

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7-00pm.		
Present:	Cllr M Giles in the Chair	Cllr B Cordery
	Cllr V Dixon	Cllr C Giles
	Cllr AKJ Pickernell	Cllr O White
	Cllr M Williams	Cllr CA Allan
	Cllr B Dance	Cllr J White
	Cllr J Langley	
Representatives:	Lt Col Nick Turner – Garrison Engagement	Cllr C Williams - Wiltshire Council
	Rev T Laundon – St James’ Church	Julie Walker – St James’ Church
Public:	none	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
212/19-20	1. Apologies – were received from Cllr N Allingham and Cllr CD Allan. The committee resolved to accept the apologies from and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40. Cllr D Downie also sent his apologies, which the committee did not accept.	
213/19-20	2. Declaration of Interests – Cllrs C Giles, CA Allan and Cllr B Dance in item 16.	
214/19-20	3. General Public – Questions – none.	
215/19-20	4. Chairman’s Report – nothing to report.	
216/19-20	5. Police Report – The Clerk read out the report received; there have been 2 burglaries, 5 thefts, 1 incident of criminal damage, 2 drug related incidents and 1 neighbourhood dispute.	
217/19-20	6. St James’ Church report – Julie Walker advised that the new Church window is going ahead; the artist is commencing soon, they are waiting for a date for installation and it is hoped it will be completed by the end of 2020. There will be Blessing and opening ceremony to officially unveil it in May 2021 (during Pentecost). The clock face is also due to be repaired – St James’s Church were awarded a Grant from the Area Board for £5K, another £1K has come from the Churches Trust and £5k from a local donor. This will fully cover the cost of the work and the hire of the scaffolding. The clock face is due to come down during June 2020. In line with Wiltshire Council’s advice regarding the climate emergency, St James’s Church will be carbon neutral by 2030 which is also in line with the Church of England’s pledge and they have just been awarded an Eco-Church Bronze award. Finally, there will be a special service at 10am on	

	Mothering Sunday, with teas after.	
218/19-20	7. <u>26 Engineer Regiment report</u> – WO1 RSM Marc Elliott was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies. No comments or questions were given to pass back to him.	
219/19-20	8. <u>Garrison Engagement report</u> – Lt Col Nick Turner bought with him some copies of Drumbeat as the new edition has just been published. There are copies available in the LTC office. He asked if anyone would like to publish an article to get in touch with him. He has also sent out an invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to invite them to come along to the next Band Concert and they may bring up to 12 guests – office to extend invitation to Councillors. The Army re-basing is now complete in Ludgershall and the houses are 80% occupied; 20% is left to allow for movement. The feedback is that the houses are great quality and the families have been made to feel very welcome in Ludgershall. The Royal Signals are shortly moving into Perham Down and another regiment are leaving Perham Down to move to Lyneham and the local schools have been informed. The developing Coronavirus situation means that there are lots of contingency plans being made and there are currently 14 self-isolation cases, 7 of which have gone back into the community tested and cleared.	Admin/Clerk
220/19-20	9. <u>Wiltshire Council report</u> – Cllr C Williams reported that it is budget setting time at Wiltshire Council and as reported last month there will be a 1.9% precept increase and a 2% adult social care increase, thus making a total increase to Wiltshire residents of 3.9%. At the recent Climate Change meeting, Wiltshire Council were joined by members of Extinction Rebellion. At the Area Board meeting last week there were lots of grants awarded locally, which was great to see. In relation to Covid-19 there are currently 4 recorded cases in Wiltshire and Public Health England are reporting all cases, but it appears that the disease is being contained at present. There were travellers reported last week at the end of Empress Way – they have now moved on following action from Cllr C Williams and the Clerk but they have left a lot of rubbish which has already been reported to Wiltshire Council. It is currently awaiting collection and needs to be chased in a few days if it has not gone. Office to check up and chase again if needed. The Clerk advised Cllr C Williams that the changes made by Wiltshire Council to the bin collections in Ludgershall have caused the office a lot of difficulties as there used to be one set of collection dates for Ludgershall, but now everyone has an individual calendar, which is fine as long as everyone can access it. Many residents don't have computers and come into the office to pick up a refuse collection calendar, which we now must look up and print individually, which is time consuming. Cllr C Williams advise if anyone has any problems to get in touch with him and he will look up their collection dates for them.	Clerk/Admin
221/19-20	10. <u>Memorial Hall Committee Report</u> – Cllr B Dance reported that bookings remain steady. They received a grant from the Area Board	

	<p>of £2k towards new curtains. The new thatch on the roof of Perry's Cottage is almost complete and the EPC Certificate has been carried out with all being OK for the age and type of property. The cost of the survey was £95 – the Memorial Hall are to pay this cost themselves. Finally, the next Barn Dance is due to be held next Saturday 14th March 2020.</p>	
222/19-20	<p>11. NTG Meeting representative and report – Cllr AKJ Pickernell is the LTC representative and he has just sent over a report to the office following the latest meeting. He confirmed that the 7.5 tonne weight limit is now enforceable and a Police visit is currently awaited. The hedge has been removed from the front of the Jubilee Gardens to prevent anti-social behavior. The Health and Wellbeing Committee are looking for a Chairman – the meetings are on a Thursday lunchtime in Tidworth around 3 or 4 times a year – if anyone is interested please put your name forward.</p>	
223/19-20	<p>12. Spatial Planning/Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr O White that following the meeting February no further information had been forthcoming from Wiltshire Council. The Clerk/Admin confirmed nothing has been received and will chase up. Cllr AKJ Pickernell advised that he had looked at Marlborough's plan which is excellent, but it took around 2 years and cost approximately £20K.</p>	Clerk/Admin
224/19-20	<p>13. Minutes of the previous meeting held 11/02/2020 – have been circulated. Cllr M Williams proposed the minutes, Cllr B Cordery seconded, the committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.</p>	
225/19-20	<p>14. Correspondence – Cllr M Giles read out a thank you received from the Ludgershall Sports and Social Club and passed around the photos of the equipment purchase using the funds provided to them under the Section 106 monies. Cllr Ian Blair Pilling had also passed on his comments regarding the Memorial Hall internal decoration looking fantastic and sent a well done to the Committee.</p>	
226/19-20	<p>15. Committee Reports – Civic Events held 13/02/2020 have been circulated Cllr C Giles proposed the minutes, Cllr B Dance seconded, the committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. Recreation, Leisure & Environment held 17/02/2020 have been circulated. Cllr J White proposed the minutes, Cllr B Dance seconded, the committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. Allotment, Cemetery and Car Park held 18/02/2020 have been circulated. Cllr M Williams proposed the minutes, Cllr C Giles seconded, the committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. A question was asked regarding the CCTV – the Clerk explained it is all up and running now. It was also reported that the light in the Car Park has stopped working again; and the Clerk advised that this is in hand and should be replaced free of charge again. Finance & Policy held 26/02/2020 have been</p>	

	circulated. Cllr B Dance proposed the minutes, Cllr V Dixon seconded. The committee resolved to accept these minutes as a true record, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.	
227/19-20	16. Bills for Payment - these have been passed to the Committee. Cllrs O and J White raised a question about the temporary fencing that had been purchased by the office. The Clerk advised that as this wasn't coming from a specified budget but was profit from Civic Events (which must be spent on making events better), that it hadn't gone via the Finance and Policy Committee first. After a lively discussion it was concluded that all expenditure will go through the Finance and Policy Committee first for agreement. Cllr M Giles proposed these bills be paid, Cllr CA Allan seconded, the committee resolved to pay these bills under the LGA 1972 Section 150. Office to make payments.	Clerk/Admin
228/19-20	17. Revised Health & Safety Policy – this had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting and had already been agreed at the Finance and Policy meeting. Cllr AKJ Pickernell proposed that the new policy be adopted by the Council, Cllr B Cordery seconded, all in favour. Office to update records.	Clerk/Admin
229/19-20	18. CATG update on Simonds Road and potential request re: Andover Road crossing – The Councillors had been sent a copy of the email issued by LTC following the last meeting containing information obtained by Cllr C Williams from Wiltshire Council. All the residents who had attended the previous meeting were sent the response and nothing further has been heard. The matter remains with Wiltshire Council for consideration and is likely to take a long time to process. Cllr C Williams had also received an email from a non-Ludgershall resident who was questioning the number of road crossings available on Andover Road as he had seen mothers having difficulty trying to cross to get to the school. The email that had been received was read out to the Councillors and Cllr C Williams advised he had replied with details of the crossings that are available for use.	
230/19-20	19. Update on payphone to defibrillator – This is progressing well and the contract has been received from BT ready to sign. Admin advised that the electricity supply remains provided by BT and they continue to pay for it but reserve the right to pass responsibility over at some point in the future. The Grants that were available when the last defibrillator was purchased are no longer available – British Heart Foundation offer grants for public access defibrillators only but expect a £600 donation and only provide the unit, not the cabinet, which costs a minimum of £455 to purchase. LTC also await costs from the Electrician in relation to the cabinet installation costs and lighting/bulb upgrades. The Councillors felt that the new defibrillator should be accessible to the public so a grant should be obtained. Cllr M Williams advised that he had seen a sign in the Co-Op suggesting they provide funding for defibrillators. Office to investigate and report back.	Admin/Clerk

231/19-20	<p>20. <u>VE Day - Resolution to move £900 from Road Closure budget to VE Day budget</u> – Cllr M Giles advised that the event has now been moved to the Recreation Ground on Dewey’s Lane which suits everyone. The Resolution was proposed by Cllr M Giles, seconded by Cllr J Langley, all in favour. Clerk to move funds into the VE Day budget for 2020/2021. <u>requested £500 grant from TCAB update – area board granted</u> Office has requested payment. <u>do LTC want to purchase the commemorative coins for infants & junior aged children and shall the office order the decorations that were shown previously at FTC in January?</u> – Cllr M Giles advised that the The Royal British Legion have ordered pins to wear and are providing bunting. The Commemorative coins are still being considered and there is possibly some funding to come from the Masons – the Committee can then decide how to proceed. It may be that they will provide coins for local Infants and LTC do Juniors or vice versa. The Church Bells will be rung at 7pm and the Saturday the Church will be holding a 1940’s tea, with Spam!</p>	Clerk
232/19-20	<p>21. <u>Agenda Points for next month</u> – Spatial Planning/Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.02pm, the next meeting will be on **14th April 2020**, 7pm at the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall.

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