

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 at the Ludgershall Memorial Hall, Andover Road.

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

Representatives: PCO P Brewer.

Public: None present.

AGENDA ITEM

081-21/22 1. Apologies for Absence – none.

082-21/22 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. Cllr O White declared an interest in agenda point 9 Bills for payment.

083-21/22 3. General Public – None.

084-21/22 4. Update from Outside Representatives –

- Police Report from PCSO P Brewer introduced herself to the committee. The biggest issue comes from ASB and the Recreation ground. There has been an increase in patrols over the past 3mths. PCO Brewer has been engaging with youths and progress is being made. There was an arrest made on suspicion of intent to supply, this is ongoing. Although the next topic is not under LTC's remit a discussion was had re the re-opening of the youth building, Chairman confirmed it needs a youth grant to cover this via Wiltshire Council. Aster housing have confirmed they could provide volunteers and possibly money to support it, not run it. Aster have hinted they may help with training and qualifications for youths if the building could be re-opened. Chairman M Giles requested PCO Brewer to contact the trustees with any further information going forward.
 - 26 Engineer Regiment Report – sent apologies.
 - Garrison Engagement Report – sent apologies.
 - Wiltshire Council Report – Both Cllrs C Williams & T Pickernell sent apologies and the latter sent a report that chairman read out. Here is a precis; Owing to the holiday period, not a lot has happened regarding Wiltshire Council meetings, other than those that local Town and Parish councils would have been linked into. This month as a committee member I will be attending many meetings. Please let me know if you have any points, you would like raised. Ludgershall Town Clerk has passed onto me concerns some residents are having regarding local postal deliveries. I have written to the Post Office. I notice also in the Andover Advertiser that they are also having problems in Andover. I also emailed the Town Clerk with two emails I had received regarding concerns with the road noise from heavy goods lorries now they are traveling past Astor Crescent and Simonds Road. I have spoken with Highways, who have agreed to attend to the potholes. CATG meeting, discussion was had, reference the speed vehicles are traveling on Empress Way, again Highways are looking at future speed calming measures, Cllr N

Allingham attended the meeting so will be able to update you further on any other matters. I have also received emails referring to anti-social behaviour on Astor Crescent. ie. speeding cars with noisy exhaust systems. I have spoken with the police who have agreed to ask the PCSO to pay the residents concerned a visit.

085-21/22 5. Update from LTC's representatives

- Memorial Hall Committee Report – Cllr C Giles confirmed work on the bar has started. Garden is work in progress and will be laid to lawn with water feature. Wall damaged, H&S concern requires rebuild starting next week. Pantomime is booked, looking at holding other events, poet with afternoon tea an idea to increase usage. Cllr O White brought up complaints received concerning layout of stalls on Friday market blocking access to the library, Cllr C Giles agreed to always ensure clear access. Town Clerk delivered the additional quotes for fencing, using either wooden or concrete posts, the committee agreed to go with concrete posts for longevity. The quotes were as follows, Fencing4u did not quote for concrete posts, C & D fencing at £1860.28 and AG&G £2112.50 + VAT. Cllr M Williams proposed that LTC agree to the quote from AG&G to carry out works, as they have produced high standard of work in the past for LTC. 6 in favour 2 against and 1 Cllr declared an interest and did not vote, as on Memorial Management Committee. The Clerk then reminded the Committee that the budget for this work was £1500 and therefore they would need to resolve to use part of the budget ear marked for Maintenance, all agreed. **Action Clerk**
- Update from CATG – Cllr N Allingham -Flemming Close Road markings will be completed hopefully by October by Wiltshire Council at a cost of £300 to LTC. Castle Court signage will be completed via Wiltshire council at a cost to LTC £125.00 for 2 signs. Cycle Routes – asked the room to put forward any ideas on cycle routes between Ludgershall and Tidworth that would like to be made better or keep or create new ones, so we can be considered in the next round of funds made available. Clerk to add this to RLE Agenda. **Action Clerk.** Empress way, Cllr N Allingham requested drawings from Wiltshire Council regarding the moving of the give way markings. Wiltshire Council looking at Traffic calming measures to be put in place due to the large stretch of open road that has been formed. Car wash concerns have been reviewed and resolved. Cllr C Allan confirmed future issues will go through LTC office and they will send straight through to Wiltshire Council. Warning signs alerting people to slow down for 30mph area, spoken to Hampshire County Council (HCC) and they don't do those road signs anymore they are not permissible. If anyone sees any other options, we can go back to HCC and request. HGV signs are all the same size.

086-21/22 6. Minutes of the previous meetings - Full Town Council held 13th July 2021, minutes had been circulated. There were no matters arising, Cllr M Giles proposed they were a true record, Cllr M Williams seconded all in favour.

087-21/22 7. Committee Reports – Town Clerk explained that under LTC's Scheme of Delegation which was adopted on 13th August 2019 it states that each committee should ratify its own minutes and then the chairman just reports updates to FTC. Consequently, Cllr C Allan reported that the fete went very well despite the weather and raised £700.03 after all costs were covered.

088-21/22 8. Committee minutes for noting – Committee meetings already ratified are Planning 19th July and Finance 31st July, FTC noted. Going forward this point will be included in each FTC agenda.

089-21/22. 9. Bills for Payment – Cllr M Giles proposed that the Bills be accepted, Cllr C Moore seconded, all in favour. **Action Clerk.**

090-21/22 10. Grant Request– Castledown FM – representation requested no one attended, chair requested to give them another opportunity at the next FTC meeting. All in favour.

091-21/22 11. 10-12 High Street – After the Public Meeting on 23rd August 2021 where the electorate of Ludgershall, voted that LTC could apply for a loan from the Public Loans Works Board, to cover the purchase of the aforementioned property. LTC have resolved to seek the Secretary of State’s approval for the proposed borrowing. The vendor has agreed LTC’s offer and has provided a tight timescale, FTC, VOTED IN FAVOUR of the agreed timescales but asked the Clerk to use the wording ‘best endeavours’. In order to comply with these timescales LTC will have to utilise monies that are earmarked for other use until the Loan is agreed and paid to LTC. The Clerk produced a breakdown of how this would work and asked LTC to resolve to use LTC funds temporarily until PWLB Loan is received to pay for 10-12 High Street. The committee discussed and Cllr M Giles proposed that LTC resolve to use said monies, Cllr J White seconded all in favour. **Action Clerk.** A new sub-committee was agreed to be assembled to cover the planning and layout of the new building and the move, Cllr G Paine, Cllr N Allingham, Cllr J Langley, Chairman M Giles will make up this sub-committee. Clerk will arrange first meeting. Notice period for existing office, 6 months from 29th October 2021. The committee was all in favour that the Clerk issue LTC’s solicitors with request to use the break clause in the contract for hire of 22 High Street.

092-21/22 12. Queens Jubilee Weekend– dates confirmed by Cllr C Allan, 2nd-5th June 2022. Talent Show/Freedom Parade/Fete/Music in the Park are all booked.

093-21/22 13. CCTV – Chairman explained the new office will not be covered by the current CCTV this was agreed to be left until LTC has access to the new building and can then get quotes.

094-21/22 14. Recruitment of Cllrs – This was not discussed at the meeting; it will be brought to the next meeting.

095-21/22 15. Hearing Loop – Lead Cllrs O White & N Allingham agreed that this is required in the new building which will be assessed once we have access.

096-21/22 16. Car Electric point – Lead Cllr CA Moore has been looking into costs, benefits and companies and proposes a BP charge master REP attends a meeting to answer questions from the LTC. Discussed having 6 charging points in the car park if it is decided to go ahead. Cllrs agreed that a face-to-face meeting with a rep would be beneficial to put all questions to.

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

097-21/22 17. Freedom of the town – Cllr M Giles will speak with ex Cllr to arrange a day and a time and guest list. **Action Cllr M Giles.**

098-21/22 18. Agenda Points for next month –

- Recruitment of Cllrs
- Lorry watch update to be on each FTC agenda

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 **8.35pm** .

The next meeting 11th October

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