

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 13th July 2021 at 7pm at the Paddock Suite, Ludgershall Sports & Social Club.

Present: Cllr M Giles (in the Chair), Cllr J Langley, Cllr D Downie, Cllr N Allingham, Cllr CA Moore, Cllr CA Allan, Cllr C Giles, Cllr O White, Cllr M Williams and Cllr J White.

Representatives: WO1 M Needham, RSM, 26 Engineer Regiment, Lt Col Nick Turner, Garrison Engagement

Public: 1 members of the public.

AGENDA ITEM

060-21/22 1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs B Dance. The Cllrs **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.

061-21/22 2. Declaration of Interests - (Members are bound by the provision of the Code of Conduct adopted by Ludgershall Town Council and are required to declare their interest in any matter in which they have a personal interest or a pecuniary interest). **None declared.**

062-21/22 3. General Public – Questions. The member of the public was here to talk about point 9 b) on the agenda and the committee agreed for her to speak at that time.

063-21/22 4. Update from Outside Representatives –

- Police Report- PCSO Brewer reported by email that she conducts multiple patrols of the Recreation Ground and that the Recreation Ground is on their priority list. She also raised the possibility of starting up a "Street Youth Work Scheme". Cllrs noted the report and asked that PCSO Brewer be invited to come to the next meeting to brief the Cllrs on the "Street Work Scheme".
Action: Clerk
- 26 Engineer Report – The RSM reported troops are still in Estonia and helping in England with Covid 19 vaccinations/surge testing etc. Four MPs have visited the Regt to observe training. The Regiment will be on leave for 3 weeks during August.
- Garrison Engagement Report – Lt Col Turner reported that the new Garrison Commander is now in Post. One of the units will performing Public Duties in London during September to December. New fighting equipment is being tested by a unit. Latest edition of Drumbeat is now out.
- Wiltshire Council Reports – Both County Cllrs were unavailable to attend due to a clash with a Wiltshire Council meeting. However, points raised by Cllr Pickernell appear later in the agenda.

064-21/22 5. Update from LTC's Representatives.

- Memorial Hall Committee – Cllr C Giles reported that Friday Market is getting better and better and there have been an increase in the number of hall bookings. The Council Chambers can now be used however a specific risk assessment is required for the chamber. The hall is looking good inside. More volunteers are required to help with the COVID 19 vaccinations. There is an intent to hold a pantomime at the end of November. Cllr C Giles volunteered to be the 2nd council representative to the Memorial Hall Committee.

Action: Cllr C Giles

- Update on Lorry/speed Watch – Cllr C Allan reported that it is going well. However, in 3 hours 14 lorries passed through the High Street. Cllr Williams said the sign at Collingbourne was much bigger than in Ludgershall which he agreed to raise at the next CATG meeting. Moreover, the Cllrs to give names of companies to the Clerk to write to the police informing

them of these occurrences.

Action: Cllrs & Clerk

- Cllr C Allan agreed to find out from the Police how many fines had they had issued to HGVs using the High Street unlawfully. **Action Cllr Williams, Cllr C Allan & Clerk**

065-21/22 6. Minutes of the previous meetings - Full Town Council held 14th June 2021, minutes had been circulated, no questions raised, and Cllrs **RESOLVED that the minutes as presented were a true record and that the Chairman was to sign the minutes.**

066-21/22 7. Committee Reports – *Extraordinary Co-option Meeting* held 14th June 2021. After discussion Cllrs **RESOLVED to that the minutes as presented were a true record and that the Committee Chairman was to sign the minutes.** There was then a discussion regarding the ratification of committee meetings Cllrs **RESOLVED that the Clerk was to produce evidence of best practice in the area.**

Action: Clerk

Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council held 28th June. After discussion Cllrs **RESOLVED to that the minutes as presented were a true record and that the Committee Chairman was to sign the minutes.** After this meeting 4 Cllrs viewed a potential site for a new office and meeting venue, Cllrs M Giles, O White, C Allan, and N Allingham had viewed the site and reported that it was bad on the outside but good in the inside and found it suitable. The cost to buy it would be £240,000.00. which the Council would have to borrow from the Public Loans Board. After a long discussion Cllrs **RESOLVED to begin the process of acquiring the site and that the Clerk was to investigate the process of applying for a loan from the Public Loans Board which will involve the holding of Public Meeting and to inform the estate agents of the Council's interest in the site.** **Action: Clerk**
Cllr O White said that he would approach Lovell's with a view to getting some assistance with inside conversion work and the sellers have intimated that they would repair the window frames before the sale.

067-21/22 8. Bills for Payment - a list had been circulated in the agenda pack and Cllrs **RESOLVED to authorise the bills for payment.**

Action: Clerk

068-21/22. 9. Speeding Surveys are to be requested for the Faberstown end of Andover Road and Dewey's Lane.

Action: Clerk

Cllr C Allan Reported that she had been approached by a member of the public who had suggested that having a "You are Approaching 30MPH Area – please slow down." sign be erected at the entry to the town from Andover which Cllr N Allingham agreed to investigate with Wiltshire and Hampshire Council.

Action: Cllr N Allingham

069-21/22 10. CATG Missing Street sign for Castle Court – The Clerk reported that she had received a request from a resident of Castle Court to have the street name sign replaced and that she had asked the resident to complete a form which he has yet to do. Cllrs noted the report and asked Cllr N Allingham to take to CATG.

Action: Cllr N Allingham

070-21/22 11. Laptop & associated cables for use with a projector- the Clerk reported that there was now a need for a laptop to be held by the Council for use off site by the Cllrs and Office Staff, with the projector and after discussion Cllrs **RESOLVED to the purchase of a laptop up to a value of £ 500.00 + VAT.**

Action: Clerk

071-21/22 12. Freedom of Ludgershall 2022 – Cllr M Giles proposed that an ex Cllr be awarded the Freedom of the Town, Cllrs then **RESOLVED to award this ex Cllr with the Freedom of The Town for their long and distinguished service to the Town.** **Action: Cllr M Giles & Clerk.**

The month of May was discussed as a possible period that 22 Engr Regt could exercise its Freedom of the Town in 2022. The matter of invitations was discussed, and it was agreed that invitations needed to be sent out before the end of the year. The matter of catering was discussed, and it was agreed that a civilian catering company be engaged to provide the catering.

Action: Civic Events Committee & Clerk

072-21/22 13. Councillor Surgeries. After discussion Cllrs **RESOLVED that Cllr Surgeries were to be held once a month on a Saturday morning with one male and one female Cllr in attendance on a rotational basis.**

Action: All Cllrs

073-21/22 14. Fly Tipping. Cllrs discussed the idea of having a lockable skip placed on the allotments to discourage fly tipping and RESOLVED to not have a lockable skip on the allotments.

Item Closed

074-21/22 15. Sound System for Council Meetings – Cllr M Giles reported that sound systems had been costed and looked at before and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr O White would look at the possibility of getting a “Hearing Loop” installed.

Action: Cllr O White

075-21/22 16. Agenda Points for next month –

- a) **Closing off part of Recreation Ground for dog walking – to go on next RLE agenda**
- b) **New CCTV.**
- c) **Parking on Mead Road & Woodpark – to go on next RLE agenda**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.35pm .

The next meeting to be advised.

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