

Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2015
AT THE SHIREHALL, BROAD STREET, PRESTEIGNE

Present: Cllrs. J. Tennant-Eyles (Deputy Mayor), G. Banks, Ms B. Baynham, Ms. N. Humphreys, Ms. H. Marchant, J. Matthews, H. Owens, Ms. F. Preece, , B. Price, P. Robinson, P. Smith, J Wilding.

Apologies: Cllr C. Kirkby MBE (Mayor).

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk, One Member 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. B. Price, Member of Norton Sports Committee re contribution to defibrillator in Norton.

Personal and Prejudicial: None

In the absence of the Cllr. Kirkby the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Tennant-Eyles, Deputy Mayor.

MIN 2985 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of 14th May and 3rd June, 2015 were approved without amendment. The Deputy Mayor then duly signed the Minutes

MIN 2986 CLERKS REPORT/UPDATE

(1) New Footway alongside School Field/By Pass: Members were pleased to learn that the contract for this work had been awarded and work was expected to commence in early July.

(2) Norton Traffic Works: This was scheduled for late August.

(3) One Voice Wales/Society of Council Clerks Conference: Members thanked the Clerk for attending the annual conference.

MIN 2987 FINANCE

(1) Donations: None this month.

The letters of thanks from Presteigne Festival and Presteigne Carnival were noted.

(2) Payments:

Mrs T. Price	£836.52
HMRC	£198.72
(income tax and employees and employers NI due on above)	
Herefordshire Council (planning permission)	£192.50
McCartneys (plans for above)	£132.00
Presteigne Chamber of Trade Commerce and Industry	

(lights for Norton)	£111.54
Clearview Cleaning Services (Hereford) Ltd (£405.76 and £409.98)	£815.74
Lyreco (office supplies)	£45.30
J. A. Francis and Sons (notices for toilet blocks)	£21.12
Artisan Print (flyers LDP)	£61.60
Presteigne Building Supplies	£6.20 MEADOW ACCOUNT
Npower	£31.77 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£71.87 MEADOW ACCOUNT
N. Close	£37.50
P.J. Davies	£30.00

(3) Receipts: Norton Sports Committee £35 (towards heated box for defib)

MIN 2988 PLANNING

(1) Planning Applications:

P/2015/0554, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne, full, extension of infrastructure proposals:

Resolved that the following comments be made:

The Town Council supports the application but asks that -

any tree planting required is carried out immediately to allow the plants to grow before units are actually placed on site thus ensuring that screening is already in place;

the drainage/sewerage arrangements for the site are fully and properly investigated and addressed given the problems already existing with flooding of the Clatterbrook and the view of Welsh Water that the sewerage capacity in the town has been reached.

Members also expressed concern that the lack of capacity in the sewerage system was holding back development in the town and the Clerk was asked to write to Welsh Water expressing these concerns and asking for information on the timescale for the necessary improvements.

(2) High Trees, Clatterbrune: Following discussion it was agreed that this matter was a dispute between neighbours and that action was beyond the Council's remit.

(3) Reeves Hill Wind Turbines: The Clerk informed Members that Herefordshire Council had confirmed that the planning permission had lapsed.

(4) Local Development Plan Consultation: Members were reminded that all leaflets needed to be delivered by the weekend with comments to be made to the Clerk by 30th June. Responses would be considered after this date and a date for a meeting of the Working Group would be arranged once the comments had been assessed. Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Kirkby would review the complete plan policies for any changes since the 2014 consultation. Full comments on the Plan would be agreed at the July meeting of the Town Council.

Cllr. Wilding asked Members to give consideration of the moving of the Primary School to the JBS site prior to the discussion on the LDP at the July meeting.

(5) Developments of National Significance Consultation: No comment to be made.

(6) Clatterbrune Planning Applications Update: The Clerk reported that the application had not been 'called in' by County Councillor Banks within the required time scale and as such the application could be dealt with by the Planning Officer under delegated powers. She had that day spoken to the Officer concerned who had confirmed that some consultation comments were still awaited and that determination of the two applications would not be made until these were received.

(7) Powys County Council Planning Presentation 6th July: The Clerk would attend.

MIN 2989 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Tennis Courts: Members were pleased to learn that the surface and line painting of the courts was now underway. The Clerk reported that the County Council was requesting the completion of a formal expression of interest form for the site. The map of the proposed land transfer was circulated and it was agreed that the County Council be pressed to include the access strip to Wilson Terrace. It was therefore *resolved that:*

the clerk complete the Expression of Interest Form applying for an asset transfer of the land to the Town Council;

that a request for inclusion of the access strip to Wilson Terrace be included;

should this not be possible then access (in perpetuity) along this land strip be included in the deeds of the transfer;

if this strip was not transferred then the County Council be asked to confirm that it would continue to maintain the strip of land.

The Clerk was also asked to contact Stephen Gealy to check that the removable posts/nets had been received and safely stored.

(2) Presteigne Cemetery: Cllr. Wilding confirmed that the planning application had been submitted to Herefordshire. Cllr. Ms. Baynham was concerned that no further information had been received on the Trust fund and the Clerk was asked to follow the matter up with Gabbs Solicitors.

Cllr. Banks expressed concern that the Cemetery toilet had now been closed by the County Council.

(3) Community Led Plan: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported on the first Steering Group meeting. A full household survey was to be held and questions for inclusion were to be discussed further at the next Group meeting on 23rd June. Cllr. Tennant-Eyles asked Members to look through the draft list of questions as soon as it was available and submit any comments on additional questions before 23rd. Members stressed the need to get full feedback on Community Asset Transfer.

(4) Transfer of Public Conveniences: Members noted the update provided in the Clerk's report. The Clerk added that the electrician had now confirmed that no part was available for the water heater to the disabled toilet and that a complete new unit would be needed. Members agreed that the Clerk obtain costs for a replacement and if the County Council were willing to pay then a new unit be ordered. If not then the toilet would have only a cold water supply and the unit would not be replaced.

(5) Sixth Form Building, John Beddoes Campus: Members noted the reply from Gareth Jones stating that there were no immediate plans to demolish the building. A condition report was being sought and the Clerk would remind Mr. Jones that the Town Council had requested a copy.

(6) Parking Problems, Hereford Street: Complaints had been received at two successive Council surgeries. The problems were stated to be additional parking at holidays lets in the street. The Clerk had investigated the possibility of car park permits being issued to a premises but the County Council had confirmed that this was not possible. Members agreed that nothing further could be done at present but that should the car park be transferred to the Town Council the matter would be further considered.

(7) General Highway Issues: Cllr. Ms. Baynham reported that a number of trees were overhanging the pavements and in need of trimming. The Clerk was asked to report this to the County Council.

MIN 2990 DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES

Members noted the plan of County Council assets within Presteigne. The Clerk confirmed that she had queried the figures supplied for car park income and that amended figures were expected by the end of the week.

It was agreed that a Working Group be formed to progress the review of the suggested devolved services. Members of the Group to be Cllrs. Kirkby, Tennant-Eyles, Ms Baynham, Wilding and Smith.

MIN 2991 NORTON

(1) Sewerage Problems: Cllrs. Tennant-Eyles and Robinson together with the Clerk had met Welsh Water to discuss the problems being experienced by residents in Mynd Lane. A group of concerned residents had also been present. It was apparent that severe problems existed, these being regular odours, overflowing sewerage from manholes in Mynd Lane and even into one property. The problem was believed to be caused by the pumping of sewerage from Offas Green. Jason Turner from Welsh Water had attended and agreed to investigate possible solutions and report back to the Town Council within a week. The Clerk had also taken contact details for the residents involved and would keep them informed.

(2) Defibrillator: The unit would be delivered very soon and arrangements for installation would then be made.

(3) Norton Show: Cllr. Price stated that the Show was expected to go ahead despite the recent issues raised about show sites by the County Council Environmental Health section.

MIN 2992 WENT'S MEADOW AND EDDIE'S MEADOW

(1) Playgroup Event: The event on 12th July was noted.

(2) Tree Inspections: Cllr. Tennant-Eyles drew attention to the Clerk's conference report item on insurance which noted the need for periodic inspections of trees on Council land and for this to be done on a regular basis by a qualified arboriculturist. It was agreed that that a full report would be sought at the time of the next annual inspection. The need for care around ponds was also noted.

(3) Weed Killing of Paths/Ligne Garden: The Clerk was asked to arrange for the County Council to do this at an approximate cost of £100.

(4) Use of Barbecue: It was confirmed that use of the barbecue in Ligne Garden was free.

MIN 2993 YOUTH MATTERS

Cllr. Tennant-Eyles reported that the recent gliding trip had been very successful with seven attending.

Two new volunteers had been found and the Youth Centre would now again be open for two evenings a week.

MIN 2994 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) National Rural Crime Survey: Noted. To be completed by Members as individuals.

(2) Public Transport in Powys Consultation: Members agreed that option one was the best outcome for Presteigne and the survey was completed online at the meeting.

(3) Protecting Community Assets Consultation: To be completed by Members as individuals.

(4) Public Health Wales Bill re provision of public toilets: Members noted that the requirement was for the County Council to have a policy on the provision of toilets but not that these had to be provided by the Authority.

MIN 2995 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

Cllr. Smith reported that two issues had been raised - parking on Hereford Street (see Minute 2989 (6)) and street lighting. Both these issues had also been raised in May. The Clerk would reply to the residents concerned.

July Surgery: Cllrs. Smith and Ms. Marchant agreed to attend the July Surgery

MIN 2996 INFORMATION

None.

MIN 2997 URGENT BUSINESS/INFORMATION

Council Survey: Members attention was drawn to the recent Welsh Government survey on Town and Community Councils.

Stroke Services in South Powys: Cllr. Ms Baynham was looking into this recent report.

Presteigne Carnival: Cllr. Ms. Baynham appealed for volunteers to assist with the event.

Yurt Camping Site: An open day was to be held in July.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.