LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee held on Tuesday 17th May 2016 in the			
Council Office, 22 High Street, Ludgershall at 7pm.			
Present:	Cllr Pickernell in the Chair	Cllr Dixon	
	Cllr Giles	Cllr Langley	
	Cllr White	Cllr Cordery	
	Mr B Jarrett Garden Club Rep		
Public	Mr Hall	Mrs A Prescott	

	Agenda Item	Action
	1. Election of Chairman. The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of	
	chairman. Cllr Cordery proposed that Cllr Pickernell continued as chair, Cllr	
	Giles seconded, carried.	
	2. Election of Vice-Chairman. The Clerk asked for nominations for the post of	
	vice-chairman. Cllr Dixon proposed Cllr Langley, Cllr Giles seconded, carried.	
37/16	3. Apologies –No apologies were received.	
38/16	4. <u>Declaration of Interest</u> – No declarations received.	
39/16	5. Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and approved at the May	
	2016 full Town Council meeting, subject to two amendments being made. This	
	had now been done and the minutes signed as a true record. The Clerk reported	
	that the money for the Christmas tree had now been received from AJK.	
40/16	6. Allotments –.	
	Bell Street –a) Monthly report. Cllr Dixon reported on the recent inspection	
	carried out by herself and Cllr Langley. 5 plots had been graded as red, as	
	opposed to 1 last month. After discussion, and taking into account how plots	
	were managed in previous years, the committee agreed that letters will be sent to the tenants of plots 1, 33 and 35. Cllr Dixon asked that the wording of the letters	Clerk
	be redrafted. The Clerk will rewrite the letters and present them to the next	CICIK
	committee meeting for approval.	
	b) Site meeting. Some committee members met on 29th April at site. They	
	reported that Plot 19 has now improved conditions for the ducks. They also	
	confirmed that the removable bollard can be purchased, with the key being	Clerk
	obtainable to tenants from the office. The Clerk confirmed that the cost of this	
	will be £69.95 from Setons. The length of the track was measured, it is 300 yards	
	long. New footpaths must be 1.8m wide, and based on that and the price of	
	materials, the cost would be over £6000. If the track was to be made wide enough	
	to take a car, then it would be over £20,000. Neither the committee nor the	
	council have the money to fund this this year, and the costs would have to be	

	added to the precept next year, leading to a significant and unwelcome increase. However, they noted that the track had dried out within a short space of time, and	Clerk
	also someone had added stones to the track, which had also helped. The Clerk	
	will write to Mrs Pollard advising her of the outcome. The councillors also	
	reported that no work has been done by the owner of the fence in Hyson Crescent.	Clerk
	This will now be remitted to the Finance and Policy committee.	
	Dewey's Lane. a) Monthly report. Two plots have not been touched, one, no	Clerk
	30a, for as long as 4 years. The Clerk will write to both tenants, and in the case of	
	plot 30a, the letter will be sent using the signed for service.	
	b) Mrs Prescott had sent a letter on behalf of her husband, who had a ¼ plot,	
	requesting that he and Mrs Walkling, who had the other ¼ plot, be allowed to take	
	over plot 30A as well, giving them a ½ plot each. The committee felt unable to	
	agree to this as there are new tenants on the waiting list. However, they agreed	
	that the charge for these plots would be reduced to ¼ of the price of a full plot,	
	until such time as one or other of them gave up the plot, when they would be	
	rejoined into a ½ plot again. A refund of the overpayment for this year would be	Clerk
	given to them.	
41/16	7. <u>Jubilee Garden</u> – The Caretaker had reported that used tampons had been	Clerk
	found. An email will be sent to the police asking them to keep an eye on the	
	situation. Cllr White will also report the matter to the	
	PCT meeting	
42/16	8. Rose Garden – The summer bedding has now been planted out.	
43/16	9. Car Park – The Clerk confirmed that the work on the sunken parking space	
	has now been completed. The cause was thought to be a cesspit, and there is a	
	chance that the problem could reappear again in the future, and it would be	
	prudent to build up a contingency fund. This will be considered when setting the	Clerk
	precept.	
44/16	10. <u>Toilets</u> a). The sewerage bill of £262.24 has now been received	
	b) The cleaning contractor has suggested that the disabled toilet door needs re-	
	varnishing. The door will be inspected.	
45/16	11. <u>Cemetery</u> – a) The quote to repair the sunken graves has been accepted.	
	b) Table of Fee and Charges. A couple came into the office planning to reserve a	
	plot, however, she has only lived in Ludgershall for 6 years, rather than 10. It was	Clerk
	agreed that her request for a reservation would be accepted.	
	c) Height of the Laurel Hedge. The laurel hedge was put in as part of the	
	planning for the cemetery, and now stands approx. 9' Mr Hall was informed on	
	purchasing his property that it would be maintained at 6', he is happy to accept	
	2m due to EU regulations. He offered to cut the hedge, but Cllr Pickernell said	
	that the council would ask their contractors for a quotation. However, it may be	Clerk
	delayed by a few months due to the possibility of nesting birds.	
46/16	12. War Memorial – The summer bedding has also been planted up.	
47/16	13. Planters in High Street. These have now been planted up for the summer.	
	Cllr Pickernell thanked Cllrs Dixon and White for all their hard work. One of the	
	planters has been moved and damaged due to a car reversing into it. The	
	committee agreed that Cllr Giles will obtain a fibre-glass repair kit, and the bill	
4014 5	for the kit would be sent to the person concerned.	
48/16	14. Any Other Business — The Clerk has received a letter from the Garden Club.	
	As Cllr Hollis is no longer on this committee, he will become the second	
	representative for the Garden Club at the Allotment Committees. The same letter	

	also confirmed that they are happy for the Ludgershall In Bloom Awards to be	
	presented at their Flower Show in September.	
There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.22pm.		

Date of next meeting will be Tuesday 21st June 2016.

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