

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 7-00pm.

Present:	Cllr M Giles in the Chair	Cllr J Langley
	Cllr V Dixon	Cllr B Cordery
	Cllr AKJ Pickernell	Cllr O White
	Cllr M Williams	Cllr CA Allan
	Cllr J Hollis	Cllr J White
	Cllr B Dance	Cllr C Giles
Representative:	WO1 Bull of 26 Engr Regt	Cllr C Williams of Wiltshire Council
	LT Col N Turner – Garrison Eng Officer	Revd T Laundon of St James Church
	Mr J Holden Curate of St James Church	
Public:	Two members of the public	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
159/18-19	1. Apologies Cllr CD Allan working, Cllr N Allingham ill & Cllr D Downie personal reasons, the committee resolved to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.	
	The Chair asked the Cllrs to take some time and reread LTC's Code of Conduct, to remind them of what is expected of them in the position they have taken on.	
160/18-19	2. Declaration of Interests – none.	
161/18-19	3. General Public – Questions – Lt Col N Turner was introduced and will speak at point 6. There were no questions from the public.	
162/18-19	4. Chairman's Report – The Chair expressed how proud he was to award the Freedom of the Town to Mr M Betteridge, who was overwhelmed by the occasions. Mr M Betteridge through Cllr B Dance thanked everyone who was involved in the day.	
163/18-19	5. Police Report – the report had been circulated – PCSO's & PC's have been more visible this last month.	
164/18-19	6. 26 Engineer Regiment – WO1 Bull of 26 Engr Regt addressed the committee; the final deployment of 26 Engrs to Estonia is imminent and after that they will be handing over to 22 Engrs. A team has been deployed to Canada and a small contingent to the Falklands. They remain on high readiness for anything that may be	

	<p>called upon them. Community Engagement – they have been doing low level training with cadets/students of Wellington Academy, they will give full support to LTC for the Summer Fete and there are 2 dates for the Freedom Parade in 2019 – 7th or 21st September, this is the best time during 2019 for the largest contingent to march. Cllr M Giles asked for a show of hands for the 7th September date, all Cllrs agreed with this date. Lt Col N Turner addressed the committee; the new builds at Corunna Barracks are well on their way to being finished. Although there may be a slow trickle of earlier occupation, between 01/06/19 – 01/09/19 will be the period when most of the families will be moving in, and at the height it could be 35 families per day. The crossing for the school will be finished by April 2019. He also thanked 26 Engrs for their community engagement with the residents of Ludgershall.</p>	
165/18-19	<p>7. <u>Wiltshire Council</u> – Report by Cllr C. Williams – reported that Wiltshire Council will be increasing their part of the Council Tax by 2.99%. They have no funding from Central Government now and are confident that they can deliver a balanced budget and not need to go in to reserves. Boundary Review consultation is on the final round, there are slight changes to the North and South areas of Ludgershall. Cllr C Williams explained that the boundary changes are needed to even up the number of electors per Cllr area, the predicted average for 2024 is 4258. The review looks at what they were in 2018 and predicted growth till 2024. The 3 local areas are predicted for 2024 to be Ludgershall North & Rural 4,363, East Tidworth & South Ludgershall 4,478 and Tidworth North & West 4,056. Cllr C Williams asked LTC to write to the commission to help to even up the numbers further between East Tidworth & South Ludgershall division and Tidworth North & West division as there is more area to expand in South Ludgershall. If the Cllrs need further explanation Cllr C Williams will provide a session at the office. The Clerk has the paperwork/maps for anyone to come and look at.</p>	Clerk
166/18-19	<p>8. <u>Memorial Hall Committee Report</u> – Hall bookings are steady, new gutters coping now with the extra rain, one roof leak to be mended this week. Perry’s Cottage; letting agency inspection this week, external upkeep waiting on better weather. The Chair asked for a new volunteer to represent LTC on the Memorial Hall, no one volunteered, therefore LTC has a vacancy and the Chair will ask those Cllrs that were not at the meeting. The Clerk updated the committee regarding the sale of the land behind Perry’s Cottage; All paper work is completed awaiting confirmation from the secretary of state for education and then ready to sign contract and transfer.</p>	
167/18-19	<p>9. <u>TCAP Update</u> – Cllr AKJ Pickernell updated the Council on the following; a) Blue Light Day was very successful and will be</p>	

	<p>arranged again in 2019. b) Christmas concert for the children was also very successful and thanks go to Artillery Band for performing during the day and also in the evening for the free concert provided for the community. c) As TCAP rep he has visited regularly Bartlett House and when an organ concert was put on at the Memorial Hall this was sponsored by TCAP they also gave free seats to some of Bartlett House residents. d) As part of TCAP he is the Older person's champion where he helps and guides the elderly. e) The Memory Café which was also started with TCAPs help is doing very well usually between 10 – 20 attendees, and he thanked Cllrs J Langley & C Giles for supporting the monthly events. f) The Link scheme which is run by volunteers has had a lot of support from the Queens Head recently. Also with the recent changes in strategy for the hospitals this has meant longer journeys which proves time consuming and as the volunteers only get mileage allowance not cost effective. Therefore they are capping distances from now on. g) TCAP also put a representative into Plain Action meeting's whereby grants for tourism and to help with employment area are debated. 5 local businesses have been helped recently and he ensures that these grants do not just go to the largest of the towns in Wiltshire. h) He sat in on the Clinical Commission Group where they debated that it was hard to find Doctors and nurses (Castle Practice are fully staffed) to fill vacancies, he asked if the CCG were planning in the fact that in 2020 all the military families will have returned and what they were going to do about it. i) The Community Youth Centre is well supported they run 2 sessions on a Tuesday eve and a circus school on a Wednesday eve and they will be ready to offer a Thursday eve for slightly older youth, soon.</p>	
<p>168/18-19</p>	<p>10. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting held 08/01/19</u> – had been circulated. The Clerk addressed the Council re the query of last month as to whether in order to propose or second the minutes that Cllr had to have been at the meeting the minutes were about. The Law does not specify this and in fact in Local Councils Explained page 154 it states '<i>it is irrelevant if the chairman or other councillors were not present at the meeting to which the draft minutes relate</i>'. Cllr AKJ Pickernell proposed Cllr M Williams seconded, the committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.</p>	
<p>169/18-19</p>	<p>11. <u>Correspondence</u> – all newsletters are available in the office.</p>	
<p>170/18-19</p>	<p>12. <u>Committee Reports</u> – Civic Events held 10/01/19; Recreation, Leisure & Environment held 21/01/19; Allotment, Car Park & Cemetery held 15/01/19; Finance & Policy held 30/01/19; Planning held 15/01/19.</p>	

	<p>Civic Events held 10/01/19 have been circulated Cllr B Dance proposed Cllr J Langley 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 21/01/19 have been circulated, Cllr C Giles proposed these minutes be accepted for approval, Cllr M Williams seconded. The committee resolved to accept these minutes as a true record, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. Allotment, Car Park & Cemetery held 15/01/19 have been circulated, Cllr J Langley proposed these minutes be accepted for approval, Cllr M Giles seconded. The committee resolved to accept these minutes as a true record, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. Finance & Policy held 30/01/19 have been circulated, a lively discussion regarding point 11 occurred, however, there was nothing to add. Cllr C Giles proposed these minutes be accepted for approval, Cllr CA Allan seconded and there were 2 abstentions. The committee resolved to accept these minutes as a true record, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. Planning held 15/01/19 have been circulated, Cllr O White proposed these minutes be accepted for approval, Cllr B Cordery seconded. The committee resolved to accept these minutes as a true record, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.</p>	
171/18-19	<p>13. Bills for Payment - have been circulated, Cllr B Dance queried one payment which the Clerk cleared up. Cllr B Dance proposed these bills be paid, Cllr B Cordery seconded. The committee resolved to pay these bills under the LGA 1972 Section 150.</p>	Clerk
172/18-19	<p>14. Commemorative Trees – the Clerk updated the Council; the whips were too small to survive, another Council in the area had bought bigger trees and Lovell had planted them. Lovell suggested the same to LTC, just awaiting agreement from Lovell re planting.</p>	Clerk
173/18-19	<p>15. Agenda Points for next month – none.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.52pm, the next meeting will be on **12th March 2019**, 7pm at the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall.

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