

# LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Allotments Cemetery and Car Park committee meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the Council Chambers at 7pm

**Present** Cllr Pickernell, (Chairman), Hollis, Dixon, Dance, Cordery & White,

1. **Apologies** Cllr Giles (Holiday)
2. **Declaration of Interest.** No Declaration of interest received
3. **Minutes** of the previous meeting had been circulated and approved at the August full town meeting
4. **Allotments** At the previous months committee meeting the question of keeping cockerels on both Dewey's Lane and Bell street allotments had been discussed, Cllr White had reported a conversation had taken place between himself and a member of the public, were it was reported there may be a problem with the noise from a cockerel at the Dewey's Lane allotment , On reflection it was agreed, that as no official complaint in writing or email had been received, the matter would be carried forward to the October committee meeting, It was agreed Cllr White was to ask the member of public to either put in writing the complaint , or attend the public session at the next Town Council Meeting in October. The Town Clerk had drawn up a draft letter to send to tenants who had cockerels on their allotment. It was agreed not to send this letter until the matter had been discussed at the next ACC committee meeting. The question of keeping Ducks on allotments would also be discussed.
5. **Bell Street.** An email had been received from the tenant of plot no.41 asking for the grass to be cut around his allotment. The Town Clerk had replied to the email and the matter had been resolved satisfactory, (Tenants are responsible for cutting the grass path around their plot).  
**Dewey's Lane** Cllrs White and Giles had measured the council plot of land adjacent to the public footpath, leading to the Castle. It was agreed the measurements were the same as on the council plan. It was also agreed to repair the perimeter fence and to install two gates to gain access to the plot for both the tenant and the council members. (The Town Clerk would be asked to obtain quotes before carrying out the work.) It was also agreed that the trees on the plot should also be inspected and added to the tree survey. (The Town Clerk would be asked to obtain quotes)
6. **Jubilee Garden** Nothing to report
7. **Rose Garden** Nothing to report

8. **Car Park** The textile recycling bin was not being emptied on a regular basis and clothing was being left outside the bin. The Town Clerk had reported this to the textile company who had now emptied the bin but they had still left the height barrier open. The Town Clerk had again written to the textile company requesting they close the barrier.
9. **Toilets** The cleaner had reported the taps had been left running in the disabled toilet causing some flooding. The clerk has put up a sign asking people to ensure all taps are turned off before they leave. The flooding had caused the door to swell and could be difficult for people to shut, Cllr White agreed to investigate.
10. **Cemetery** Mr Miller had agreed to attend one of the flower beds, in remembrance of his wife. New headstone applications had been received. As they met all Town Council requirements the Town Clerk had gone ahead and given permission for them to be installed. It was also agreed to discuss the cemetery rules at the next meeting.
11. **War Memorial** An invoice from AKJ Services had been received for the repair to the flood lights. This had arrived in time for payment to be agreed at the full Town Council meeting £92.47 plus vat. As the invoice had been addressed to Tidworth Town Council 213 Andover Road Ludgershall, The Town Clerk would ask for a revised invoice.
12. **Any Other Business** Cllr Pickernell said he was still concerned that people were still exercising their dogs in the cemetery, He personally had picked up several tennis balls and Cllr White had commented he had accidentally trodden in some dog mess. Sign's had been installed asking people to keep dogs on leads, some people were ignoring these sign's and letting their dogs run free, thus taking advantage of the fenced area. The committee did not want to ban dogs from the cemetery completely as some people were prepared to keep their dogs on the lead. It was felt if people continued to let their dogs off the lead, banning dogs may be the only way forward. It was agreed that if this discussion was to be take, then it should be discussed by the full Town Council first. Cllr Hollis requested that the Town Clerk should ask the contractors when cutting the laurel hedge in the cemetery not to drop the height, but to keep it the same height for the full length. The hedge was cut twice a year.
13. **There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.**

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