

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 19th August 2020 at the Memorial Hall, Ludgershall at 7pm.

Present: Cllr M Giles (Chair), Cllr B Cordery, (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Allingham, Cllr O White, Cllr J White, Cllr A Pickernell, Cllr M Williams, Cllr J Langley, Cllr V Dixon, Cllr CA Allan, Cllr B Dance, Cllr C Giles, Cllr P Burgon.

Absent: Cllr D Downie

AGENDA ITEM

033-20/21: 1. Apologies for Absence – were received from Cllr AKJ Pickernell; the committee resolved to accept this apology and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.

034-20/21: 2. Declaration of Interests – none.

035-20/21: 3. Community Building on the new Corunna Estate – update and discussion regarding Structural Survey, costs to make fit for purpose, ongoing costs from survey & running costs – Cllr M Giles began by asking if it was possible for the Council to make a decision about the building tonight and it was agreed that this would not be possible as LTC has expressed interest to Wiltshire Council subject to survey and contract. While the survey has been received and circulated to all Councillors in advance, the contract needs to be seen as well and this will not be made available until Bray and Slaughter are ready to move out of the building and Wiltshire Council have prepared the Contract. Cllr N Allingham went on to present a very informative spreadsheet he has prepared breaking down all the projected costs for maintaining and running the building broken down, per year, over the next 15 years. Of course, not all the work detailed on the survey needs to be done either within the time specified or at all. The 15-year costing from the survey amounts to £487K which includes all running costs. Much discussion took place around the figures quoted and does not include the costs of running the current LTC office. The Clerk read out an email from Cllr Pickernell who is away on holiday and requested that his view be relayed to the meeting: Overall he feels that there are a number of items that may need addressing by a Chartered Surveyor and that ultimately the Town should not enter into a scheme that could end up being a financial burden on the Community. He also appreciates that Ludgershall is growing and that the Town Council must think ahead but states that of course whatever decision is made a business plan must be put together to support any expenditure should this go ahead. Cllr N Allingham went on to suggest that as a comparison LTC could look at the cost of a new building that would be owned by them. Cllr B Cordery suggested holding a Public meeting/consultation but other Councillors advised that they represent the electorate of Ludgershall so this should not be needed. The Clerk was asked to contact John Price at Wiltshire Council to establish when Bray and Slaughter (temporary residents of the building) will be moving out, so an idea can be gauged of roughly when a contract may be available to see. It was agreed that the action plan is as follows:

1. Obtain copy of the Contract from Wiltshire Council
2. Get together all figures relating to the Community Building and for a brand-new building

3. Obtain quotes for getting basic work completed to make the building useable ie: Fire Alarm, ladies' toilets, Accessible doors, CCTV, Intruder alarm and the chambers
4. Meet again to vote

The office will obtain this information as soon as possible.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

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