welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and explained that on the advice of the County Council those Members with prejudicial interests in P/2014/0067 would be leaving the room prior to the representations.

Cllrs. Ms. Baynham, Ms. Preece and Kirkby left the room at this point and Cllr. Tennant-Eyles assumed the Chair for the duration of the representations and the discussion on P/2014/0067.

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting Members heard three representations. These were -

Cllr. Wilding re Planning Application P/2014/0067. (Cllr. Wilding left the room after his representation.)

Norton Civic Society re Planning Application P/2014/0067

Ms Ruby, Norton Sports Committee re the offer of community land in connection with planning application P/2014/0067.

All three speakers were able to answer questions from Members immediately after their own speech.

Due to the presence of a large number of the public it was agreed that the planning items would be moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

## MIN 2892 PLANNING

### (1) Planning Applications:

**P2014/0067** Outline, proposed development of residential dwellings, community facility provision and associated highway and other works at **Land at Orchards End and Jacks View, Norton**. Consultation on additional/amended information:

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles outlined the history of the application, he reminded Councillors of those aspects of previous surveys carried out by the Town Council that related to this application, of the revisions in the amended application, of the objections submitted to the amended application by Norton Civic Society and of the fourteen letters of support received for the application. He reminded Councillors that the donation of a village field was not a material issue that should influence a decision by the planners who will decide on the merits of the application on planning grounds alone..

He then invited Members to discuss the application. Members noted the reduced scale of the application, its response to earlier concerns and the number of affordable houses in the application responding to the need illustrated in the Town Council's own housing survey for such housing. The more recent survey of Norton residents was also discussed as was the need for the affordable housing to be secured for those in need and not allowed to be sold as 'buy to let' properties. It was felt that the technical planning issues raised by NCS in their letter and presentation should be addressed by the County Planning Officers.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Matthews and seconded by Cllr. Smith that the Town Council support the amended planning application. Following a vote it was agreed unanimously that the Town Council support the application.

Cllrs. Ms. Baynham, Ms. Preece, Wilding and Kirkby returned to the room on the conclusion of this item.

**TEL2014/0027** Installation of an open reach broadband cabinet **at land opp. Roseland, Broad Street, Presteigne**. Following an earlier site visit no objections raised.

**b) Planning Bulletins, Welsh Government:** Noted. The Clerk pointed out the proposed requirements for prospective developers to consult with the community and for local authorities to provide pre-application planning advice.

**c) Proposed Broiler Units, Upper Heath, Presteigne: Environmental Permit Information from NRW:** Members considered the draft permit from Natural Resources Wales. Cllr. Kirkby pointed out that in one section there appeared to be no limits set and the Clerk was asked to raise this with NRW. It was noted that the manure management plan was outside the scope of the permit. It was agreed that the Clerk write to NRW stating that the Town Council wished NRW to ensure that there would be proper controls in place to prevent pollution, in all respects.

## MIN 2893 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 15th October, 2014 were approved without amendment. The Mayor then duly signed the Minutes

## MIN 2894 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATE

**(1) Signs for Industrial Estates:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that Welsh Government were unable to provide a sign for the Industrial Estate but that an officer would be looking at the Broadaxe Estate with a view to possibly providing a sign.

**(2) Recycling Centre:** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the Chamber of Trade were still intending to take over the Centre and agreed to report further in the New Year.

(3) **Pump, Albert Square:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that the residents had raised some money towards the replacement of the pump.

(4) **Overgrown Trees covering Presteigne Information Signs:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that the growth covering the sign on the Knighton side of town had been trimmed back but that the Kington side had not and that Powys County Council had been asked to write requesting the trees be cut back.

(5) **Stop Tap, Barn Water Supply:** The Clerk agreed to chase Welsh Water to get this done.

(6) **Meeting with PAVO re volunteers:** Cllrs. Kirkby and Tennant-Eyles reported on the recent meeting on the recruitment and training of volunteers in the area. PAVO had asked to attend the February Council meeting to provide Members with more information and this was agreed.

(7) **Remembrance Sunday:** Cllr. Kirkby thanked those that had attended. He pointed out the correction needed in the road closure order map. This had been passed to Powys County Council for noting in future years.

(8) **Welsh Government White Paper (Town and Community Councils):** Members noted that this paper had been delayed until the New Year.

#### **MIN 2895 FINANCE PAYMENTS**

(1) **Donations:** . The following donations were agreed as precepted:

<b>Wales Air Ambulance</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Radnorshire Wildlife Trust</b>	<b>£150.00</b>
<b>Warden Guardian Foundation</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
<b>Presteigne and Norton Community Trust</b>	<b>£1000.00</b>

The requests for donations from the Urdd Eisteddfod, National Eisteddfod and Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod were refused.

The request for a donation from Bobath Children's therapy centre which until 2014/15 had been a precepted grant was discussed and it was agreed that a donation of £100 be given.

<b>Bobath</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
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Cllr. Kirkby reported on the funding appeal for the St. Andrew's Church Bells (Presteigne). The Clerk had provided the Appeal with information on various grant awarding bodies.

(2) **Payment:** The following payments were approved:

Mrs T. Price	<b>£651.40</b>
HMRC	<b>£214.11</b>
(income tax/employees and employers NI due on above)	
Clearview Cleaning Services Ltd	<b>£401.75</b>
TALL Engineers Ltd	<b>£720.00</b>
Presteigne Building Supplies	<b>£33.82 MEADOW ACCOUNT</b>
N. Close	<b>£74.00 MEADOW ACCOUNT</b>
N. Close	<b>£27.00 TREASURER ACCOUNT</b>
N. Close	<b>£24.00 ALLOTMENT ACCOUNT</b>

(3) **Inspection of Invoices:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that he had carried out the annual inspection of the Council invoices and that all was in order.

- (4) **Interim Internal Audit:** This had been completed and no issues had been raised.
- (5) **Accounts from Grant Receiving Organisations:** The Clerk reported that accounts had been submitted and the file was produced for circulation to all in turn.
- (6) **Bank Transfer:** The transfer of the remaining Welsh Water monies, **£2957.12**, to the new Warden Reserve Account was agreed.

## **MIN 2896 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT**

- (1) **Tennis Courts Progress Report:** Work had now commenced.
- (2) **Presteigne Cemetery Possible Expansion:** The Clerk reported that Cllr. Banks was still seeking to find funding at the County Council to carry out the initial exploration works. It was suggested that the water drainage surveys might not be essential and that it would be a good idea to proceed with the planning application. She was asked to pass this suggestion on to Cllr. Banks.
- (3) **Community Led Plan:** Jenni Thomas would be attending the December meeting to provide further information on the plan.
- (4) **Allotments: Forthcoming Annual Meeting with PNAA:** Members noted that the meeting was scheduled for 25th November.
- (5) **Bus Travel to Leominster - Reply from PCC:** Members noted the replies from Powys County Council and Herefordshire Council. Both indicated that funding was not available to reinstate the service.
- (6) **Presteigne Christmas Fair Road Closure Notice:** Noted.
- (7) **Trees: Draft List for submission to County Council:** Members agreed the list as submitted by Cllr. Ms. Baynham and the Clerk was asked to pass it on to the County Council with the request that the trees listed be made the subject of tree protection orders.
- (8) **Public Convenience Transfers:** Cllr. Wilding and the Clerk had attended a meeting in Llandrindod Wells with the County Council to discuss the funding available for the transfer. The sum of £7500 per annum guaranteed for three years was available for providing public toilets in the town. There was no requirement for all the facilities to be kept open or for them to be open 24 hours. The transfer of the building could be via lease with a break clause or complete transfer of the building(s).
- Two quotes had been obtained for the cleaning works for the additional blocks and the Clerk was asked to draft a press release inviting further expressions of interest.
- It was noted that some of the tiles in the Hereford Street block were unsafe and needed repair. The Clerk was asked to report this.
- (9) **Future Transfer of Services from PCC:** The list of possible services to be devolved as per the email from the County Council was noted. These transfers, if accepted, would commence in 2016/17. The Clerk was asked to contact Builth Wells Town Council to ask for details of the survey of residents that they were currently undertaking.
- (10) **Other Highway Items for Repair:**
- The street light in the archway to the shoppers car park was now on all day and needed reporting;
  - the previous lighting repairs in the shopper's car park area had been done the same day and the Clerk was asked to thank the County Council for the prompt response;
  - recent accident, Hereford Street, this was noted. The incident had also been reported to the County Council and the Clerk confirmed that the area was being reviewed to improve the lighting in that location;

- the Clerk was asked to find out the current policy on replacing lights with LED units and the possibility of using movement sensors;
- the by-pass crossing near the Radnorshire Arms was not lit, Clerk to report;
- Leisure Centre Sign, this had come down and needed replacing;
- on street traffic waiting restrictions, the Clerk reported that the review of Knighton was underway. Members asked that she contact the County Council and Cllr. Banks to express disappointment that the review of Presteigne had still not commenced.

## **MIN 2897      NORTON**

**(1) Adopt a Kiosk:** Members considered the request from Norton Civic Society that the kiosk be adopted and given to the Society to use. After consideration it was decided that the Town Council would adopt the kiosk subject to the appropriate repairs but that the box would be kept for use by anyone in the village subject to the agreement of the Council. It was felt that sole use by one organisation was not appropriate.

**(2) Proposed Road Scheme:** Details of the proposed scheme were noted. Members were pleased that something was finally being done to address the safety issues and generally supportive of the scheme. Cllr. Price suggested that signs indicating 'Oncoming traffic in middle of road' would be more effective. It was agreed that the Clerk reply to the County Council supporting the scheme but asking that the signs suggested by Cllr. Price be included. Cllr. Price agreed to supply the Clerk with details of the various types of incident and if possible to keep a record of future incidents.

**(3) Litter Bins:** Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported that she had not yet heard from the Norton Civic Society about possible locations for additional bins. The Clerk was asked to contact the NCS to remind them.

**(4) Other Norton Matters:** Cllr. Robinson reported on the dead tree alongside Killhorse Lane which was a hazard to traffic. Cllr. Wilding agreed to find out the name of the landowner.

## **MIN 2898      WENT'S MEADOW / EDDIE'S MEADOW**

**(1) Skateboard Park:** Cllr. Tennant-Eyles suggested that a sign indicating that the Town Council had part funded the new pyramid would be a good idea. He estimated the cost to be £100. Members agreed that he could proceed and order a sign.

**(2) ROSPA Inspection Update:** Cllr. Kirkby reported that he was still awaiting a reply from ROSPA.

**(3) Grass Cutting Quote for 2015:** It was agreed to accept the quote from the County Council for grass cutting works plus one selective weed kill to the bike track area.

**(4) Hedge-Trimming Quote:** Cllr. Wilding had spoken to the contractor who estimated the maximum cost to be £300.

**(5) Firework Display:** Members were pleased to learn that the display had been a big success. The Clerk was asked to write to Sheep Music to thank them for all their efforts in organising the event. In addition £511.02 had been raised for the Carnival Committee.

**(6) Apple Pressing:** This had been very successful.

## **MIN 2899      YOUTH MATTERS**

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the present lease expired in April 2016.

## **MIN 2900      CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS**

(1) **Letter of support Mortimer Country History Trail:** It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter of support for the Project.

(2) **Mid and West Wales Fire Service Online Survey:** Noted. The Clerk was asked to circulate the details so that Members could complete the survey if they wished.

(3) **Letter re John Beddoes Trust Fund:** Noted.

(4) **Bovale Site, Letter from Harris Lamb:** Noted.

(5) **Email re pavement Knighton Road:** Members had received a copy of the email concerning the narrow pavement at the top of Knighton Road. Cllrs. Wilding and Robinson agreed to check to see if anything could be done.

(7) **Citizens Advice Bureau AGM:** Noted.

(8) **St. Michael's Hospice AGM:** Noted.

(9) **Baptist Church Carol Concert:** Noted.

(10) **Recycling Update, PCC:** Noted.

#### **MIN 2901 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES**

**November Surgery:** Matters raised were -

- the cleaning of Hereford Street (parked cars preventing full cleaning) - Clerk to report to PCC
- wheelchair access in the town;
- the planting of the roundabout (residents to consider possibilities)
- the need for dropped kerbs at various locations - Cllr. Kirkby to investigate.

**December Surgery:** Cllrs. Ms Preece and Kirkby agreed to man the December Surgery.

#### **MIN 2902 INFORMATION ITEMS**

The items for information were noted.

#### **MIN 2903 URGENT BUSINESS**

- Christmas Lights: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles appealed for volunteers;
- Wales Africa Gold Star Award received by Hands up for Uganda;
- Rotary Club Street Collection 12/13th December;
- East Radnor & the Borders Health Focus Group - Clerk to find out if the group is still active.

The Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.