

# LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm, remotely using Microsoft Teams.

**Present:** Cllr M Giles (Chair), Cllr M Williams, Cllr N Allingham, Cllr J White, Cllr C Giles, Cllr J Langley, Cllr V Dixon, Cllr CA Allan, Cllr B Dance, Cllr P Burgon, Cllr CA Moore

**Absent:** Cllr D Downie

**Representatives:** Cllr Christopher Williams, Wiltshire Councillor, WO1 RSM Marc Elliott – 26 Engineer Regiment

**Public:** none present

### AGENDA ITEM

**088-20/21:** 1. Apologies – Cllr B Cordery. The Cllrs resolved to accept the apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40. The Clerk also advised that Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol) Nick Turner had sent his apologies and asked that any questions be directed to WO1 Marc Elliott.

**089-20/21:** 2. Declaration of Interests – none.

**090-20/21:** 3. General Public Questions - none

**091-20/21:** 4. Chairman's Report – Cllr M Giles advised that due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions there is nothing to report to the Council.

**092-20/21:** 5. Police Report – this was circulated prior to the meeting. No comments were made.

**093-20/21:** 6. St. James's Church Report – no report was received from Rev T Laundon prior to the meeting and he had not responded to the meeting request.

**094-20/21:** 7. 26 Engineer Regiment Report – WO1 RSM Marc Elliott began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He advised that the military are restricting movement and keeping as many soldiers as possible at home. There is a current deployment in Europe though. The rest of the soldiers are trying to restrict travel, maintain safety measures and help the public where they can. Cllr CA Moore advised that they are doing a brilliant job of keeping in touch with people who are currently not allowed onto camp because of lockdown. There were no further questions or any for Lt Col Nick Turner.

**095-20/21:** 8. Garrison Engagement Report – no report as LtCol Nick Turner had sent his apologies as above.

**096-20/21:** 9. Wiltshire Council Report – Cllr C Williams advised that Wiltshire Council have reverted to response mode from recovery mode with the new lockdown restrictions. All updates, particularly relating to Covid-19 are sent out in briefing emails weekly (which LTC put on Facebook). There is a Local Planning meeting being held on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm that is looking at the Tidworth and Ludgershall Areas. All Cllrs have been invited and it is open to the Public as well. There is also a Community Support meeting coming up on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am that Cllrs are welcome to join and the next Area Board meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Unfortunately, due to being in lockdown again Lorrywatch training has had to be put on hold. Cllr Williams advised that anyone can still report lorries themselves if they take a photo of the registration number or details of the vehicle breaching the Regulations. He will send over a link to the office to be sent onto the Cllrs. Office to action once received.

**097-20/21:** 10. *Representatives to External Bodies* - Due to resignations, LTC need volunteers for the following: Memorial Hall (LTC needs 2 reps, Cllr B Cordery is one), Tidworth & District Chamber of Commerce & WALC Executive Committee need 1 each. Cllr B Dance volunteered to be the LTC rep for the Memorial Hall (along with Cllr B Cordery), Cllr M Williams agreed to be the representative for the Tidworth and District Chamber of Commerce and Cllr M Giles agreed to be the LTC rep for the WALC Executive Committee. All in favour.

**098-20/21:** 11. *Memorial Hall Committee Report* – Cllr B Dance advised that due to lockdown there is nothing happening event-wise at the Hall. The heating in the main Hall is being upgraded this week. The Contractors due to complete work at Perry's Cottage are unable to attend due to the lockdown restrictions. Cllr CA Allan advised that a travelling pantomime has been penciled in to attend the Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with a production of Dick Whittington. All agreed this will be excellent if it can go ahead as planned.

**099-20/21:** 12. *Minutes of the previous meeting held 08/12/2020* – these had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr J White asked if a meeting had been set up with the PCC to discuss the trees in the Churchyard – The Clerk advised it is booked in for next Monday. No further comments were made. Cllr M Giles proposed they be accepted, Cllr CA Allan seconded, all in favour.

**100-20/21:** 13. *Committee Reports:* a) *Due to resignations we need 2 more Cllrs to be on the Planning Committee as per the Terms of Reference for this committee* – Cllrs CA Moore and C Giles volunteered to go onto this Committee – office to add to email groups. b) *Ratification of minutes for the following meetings: Planning meetings 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 & 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020* - minutes have been circulated; Cllr P Burgon proposed the minutes, Cllr V Dixon seconded, the Council resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41; **Recreation, Leisure and Environment meeting 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020** - minutes have been circulated; Cllr J White proposed the minutes, Cllr P Burgon seconded, the Council resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41; **Finance & Policy meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020** - minutes have been circulated; Cllr M Giles proposed the minutes, Cllr B Dance seconded, the Council resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. **Civic Events** – no December meeting was held as nothing can be planned due to lockdown – this was proposed by Cllr CA Allan, seconded by Cllr B Dance and all Committee members voted by email in favour of this.

**101-20/21:** 14. *Bills for Payment*- these had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting, no comments were made. Cllr M Giles proposed they be paid, Cllr CA Allan seconded, all in favour. Office to make payments. Cllr M Giles also wanted to give thanks to all the residents who supported the Santa Sleigh runs as they were great fun (despite the wet weather). There is an article in the Parish News about this.

**102-20/21:** 15. *External Audit formal completion notice* – For information only – no action required.

**103-20/21:** 16. *Budget/Precept (to be received by Wiltshire Council by 18th Jan 2021)* – paperwork for discussion and vote in agenda pack. The Councillors considered the proposals from the Finance & Policy Committee for the precept increase for 2021/2022. All voted for Option A, which although is a 13.43% increase (£15.63 per year or £1.30 per day or 30p per week) on the LTC element of the Council Tax, this means only 0.8% is added to the overall Council Tax bill. All agreed this was such a minimal amount, but that clarity is needed in explanations to the residents. Cllr C Williams also advised that despite the challenging year Wiltshire Council will be delivering a balanced budget for this year, which is much better than many other Councils have been able to achieve.

**104-20/21:** 17. *Community Building* – update in agenda pack, vote needed. A precis of information had been provided to Cllrs following a meeting with Wiltshire Council and with the sub-committee. No further comments were made and Cllr N Allingham proposed that, as per the recommendation, LTC do not take on the Community Building on offer. This was seconded by Cllr CA Allan, all Cllrs in favour. A statement will be written for the website and Facebook. Office to send a letter to Sam Fox of Wiltshire Council advising LTC's decision, copying in Cllr C Williams.

**105-20/21:** 18. [Parnham's Covenant](#) – The Clerk advised that an email had been received late that afternoon detailing Counsel's opinion on the enforceability of the covenant, that she hadn't had a chance to read properly prior to the meeting. As it looked lengthy, she will read fully and the item will be on the agenda again next month.

**106-20/21:** 19. [CATG – Signs update](#) - Cllr N Allingham attended the CATG meeting the previous evening on behalf of LTC in relation to the 7.5 ton weight limit signage. He raised the issue under AOB and informed Cllrs that coming into Ludgershall from Andover the 2 large signs (1 by the water tower in Faberstown and the other by the Chinese take-away) are both advisory signs that are not required to be illuminated (they are reflective only). Regulatory signs are required to be illuminated and there are 6 of those in Ludgershall – 2 on Dewey's Lane, 2 into the High Street and 2 into Church Street. Cllrs asked if we could approach Wiltshire Council/CATG for more illuminated signs as so many lorries still breach the weight limit? Cllr C Williams advised that once Lorrywatch is up and running this should be able to be prevented (i.e. once companies start receiving fines for breaching the regulations). He also advised that Wiltshire Council will not fund any more lit signage. He also added that it might be a good idea to look at the local set up with Tidworth as the Government have made funding available to towns re: Going Green i.e Cycle Paths etc and that a combined effort is more likely to be successful. He suggested we speak to Humph Jones and Mark Connolly at Tidworth Town Council.

**107-20/21:** 20. [Armed Forces Covenant](#) – need suggestions of who in the community could be signatories & the areas highlighted in Red see agenda pack. The Clerk ran through the document and the Cllrs agreed that Perham Down has to be taken out of the proposed document as it falls, strictly speaking, under the remit of Tidworth Town Council. The Business Sector could be the local Chamber of Commerce, the Voluntary Sector could be signed by Cllr CA Moore as she runs the local Help your Neighbour Scheme. The measures section can include the Freedom of the Town for 26 Engineer Regiment, they help with the Summer Fete, Remembrance Sunday and helped to build to Centenary Garden. The In-Service Rep needed to sign the form will be dealt with by WO1 RSM Marc Elliott who will let the office know. Under the Charity Sector it was agreed that the local RBL Branch or the Memorial Hall could sign as they are both Registered Charities.

**108-20/21:** 21. [Ludgershall Market](#) – discuss what needs investigating to facilitate if a market can come back to Ludgershall. Cllr CA Allan advised that she is in the process of arranging a Farmers Market for the Memorial Hall (which will hopefully be up and running after the restrictions have been lifted). This will be held once a month on a Friday. She has a few stalls booked in already, but they need to have items that can't already be purchased in the Town, i.e., not a butcher. The yellow line is still in place in the Car Park and the old sign still states that Friday is the day for the Market. The biggest issue is the number of users of the Car Park, however Cllr M Giles advised that if enough notice is given it shouldn't be an issue. The general feeling was to wait and see how successful the monthly Farmers Market is and take it from there.

**109-20/21:** 22. [Fly Posting](#) – to discuss banners up near the water tower. Cllr P Burgon advised he thought that Planning Permission (or permission) was needed to put up posters in certain areas including by the water tower. Cllr CA Allan advised that she has emailed the water company before and sought permission to use the fencing to put up posters for LTC events and they have previously agreed to 2 weeks prior to the event and removed by a week after the event. Cllr Burgon advised that there has been a Sports and Social Club poster there for months, if not longer. It was suggested to write to the water company and ask if LTC can have permission to erect a proper Notice Board Area there. Cllr M Giles advised asked Cllr CA Allan as she has the contact to make enquiries on behalf of LTC and report back.

**110-20/21:** 23. [Correspondence](#) – none received.

**111-20/21:** 24. [Agenda Points for next month](#) – Why are buses allowed through the 7.5ton Weight Limit ? – why did Wiltshire Council differentiate between PSV (Public Service Vehicles) and HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicles)? Office to contact Andy Cole at Wiltshire Council to find out and report back next month.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.17pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm using Microsoft Teams.

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