

# LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm at the Ludgershall Memorial Hall, Andover Road.

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

**Absent:** None.

**Representatives:** Cllr C Williams, Cllr AJK Pickernell, WO1 Matt Needham,

**Public:** None present.

## AGENDA ITEM

173-21/22 1. **Election of Vice-Chair** – Cllr M Giles discussed the need for a Vice Chair and that the council can be ran without a Vice Chair temporarily. Cllr J White, Cllr O White and Cllr M Williams all felt a Vice Chair is needed. Cllr M Williams proposed Cllr O White as Vice Chair, Cllr J White seconded, Cllr C Giles proposed herself as Vice Chair, Cllr J Langley seconded, the committee voted, four votes for Cllr O White, four votes for Cllr C Giles, the chair used his casting vote and Cllr C Giles was successfully elected as Vice Chair.

174-21/22 2. **Apologies for Absence** – None

175-21/22 3. **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 C Giles Point 12.**

176-21/22 4. **General Public** – None.

177-21/22 5. **Chairman's report** – Cllr M Giles explained there was not a lot to report back other than receiving an invitation to the High Sheriff of Wiltshire's Rule of Law Service to be held at Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday 13th March 2022 which he will be attending. Information which may require reported will be keep the office updated.

178-21/22 6. **Update From Outside Representatives -**

- a) **Police Report** – A report was sent to the office, due to Officers being unable to attend the meeting. The report outlined the arrests of 6 people for hare coursing in February alone. There was 1 reported burglary, the investigation is ongoing and an aggravated burglary which a male has been arrested for, this investigation is also ongoing. LTC will be kept updated with information as it is available.
- b) **26 Engineer Regiment Report** – 26 Engineer could not attend the previous meeting due to the death of a senior colleague, arranging and attending the funeral in Yorkshire. The freedom event has been sadly cancelled due to their professional responsibilities regarding the issues relating to Russia and The Ukraine, due to this 26 are working as a skeleton outfit and would have limited staff available for the parade. The event will be rescheduled. A new camp is being constructed to show their presence against Russia. It is a very busy period for 26 Engineer Regiment.
- c) **Garrison Engagement Report** – Apologies received as Lieutenant Colonel Nick Turner could not attend. Cllr M Giles explained the FTC meeting in March is the last month before Lieutenant Colonel Nick Turner retires.

- d) **Wiltshire Council Report – Cllr C Williams** explained Wiltshire Council have meetings arranged to set budgets based sound evidence. Wiltshire Council has been rated as fifth best unitary authority for climate change strategies. Cllr C Williams advised the meeting that there is an increase in funding from the Area Funding Capital Grants, it is advisable to get bids in early for any works needed in the Town. **Cllr AJK Pickernell** discussed the issue with the placement of the crossing on empress way behind the co-op, a new crossing is planned but the placement of it has caused concern, Cllr AJK Pickernell has requested it to be moved to the railway crossing leading to Lady Jane Walk and will feedback information when received. A road closure will be in place 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 on Perham Down Road, road works are planned. Cllr AJK Pickernell stressed the importance of reporting any fly tipping to Wiltshire as they do prosecute and fine offenders, take pictures of fly tips and report to My Wiltshire and they will follow up. Noisy neighbours should also be reported in the same way as again, Wiltshire will act and prosecute. Cllr O White requested the addition of a 7.5 tonne maximum added to the signage for the new round about, would need to be put to Catg via LTC. Cllr J Langley requested support for the parking issue on the corner of Biddesden Lane and Wood Park on the side where the allotments are, cars are parked along the main road which restricts the view to safely enter and exit the adjoining street, regularly they are parked very close to the junction adding to the danger for both vehicles and pedestrians. Cllr C Williams explained that as they are parked on the highway and not on any double lines they are parked legally. Waiting restricting lines could be added but must be requested. Bring it to the next FTC meeting to request it to be put forward to Catg.

#### 179-21/22 7. Update from LTC's representatives

- a) **Memorial Hall Report – Cllr C Giles** – Vaccinations continue to be done using the hall, an Abba Tribute band is being planned for later in the year along, also a Pantomime with 2 showings. Bookings are improving and looking healthy on evenings. The garden area is ongoing. Cllr J White asked when the sand will be removed from the carpark, Cllr C Giles explained that she has requested it be removed but it still has not been taken away but is free for anyone to take.
- b) **Catg** - It was pointed out by Cllr M Giles that a new representative is needed for this committee, it was put out to the room to ask if any people present would like to put themselves forward. Cllr L Ramsay volunteered to go onto Catg, Cllr M Giles stated he would attend the first meeting with Cllr L Ramsay. It was discussed that the request from Cllr O White regarding the addition of a weight restriction to the roundabout signage will be taken to LTC next FTC meeting, if agreed it can then be taken forward to Catg. Cllr J Langley will also take her request for road markings on the Biddesdon Lane entrance to LTC and request it to be taken to Catg.

#### 175-21/22 8. Minutes of previous meeting held 10/01/2022 for ratification. Cllrs Resolved to accept these minutes.

180-21/22 9. **Committee Reports – Cllr J Langley – Allotments**, nothing to report due to covid and the cancelation of previous meetings. The first Allotments meeting since October 2021 will be held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022. **Cllr CA Allan- Civic Events**, gave an update on Events which are planned. The easter Disco is planned for 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the Memorial Hall. The Platinum Jubilee celebration 4-day event is being updated daily with bookings and order confirmations, the four-day event will be held at the sports and social club omitting the street party on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June which will be held on the High Street. Cllr J White asked why the poster advertising the events was circulated prior to the venue being voted on, Cllr Allan explained the poster was a save the date advertisement to make people aware of what was planned, it was stated on the poster that venues and times were subject to change, hence the amended poster being sent out to show confirmed plans, times, and venues. Cllr J White expressed concerns for adequate carparking facilities at the Sports and Social Club. **Cllr J White – RL&E**, confirmed a meeting had been had and it was agreed to go ahead with the new fence and accessible entrance at Pretoria Road Playpark, the repair required under the swings at the recreation ground has not yet been completed due to the weather. **Cllr M Giles – Finance** nothing to report. **Cllr O White – Planning** nothing to report.

181-21/22 10. Committee minutes for noting– **committee minutes noted.**

182-21/22 11. Bills for Payment – Cllr C Giles questioned the payment showing for a sight test for the Admin, Town Clerk explained this is within the contract of employment that the council will reimburse eye test costs for employees. Cllr O White queried the payment of £500 to Bargain Buffets to you, he felt it was a large deposit and was concerned if any plans changed how we would stand for a refund. It was agreed that the deposit would be reduced to £100.00 to secure the date. **Action: AA to action.**

183-21/22 12. Grant request – Memorial Hall- The total requested had been precepted for and was the same as last year. A vote was taken, (one abstained) all in favour, Grant application accepted. **Action: office to make payment.**

184-21/22 13. Correspondence – **Get Out, Get Active (GOGA)** Councillors agreed to accept this and support the project. Cllr C Williams asked for the poster to be posted on our social media platforms. **Action: Admin**

185-21/22 14. Request for Memorial Hall fence to be erected – There is a meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for the Memorial Hall and the fence will be discussed then, Cllr C Giles acknowledged the increase in price and explained a larger area is required to be fenced due to wind damaging existing fencing panels which were still in place. Cllr O White stated that requesting additional quotes from 2 other companies would be required due to the change in the requirements of the job. Cllr M Giles requested the office to request and extension to the AG&G quote. **Action: Admin**

186-21/22 15. CIL Payment Received – The Town Clerk explained the income and plans for it. End of June beginning of July is where it is planned to arrange a public meeting to enable the public to put forward their opinions for the best use of the money. The office has sent out emails to all Cllrs to request opinions be sent in for any areas they feel the money would be best invested. Cllr CA Allan put forward an idea to fully re-vamp the public toilets at the carpark, carrying out a re-wire of the electrics, repair or replace plumbing and replace the roof. This is an area where costs for work to be carried out over the year is regular and consistent, investing money in the building would reduce the annual repair costs considerably, all Cllrs present agreed with this idea. Cllr O White discussed his idea of having toilets put on the recreation ground, along with a storage area for LTC to use for equipment, 1 building with 2 uses. Cllr O White emphasized the importance of remaining fully transparent while making plans for the use of these payments.

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187-21/22 16. Press Reports to LTC – The committee discussed the recent social media and emails that the council has received, after receiving advise from NALC, SLCC, and The Wiltshire Monitoring Officer, the committee was in favour (with 1 abstention) to follow the advice received. **Action: Chairman and Town Clerk**

188-21/22 17. Agenda Points for next month – Please note that the Council cannot lawfully consider or determine any matter which is not specified on the agenda of this summons.

- i. To consider arranging a Town Marathon as a fund-raising event.
- ii. It was suggested that the full council go to the finance meetings due to the low numbers of Councillors, put this to Finance and Policy **Action: Town Clerk**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at **8.00pm**

**The next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

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