

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on
Monday 13th February 2023 at 7pm at 2a Castledown Business Park,
Tidworth Road.

Present: Cllr O White (in the Chair), Cllr M Williams (Vice Chair), Cllr J White, Cllr E Williams, Cllr J Walker, Cllr D Lillywhite, Cllr T Webber, Cllr P Porter, Cllr L Wilkins, Cllr D Lansley-Smith & Cllr N Gregory

Representatives: WO1 Rees, Cllr AKJ Pickernell & Cllr C Williams

Public: 3

Absent: Cllr L Coombes

AGENDA ITEM

THIS MEETING WILL BE RECORDED.

330-22/23 1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr L Ramsey (long term) Cllrs RESOLVED to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40. **Office to contact Cllr Ramsay re his return.**

331-22/23 2. To Receive Declaration of Interests – None

332-22/23 3. General Public – Questions – please read policy for public participation- None.

Cllr O White asked rep for Ukrainian culture hub 4 kids to speak regarding the grant application made. Background was given re the charity. Help from the community to run the hub was also requested by the rep. Cllr O White asked how many people they are helping- answered they have many people but have around 30 families at the moment but the number is changing as some leave then others take their place. Currently helping with 4 families in Tidworth and 3 families in Ludgershall. Cllr O White declared that this is under agenda item 12 but brought it forward for discussion from the rep however the council will discuss under the original agenda point.

333-22/23 4. Planning applications-

- a) **PL/2022/0963-** Full planning permission at War Memorial North of Tidworth Road, Ludgershall, SP11 9PZ, Erection of a 6m high flagpole on war memorial site. No Objections. **Office to Action.**

334-22/23 5. Planning decisions-

- a) **PL/2022/09114-** Householder application at Bramble Towers, Andover Road, SP11 9PD, Rear single storey extension with internal alterations. Approved with conditions. Noted.

335-22/23 6. Chairmans report – Monday 16th January 2023 – LHFIG meeting at TLC, points for LTC – i) Parking restrictions in Meade Road, ii) disabled parking bay for High Street, 3) pavement repairs outside of 10-12 High Street along to Drivers Relief. Thursday 26th January 2023 attended Memorial Hall AGM. Wednesday 1st February 2023 – Community First organised a Youth event in the Youth club building, well attended it needs volunteers to help run regular events. Thursday 2nd February 2023 – Cllr J Walker and I met with 60+ children from Marlborough Primary School, giving a short presentation regarding the history of Ludgershall Castle and the living conditions that medieval people lived under then taking questions from the pupils. The Mayoral Chain has been updated and engraved with the previous mayors details.

336-22/23 7. Update from outside representatives- *a) Local police* – Not received, **Noted.** Clerk mentioned that a letter was sent to the PCC re how they've spent their precept due to the promise of more PCSO's, confirmed there is a reply from them, office confirmed awaiting a meeting with them. **Noted.**

b) Wiltshire Cllrs, Cllr C Williams, The council's proposed budget for 2023/24 stands at £465m and Cabinet also confirmed its proposal to put forward a 2.9% general increase for the council element of council tax, plus a 2% levy to be spent solely on adult social care. If agreed at full Council, this will mean an increase of £1.57 per week of the Wiltshire Council element of the council tax on a band D property. Cabinet is proposing a balanced budget which will ensure that vital services to the residents, businesses and communities in Wiltshire will continue to be provided as well as delivering on the commitments as set out in the Business Plan. No statutory services are being cut back. Tidworth Area Board met on Monday 23 January and amongst the items being discussed was a very comprehensive road safety update for the Tidworth Community area from the police road safety team based in Devizes. The new police inspector for the Amesbury/Tidworth community areas, Inspector Ricky Lee, introduced himself and gave a local update. There was also an interesting presentation given by the Council's National Power Outage Project officer on Helping resilience in the community. This was about the proposal of Emergency Contact Hubs and their purpose and helping resilience in the community. Grants were approved to go towards football nets for the King George playing field and to the Army Welfare Service for Tidworth Youth and Community Hub. The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be on Monday 20 March and 20 Feb is the cut-off date for the March meeting grants. I also attended the very successful Youth pop-up event at the Ludgershall Youth Centre along with Cllrs Pickernell and White. Graeme Morrison has requested a Street based youth work meeting which will involve the Wiltshire Council Youth Justice Team and Ludgershall and Tidworth Town Councils. The next Police quarterly update meeting will take place 1 March and you should receive a Teams invite. PC Howard Oakley, new local PC will be in attendance. The Ludgershall and Tidworth Business Forum will meet on Tuesday 28 Feb, 10am at the Castledown Business Centre.

Cllr AKJ Pickernell updated the council on a small grants scheme from Wiltshire council for children with SEN and encouraged people to apply for, Clerk asked if someone from the castle club who runs a stay and play SEN club has contacted them, confirmed they haven't but to ask them to do so. The council has stated charging blue badge holders for parking & are now giving concession to them so once they purchase a ticket, they will get given an extra hour free of charge. The council/street scene is concentrating on potholes, as there is so many of them, hard frost has affected the tarmac. There's a new police chief constable Katherine Roper, she is coming from the met in London, she was a commander. She was the preferred candidate for the PCC, she was interviewed by me and others and she is really switched on & really community minded. She will come into office at the end of February. The precept from the PCC on band D is increasing by £15 per year per household, our committee accepted it. Wiltshire police (the PCC) have been put into special measures. The committee have put in strong challenge to the PCC a few weeks ago, can assure that it is being looked at.

c) 26 Engr's. WO1 Rees, updated the council on his appointment and that he has been in position for the last 6 weeks or so. As expected, they are constantly being deployed they are currently in the full cycle of exercises & training again. We are covering border force when they strike. We've had people out in Gibraltar working in the tunnels. We've got one soldier who is at his rugby cup for Germany. Just to be aware that as the freedom parade is coming up and due to being no fault of the council because of the regiment band, the further right we go with this, the busier and busier the regiment gets just be aware. Clerk asked if WO2 Brown has given

the WO1 the date as was informed that the office would be emailed, WO1 confirmed that he hasn't but he is on his way to Australia on Wednesday. He will see the guys on Friday who are also organising the parade and will get back to the office. Cllr O White expressed the urgency for the date due to road closures etc.

337-22/23 8. Update from LTC's representatives on outside bodies –

- a. *Update from Memorial Hall Reps/Clerk – Cllr D Lillywhite* updated the council re the AGM on the 26th January, 5 committee members and 22 voting members of the public were present, chaired by outgoing chair. Requested for the previous minutes would be accepted, question was raised by the floor as to whether it had been an open meeting, G Payne confirmed they weren't sure but was anxious ensure the matters were dealt with going forward. Numbers of queries were raised by the floor due to the contents of the hall. Cllr D Lillywhite confirmed who the new committee members were of the hall. Current committee members are busy at the moment to try and get the paperwork up together and get the hall back to how it should be & move forward. Member of the public asked who the chair of the hall is now, Cllr Lillywhite confirmed who had got voted in however, they have now stepped down therefore the current members at their next meeting will vote in a new chair. Cllr C Williams asked if their bookings and meeting for the friends of Ludgershall are still going ahead, confirmed that all being well they will be. Cllr M Williams asked if Cllr Lillywhite is now in charge of the bookings, confirmed it is T Webber that oversees those now. Question was raised regarding the accounts as they have now been handed back to LTC, clerk confirmed that the committees secretary, treasurer and herself are visiting the bank the next day to get new signatories on the account and then have access to the bank account/statement. Accepted.
- b. *LHFIG – i) Improved signage/traffic calming measures/SID on A342/Butt Street/Castle Street bend-* committee discussed and agreed to put to LHFIG. **Office to action.**

338-22/23 9. Previous Minutes for ratification – Interim Full Town council meeting 23rd January 2023. Requested for GWCF to be put on website- **office to action.** Requested for notice board for the allotments, office confirmed that its being done. Question regarding the headstone testing, office confirmed that all these will be discussed at the next interim full town council meeting on the 23rd January. Resolved to accept.

339-22/23 10. Bills for payment – question raised re tree technique and the recreation ground and whether the work has been completed. Office confirmed they were in attendance on Friday. Resolved to accept.

340-22/23 11. Correspondence –

- a) *SLCC model letter to MP regarding bullying and harassment charges-* discussed and resolved to accept. **Office to action.**
- b) *Email from Quarterly Playground Inspector re increase of fees-* discussed and resolved to accept.
- c) *Patchwork Quilt-raffle-* discussed and agreed for it to be raffled at the Kings Coronation street party with the proceeds going to requested charity. **Office to action.**
- d) *WALC- Constitution-* discussed and office will bring it back up at next meeting. Resolved to accept
- e) *ICO renewal £40 or £35 if DD-* discussed and resolved to accept and change to DD.
- f) *Section 137 expenditure limit 2023/2024-* office confirmed a copy was not sent to the council but will email it asap, clerk explained the amounts to the council however the office will put this onto the next agenda to be discussed officially.
- g) *Election costs from Wiltshire Council-* discussed and noted.

341-22/23 12. Grants – Ukrainian culture hub 4 kids (English 4 u)- grant application received of £1000 to assist the people of Ukraine that are within Ludgershall, Cllr O White calculated there

is around 18 people using the culture hub. Office confirmed that the funds could be received by the church however as LTC do not give grants to individuals the council requested for the applicant to register as a charity before a decision can be made. Office to ask Tidworth town council if they'd previously given a grant to the culture hub & how they dealt with it. Office to speak to the rep for the culture hub requesting them to set up as a registered charity and the grant request will be put onto the next agenda. Agreed. **Office to action.**

342-22/23 13. Road closure costs a) King Charles III Coronation- quote received at £1034.68 +VAT. Resolved to agree. **Office to action** b) **26 Engrs Freedom Parade-** quote received at £831.16 +VAT. Resolved to agree. **Office to action.** Budget for road closures is £2500.00.

343-22/23 14. 26 Engrs Freedom Parade- a) change of date- confirmed that WO1 will inform the council & office by Monday 20th February of the new proposed date. Accepted.

344-22/23 15. Bus shelter glass replace- Quote received at £315.11 +vat by polycarbonate sheet- resolved to accept- **office to action.**

345-22/23 16. Governance/Boundary Review Decision – discussed. Recommendation that Tidworth keep Perham down within their boundary however as it is only a recommendation & that the public consultation runs until the 28th of March this could change. Request made for the review to be re put out onto the website, social media again and to put into the church magazine. **Office to action.**

346 - 22/23 17. Town Plan (formally 5 year plan) – discussed what the town will need to do over the next few years, Cllr O White informed the council that the most important thing that needs to be done is to update their emergency plan in the event of any infections, flooding & loss of electric. Confirmed that CIL money can be used for the infrastructure of the town so the plans need to be brought forward. Discussed the need to refurb the toilets, refurb the skatepark and to ask the people of Ludgershall what it is that the town needs. Cllr O White informed the council that there are plans to start a Ludgershall newsletter that'll be issued by-annually. Office requested that councillors inform them off which sector they would be interested in i.e., health and wellbeing, how to engage with young people and environmental issues. Request made for the rest of the council to pick a sector then information regarding this can be sent over. Cllr O White updated the council re the new office & suggested that different types of desks or tables are ordered for the meeting room, decided to trial using a top table (utilise from chambers) for the chair, vice chair, clerk. Agreed. Cllr O White requested for Mr P Harding to be invited to open the new office due to his affiliation with Ludgershall. **Office to action.** Council will hold surgeries for members of the public to attend, once office established fully.

347- 22/23 18. Agenda Points for next month –
None.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meetings 23rd February & 13th March 2023
Agenda items to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.

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