

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on
Monday 11th April 2022 at 7pm at the Ludgershall Memorial Hall, Andover Road.

Present: Cllr C Giles (in the Chair), Cllr J Langley, Cllr CA Allan, Cllr O White, Cllr M Williams, Cllr J White, Cllr L Ramsay, Cllr L Wilkins.

Absent: None.

Representatives: Wiltshire Cllrs C Williams & AJK Pickernell, PCSO P Brewer

Public: 16 members of the public present.

AGENDA ITEM

As Cllr M Giles has resigned from the Council, Cllr C Giles as Vice Chair will chair the meeting. The council decided to wait until the Annual Meeting of the council in May to vote in a new Chair/Mayor. Cllr C Giles then welcomed Cllr L Wilkins to the council.

208-21/22 1. Apologies for Absence – none.

209-21/22 2. Declaration of Interests - All Members of the Town Council are reminded to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests they may have in any business of the Council, its committees, or Sub-Committees, in accordance with the latest approved Code of Conduct. **None.**

210-21/22 3. General Public – A member of the public asked questions about why Cllrs and staff have had a high turnover and stated that there was racism amongst other things that are part of the reasons. LTC are carrying out an independent review into these accusations and will publish what the outcome is when available and considering Data protection – another report was mentioned that had been penned by a locum clerk this will also be part of the independent review. HR matters are of a confidential matter and not for public discussion. Comments were made that in this industry it is not uncommon to have a high turnover, part of this could be because of lack of understanding and support from the public and the constant negative press in social media and confirmed that it has always been the same within all councils. Another member of the public asked has the Chairman left, as stated at the beginning of the meeting he has left and Cllr C Giles as vice chair is standing in as chair, he left because he wasn't enjoying it anymore. The public were informed that there are seats available & if they felt strongly about helping Ludgershall then they could apply.

211-21/22 4. Chairman's report – Cllr C Giles reported to the council that she had attended The High Sheriff of Wiltshire's Rule of Law Service at Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday 13th March 2022. Thank you to the Council was read out from Nick Turner, after his presentation last month.

212-21/22 5. Update From Outside Representatives -

- **Police Report – PCSO Pippa-** is in liaison with councillors and a company called Community First, we're holding a pop in day on Wednesday between 1pm and 4pm at the youth centre to encourage them to come down, request was made for volunteers. The youth group will be open & available for ages between 10 & 18 years. Volunteers will have a DBS check, there will be a craft stall, cooking lessons, an ambulance crew to teach first aid, an idea of taking young people away for young leader weekends in order to gain life building skills is being considered. Long term plan is to possibly set up a SEN group but is to be confirmed.
- **26 Engineer Regiment Report –** WO1 Matt Needham, RSM – sent apologies on easter leave.
- **Wiltshire Council Report –**A report from April has been sent to the office. With the current increases in energy costs, all households in England in the primary council residence of a-d are eligible for a one-off council tax rebate of £150. Wiltshire Council will be using the direct debit details of those eligible in order to set up a refund direct debit so it gets paid directly. Those

without one set up will get a letter inviting submission of bank details via the website or by post therefore no calls to Wiltshire council are necessary. Those who pay a reduced rate will still get a rebate, Funding has been provided to those who are on low incomes, families who are in need & are in the primary bands E-H. £877,000 has been allocated to these, more details to be confirmed. Vulnerable households will be able to benefit from energy efficient improvements over the next year and together with Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire council has secured 5 million pounds to deliver home energy upgrades. The funding will be used to install energy efficient measures in order to raise energy certificates to band C, it is also to improve their homes & make them warmer. Anyone who is worried about their energy bills are urged to contact warmsafewiltshire.org.uk or call 0800 0385722. March 21st at Ludgershall Memorial Hall a meeting is planned to cover tackling Climate Change in the Tidworth Community Area followed by Tidworth Area Board that all are invited to attend, 2 Cllrs have confirmed their attendance to both meetings. Attended a CATG meeting and encouraged others to do the same or have a representative, LTC advised they were only informed of the meeting a couple of days before so sent their apologies. Cllr C Williams has requested for the information to be sent well in advance. Cllr A Pickernell has attended 14 meetings in total. There are 6 local issues, 5 were resolved in March. PCC came through from the new commissioner regarding his vision & priorities which is worth looking at. Question raised regarding electric vehicle charging points, confirmed they are and that they're still looking at this, if the town council wants them then they have to contact Wiltshire council. Question was raised about the scheme for the solar panels, confirmed not at the moment but to send a request to Wiltshire council. Cllr Pickernell has been approached and asked about the traffic calming measure, which is going near the new build due to it being a part of the contract. Wiltshire have said they are going to investigate re-lining and re widening the lines at the railway line to make it safer.

213-21/22 6. Update from LTC's Representatives at outside meetings

- **Memorial Hall Report – Cllr C Giles – Memorial Hall Committee Report – Cllrs C Giles.**
New representative needed on the hall committee, vote required. Cllr C Allen was voted in as the representative for memorial hall- agreed by all. The tribute is still on in May, posters are to be put out along with tickets. Overs 60's will start up again on the last Saturday of each month between the hours of 2 & 4 in the hall. The garden is still in progress along with the fence due to having a contractor who has since been uncontactable, having to go to another one. Question was raised regarding payment to the previous contractor, confirmed that no money was paid. Friends of Ludgershall is on a Thursday between 10 & 3, they put on a small lunch and encourage all over the age of 18 to attend. Question was raised regarding who the contractor was, confirmed it was New Works.
- **Update on Highway/Catg issues**
 - I. Traffic Survey Request from resident, Tidworth Road between Wellesley Road and Hill Road, Drivers constantly exceeding the 30mph speed in both directions between Wellesley Road and Hill Road on the A3026. Desired outcome would be to reduce speeding and secure safety for pedestrians and all road users, in the first instance, by monitoring, by way of a survey 100 meters from each point mentioned above. Resolved to agree to pursue the survey, email to be sent to highways- **office to action.**
 - II. 40MPH speed limit at the entrance of the new estate at Drummond park, sent concerns & asked for it to be changed to 30mph & due to weight limit suggested there be a sign put in place at the roundabout. Report was sent back stating it is to be sent to the cabinet members for transport.

214-21/22 7. Minutes of previous meeting held 14/03/2022 and a co-option meeting that was held on the 14/02/22 in agenda packs for ratification. Cllrs Resolved to accept these minutes.

215-21/22 8. Committee Reports – Cllr CA Allan – an easter disco is on Friday between 12 & 4pm which is a free event for children. There will be a 4 day jubilee event, on Thursday Ludgershall's got talent, Friday is a street party, Saturday is the Fete and on Sunday there is music in the park. On

Thursday at 1.30pm the queens' flag will be raised with a town crier present and the beacon will be lit at 9:45pm, Cllr J Langley – Allotments, nothing to report. Cllr J White – Previously voted to have metal/cast iron litter bins, due to them being damaged frequently. The goals posts have been levelled and re-turfed. Pretoria road is still ongoing regarding the fencing.

211-21/22 9. Allotment Plot Markers- Quote was received by the blacksmiths at £3,920 which is around £39 per marker. Resolved to object to the quote and update the markers ourselves- agreed by all.

216-21/22 10. Ratified Committee minutes for noting– Cllrs resolved to accept these minutes

217-21/22 11. Bills for Payment – Cllr J White questioned the amount of entries for “moving materials”, confirmed that it is due to Amazons invoicing procedures. Resolved to agree- no objections.

218-21/22 12. To consider arranging a Town Marathon as a fund-raising event- Cllr Ramsey requested that the marathon be a 10k at first and that it would be good to bring the community together. Request made by Chair to put the information together in order for it to be considered at the next meeting.

219-21/22 13. Update on Move to new office – Move on Thursday. TC will be working from home. The painters & cleaners will be in then. Windows to begin within the next couple of weeks. Wilmonts will begin work hopefully after easter for a couple of weeks. The freehold has been signed & is due to complete on Thursday. List requested stating what is happening along with dates & times etc. agreed by all, **C. Allan to action.**

220-21/22 14. Correspondence –

a) Suggestion from resident of signage regarding the 7.5 tonne limit - that instead of having signs, could it be painted on the road by the memorial gardens, at the roundabout and at the A346 junction. Wiltshire councillor informed the council that if LTC were to approve this in the meeting & sent it to CATG then they would ask for a 25% contribution cost. Resolved to put the suggestion forward to CATG.

Office to action.

b) Castledown FM requests re signs - asked LTC if they would support the following before going ahead & getting quotes: Signs to be put up, would like them to be more on display and asked for banners & signs to be put around the town and in surrounding areas. Resolved to agree.

c) Visit Wiltshire partner renewal- need confirmation that LTC are ok with going ahead with subscription for another year & whether any changes have need to be made- agreed by all. Office to action.

d) Community Magazine: Request for someone to volunteer to be the point of contact. Cllr C Giles volunteered- no objections.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature.

221-21/22 15. HR- Quotes from. HWH Solicitors- £99 +vat pcm for a standard package. Council HR Advisory Service- £1,400 per annum for 3 years or £1,200 per annum for 5 years excluding VAT. Resolved to accept quote from Council HR Advisory Service 5 years at £1200 per year- carried. Cllr C Allan left the meeting.

222-21/22 16. Agenda Points for next month – Marathon. Breakdown of costs from the Civic Committee.

Please note that the Council cannot lawfully consider or determine any matter which is not specified on the agenda of this summons.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at **8.58pm**

The next meeting 09th May 2022

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