

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 7-00pm.		
Present:	Cllr O White in the Chair	Cllr M Giles Vice Chair
	Cllr A Pickernell	Cllr J Langley
	Cllr V Dixon	Cllr K Hall
	Cllr J Hollis	Cllr M Williams
Representative	Cllr C Williams Wilts Council	
	WO1 R Hines 26 Engineer Regiment	Lt Col S Doyle 26 Engineer Regiment

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
157/16	1. Apologies were received from Cllr C Giles (ill), Cllr D Downie (work), Cllr W Eley (work) Cllr B Cordery (family) & Cllr C Steers (family).	
158/16	2. Declaration of Interests – Cllr Pickernell declared an interest in Item 6, 11 & 12, Cllr White declared an interest in item 11 & Cllr M Giles & J Hollis declared an interest in item 6.	
159/16	3. Chairman’s Report - LTC had been represented at the following meetings: - TCAP Health Meeting, TCAB at Wellington & Police NTG. The Freedom of the Town for Alderman Ken Beard MBE was excellent all those that attended enjoyed. LTC was also represented at the Wiltshire Council Finance Challenge Meeting & The Chairman & Vice Chair attended 26 Engineer Regiments cocktail party and were made very welcome. There will be two casual vacancies due to the resignation of Mr E Thomas (on health grounds) and non-attendance of Mr R Dance.	
160/16	4. 26 Engineers Regiment – Report by WO1 R Hines – WO1 Hines introduced Lt Col Doyle as the new Commanding Officer of 26 Engineer Regiment. Lt Col Doyle has been in place since May 2016 and will be visiting more often now and will be in this position now for approximately 2 ½ years. He thanked LTC for attending their cocktail party and said there would be more invites to come. Lt Col Doyle left the meeting. WO1 R Hines then listed some events that 26 Engineer Regiment are involved in: 26th October 2016 Somme Road Cycle Path Lights are opening – Cllr C Williams asked for confirmation of the date. 2nd November 2016 26 Engineer Regiment are doing a ‘Clean Sweep’ in Perham Down Estate there has been some improvement in the area since WO1 R Hines requested it.	WO1 Hines

	<p>11th November 2016 10.30am there will be a Drumhead Remembrance Parade at Swinton Barracks all councillors can attend if available. 13th November 2016 Remembrance Service Ludgershall the Padre will be 22 Engineers'. WO1 R Hines wants to be invited to our next Civic Events meeting to confirm all the details. 5th December 2016 there will be a boxing event – Cllr White will be invited. 6th December 2016 Carol Service WO1 Hines would like Clarendon Junior School to attend Cllr Pickernell can help if required. 8th December 2016 Santa will be visiting Perham Down WO1 R Hines to ensure all families know of his visit. 13th May 2017 26 Engineer Regiment will be exercising their right to Freedom and will be marching through Ludgershall, we will need to schedule a meeting to discuss fully. Cllr Pickernell mentioned that WO1 R Hine will be invited (Via Ludgershall Councils allocation) to the Garrison Theatre Band Concert on 15th December 2016. Cllr M Giles asked for 3 tents to use on the memorial hall car park for LTC Christmas fayre WO1 R Hines said he would get this sorted.</p>	<p>WO1 Hines Clerk WO1 Hines</p>
161/16	5. <u>General Public Questions</u> – None Received.	
162/16	<p>6. <u>Presentations – Annual Grant Applications for Precept</u></p> <p>a) Cllr Pickernell spoke about the need for funding for a TCAP Coordinator, the coordinator represents Ludgershall and other parishes at Health and Well-being, CATG and many other meetings. The Grant Applications brief description of what the grant will be used for is: <i>This is an extremely valuable asset to the local community. The Coordinator has been instrumental in helping the community area and attending numerous meetings, courses and sessions in order to bring information and pass it on for the benefit of people and organisations in the area. He has organized a number of events for local people, in Tidworth and other TCAP parishes and it would be a great loss if we could not keep the post open.</i> Cllr C Williams explained that Area Board have lost the funding for the TCAP Coordinator, however, they do recognize the good work that is done. Cllr Pickernell is highly thought of but his hands are tied. Cllr M Giles stated that Ludgershall would miss this contact over the years, he proposed that we agree the £2000 per year and to do for 3 years. Cllr J Hollis seconded, carried.</p> <p>b) Cllr M Giles explained about the charity Men’s Shed – it is a place where people with skills that can either make/repair or teach can get together and provide a service for others and community projects, for a donation. Men’s Shed require funds to install electricity to the ‘Shed’ that is to be funded by area board, the site has been donated by the Ludgershall Fire Service, along with use of the kitchen/Toilet. Mens Shed will be requesting a S137 grant at the next finance & policy meeting. Cllr Pickernell says that this will be an asset to Ludgershall and the area. Cllr Hollis put in a request for any second hand or new tools any donations would be very grateful.</p>	
163/16	<p>7. <u>Wiltshire Council</u> – Report by Cllr C Williams. Meetings to be held 18th October 2016 Full Council. The proposed Community Room at Corunna Barracks - an email has been received today whereby K Ladner of Wiltshire Council is agreeing to all LTC’s requests. Cllr Pickernell said we need to be careful as this will not be handed over till march 2020 so may be a</p>	

	<p>completely different Council by then. Cllr White then brought up the Petition that LTC received re Heavy Vehicles speeding through the town at 2am. It was suggested that the Council should ask for a Metro count Cllr Pickernell will take to CATG. WO1 R Hines mentioned that he had been asked about 3 items as follows: a) Somme Road speeding, there is no traffic control, Cllr C Williams said because its MOD land WO1 R Hines can add any form of control they feel is best. b) Path from Perham to Tidworth the hedges are overgrown, Cllr Williams said this is also MOD – it had been in dispute but Aspire have taken ownership. c) Perham Down estate hedges playground – WO1 R Hines is prepared to get funding Cllr Williams said as it is MOD Wiltshire Council will not give a grant, so he will need to ask TCAP.</p>	Cllr Pickernell
164/16	<p>8. <u>Police Report</u> – apologies from PCOS Maria Downham, no report.</p>	
165/16	<p>9. <u>Minutes</u> from the previous meeting had been circulated, the Chairman proposed the minutes to be a true record and should be signed, seconded by Cllr M Giles, carried. Cllr Pickernell left the meeting at 7.50pm.</p>	
166/16	<p>10. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) A Public Exhibition to discuss landowners plans for future outline planning application Wednesday 12th October 4.30pm till 8pm at the Scout Hall.</p> <p>b) Wiltshire Association Local Councils AGM 10th November 2016 at 6.30pm venue tbc.</p> <p>c) An invitation from Youth Action Wiltshire for their charity Cocktail Auction Party on October 28th at 6.15pm at St Johns School, Marlborough, all are invited.</p> <p>d) The clerk read out a request from the Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee. Costs to maintain Perry's Cottage over the last 3 years have mounted up to £70,000 and recently the Memorial Hall Committee have had to pay out another £30,000 (inc in the £70,000) to put the cottage in to a good state of repair. As LTC own the cottage and the land surrounding it MHC are asking if they could reclaim some of the monies spent and suggest part of the land the cottage is on could be sold and therefore they could reclaim the recent spend of £30,000. Discussions led to a decision to firstly investigate the legality of selling a parish asset with a solicitor then to have the land valued by the district valuer, and once more information has been gathered a public meeting would be held.</p> <p>e) A Councillor Training one-day course on the law, procedures and management of a local council for new and returning councillors, is being held on 12th November 2016 9.30am till 3pm at Rushall Village Hall. Contact the Clerk if you are interested.</p> <p>f) Newsletters received available for viewing in the Council Office.</p>	
167/16	<p>11. <u>Committee Reports</u></p> <p><i>Finance & Policy Committee</i> – Cllr M Giles reported on the meeting held 4th October 2016 (Septembers meeting), minutes had been circulated. Point 6 date to be changed to 3rd April 2017. Cllr M Giles proposed these minutes and Bills for Payment should be approved, seconded by Cllr Hollis, carried.</p> <p><i>Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee</i> –Cllr Langley reported on</p>	

	<p>meeting held 20th September 2016, minutes had been circulated. Point 6 a) to be revised to read completed draft not finalized copy. Cllr White had been tasked to get a better renewal standing charge for electricity at the Rose Garden, he reported that he had 2 much better quotes - a 1 year plan or a 3 year plan, and proposed that the Clerk contact British Gas to agree to the 3 year plan, Cllr M Giles seconded, carried. Cllr Langley proposed these minutes should be approved, seconded by Cllr Hall, carried.</p> <p>Recreation, Leisure & Environment – Cllr Hall reported on meeting held 19th September 2016, minutes had been circulated. The clerk reported that the Parish Steward is now up and running and has done 2 of our requests. Cllr Hall proposed these minutes should be approved, seconded by Cllr Hollis, carried.</p> <p>Planning Committee- Cllr White reported on meeting held 20th September 2016, minutes had been circulated. Cllr White proposed these minutes should be approved, seconded by Cllr M Giles, carried.</p> <p>Civic Events Committee - Cllr M Giles reported on meeting held 29th September 2016, minutes had been circulated. The Clerk has asked all councillors to provide a donation of £1.50 at the FTC (today) towards LTC's Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday 2016. Donations were collected. The Chairman will be providing the wreath from the Town from the Chairman's fund. Unfortunately due to a councillors' resignation Santa's position is now vacant. WO1 R Hines will look in to getting a replacement. The Clerk asked for volunteers for the Christmas Fayre to help with Tombola, Raffle & refreshments. Cllr M Giles proposed these minutes should be approved, seconded by Cllr Dixon, carried.</p> <p>Health & Well Being Community Building Users Committee Notes - Cllr M Giles reported on meeting held 22nd September 2016, notes had been circulated. DIO have requested a definitive decision whether LTC will be taking the community building on by April 2017, as we now have confirmation from Wiltshire Council that our 'wish list' has been agreed. The information will be updated for next FTC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>WO1 Hines</p> <p>All councillors</p> <p>Cllr M Giles</p>
168/16	<p>12. <u>S137 Resolution</u> - The Clerk asked for a resolution to be proposed to enable point 11, S137 under the ratified Finance & Policy minutes to be paid. It was agreed that £2000 would be awarded to TCAP to help fund the TCAP Coordinator for this year, however, under S137 budget LTC only has £1750. After speaking with the Councils accountants under these unusual circumstances, we can over spend on S137 budget and then at the end of the financial year draw the over spend from the general reserve. The Clerk warned that this must not become a regular occurrence, but to remember that there is still further requests from S137 to come for 2016/2017. Cllr M Giles proposed that this resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr Hollis, carried.</p>	
169/16	<p>13. <u>Welcome Pack & Self-Guided Tours of Ludgershall</u></p> <p>a) Cllr Dixon & Cllr Langley have produced the first draft of the Local Information Leaflet (Welcome Pack), the clerk presented this to the council, and asked for councillors thoughts and of any additions to let the office know so we could include.</p> <p>b) Cllr White suggested that a self-guided tour leaflet, could be a project for</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr White</p>

	Wellington Academy and that he would contact them with that view.	
170/16	14. Remembrance Day Parade 2016- Application for Temporary Road Closure awaiting confirmation, the Traffic Management Company has been assigned and First Aiders/First Responders have been sourced. The clerk asked for volunteers to stand at the barriers. WO1 R Hines said he would source.	WO1 Hines
171/16	15. Railway re-instatement - Cllr White updated the committee regarding the talks about a re-instating the Railway. A Steering Group has been requested asking for representatives from all involved Andover Town Council have sourced 2, HCC have 1, Cllr C Williams will be the Wiltshire Council Representative and we need volunteers from Ludgershall Town Council, Cllr Cordrey had already volunteered & Cllr M Williams, Cllr White volunteered in the meeting (Cllr Hall would like to be involved provisionally too). Cllr White to forward information to volunteers. Mr Horace Prickett from Wiltshire Council will be part of the group as well, along with Fowler Architects.	Cllr White
172/16	16. The Insurance Act came into effect on 12 th August 2016 and aims to rebalance the position between the buyers of insurance and Insurers. The Clerk explained that in order to comply with the act that some councillors will need to be part of the team to provide data and asked for volunteers to provide a working party in readiness for renewal June 2017. Cllrs Dixon, Langley & White volunteered. Clerk will inform when needed.	Clerk
173/16	17. Any Other Business (For information only) Nextdoor leaflet received by many households in the village had been queried to its authenticity, Cllr C Williams said it originated from abroad and not to be trusted. Cllr C Williams stated that at a recent Wiltshire Council meeting he was told that the relationship of Ludgershall and 26 Engineer Regiment (via WO1 R Hines) is excellent. Cllr Hollis wished to thank all those that supported the Macmillan coffee morning at Saxon Court, they raised £156.50. WO1 R Hines had 4 items to mention a) He wanted LTC to know that the regiment have all trades men and would be available to help with any project that need doing charging only for parts, as they use this as part of their exercise. b) 26 Engineer Regiments Christmas cards have affiliated to Ludgershall on them. c) He wants to ask John Sparrow/Castledown FM to broadcast wives messages to soldiers whilst they are away. d) 26 Engineers are visiting Bartlett House once a month for around 1 1/2 hours.	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....Date.....