

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 12th March 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:	WO2 David Hill - 26 Engr Regt	Cllr C Williams of Wiltshire Council
	LT Col N Turner – Garrison Engagement Officer	Revd Carl Stokes RChD Padre 26 & 22 ENG
Public:	Three members of the public	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
174/18-19	1. <u>Apologies</u> Cllr CD Allan working, Cllr N Allingham on holiday and Cllr D Downie working, the committee resolved to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.	
175/18-19	2. <u>Declaration of Interests</u> – none.	
176/18-19	3. <u>General Public – Questions</u> – There were no questions from the public.	
177/18-19	4. <u>Chairman’s Report</u> – Cllr M Giles discussed the upcoming Castledown Business Park event next week on 20 th March 2019. It is a ticketed event with a free breakfast available. Councillors and the public can apply online or via the Council office for tickets.	
178/18-19	5. <u>Police Report</u> – This has been circulated for all to see. Admin advised that the report is now location specific, so no other areas’ crimes show on the report. Cllr A Pickernell advised that he attended a recent Police Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel meeting. They are planning on setting up a workshop at Wellington Academy shortly to talk to youngsters as there does seem to be a drug issue in the locality (as there is everywhere to a greater or lesser extent)	
179/18-19	6. <u>26 Engineer Regiment</u> – WO2 Hill of 26 Engr Regt attended as a representative for WO1 Bull. He reported to the Committee that there has just been a swap over of 100 soldiers in Estonia. There have also been recent deployments to Belize, The Falkland Islands and Canada. Recent sporting events – Caribbean sailing and skiing in Austria and France. There have also been boxing competitions –	

	<p>some held locally. Honours – a 26 Engr Regt soldier has won the Apprentice of the Year award, which is a category that covers 12 different trades within the Army. The Freedom parade is still being planned. WO2 Hill also advised that the camp is expanding every day – there are issues with traffic which may continue throughout this year. In the summer there will be an uplift of 500 soldiers until Christmas and then from January onwards there will be more which will be permanent.</p>	
180/18-19	<p>7. <u>Wiltshire Council</u> – Report by Cllr C. Williams – In a recent meeting of the Council they confirmed that Wiltshire had delivered a balanced budget for 2018/2019, but that there is a 2.99% increase in the precept for 2019/2020. They need to deliver savings – it will be a hard 12 months ahead as effectiveness is needed to reduce their spending by £25m. They still receive funding from Central Government and part of this is £8m for roads. As part of this there are works planned for the A342 Andover Road in 2019/2020 in the form of a surface dressing and then full re-surfacing in future years. He also advised that there is extra funding available for local schemes, so if there are issues in Ludgershall with paving etc we can let Wiltshire Council know and some of this funding could be used. At the recent Area Board meeting money was distributed locally – A new Defibrillator was paid for at Perham Down and the Youth Club received funding for new doors. The Village Hall also had funding for kids clubs. There was also quite a lengthy explanation and discussion about the new boundaries in Ludgershall. There should be 2 Wiltshire Council representatives at FTC meetings in future. Cllr C Williams hopes to be re-elected again in Ludgershall North, but we will need a Ludgershall South representative to be elected as Councillor. Cllr J Hollis asked Cllr C Williams if the road in front of Wellington Academy will have the speed limit reduced to 30mph as so many extra people will be in the area and it is currently dangerous for students and future residents. Cllr Williams advised that there will be pedestrian controlled lights installed so that will reduce the speed of the traffic. The Committee was sceptical about the success this will bring and suggested timed speed limits i.e it is reduced to 30mph at school start and end times. It was also suggested that there should be flashing orange school lights added.</p>	
181/18-19	<p>8. <u>Memorial Hall Committee Report</u> – Cllr B Dance reported that there are regular weekend bookings of the Hall and they also have Clubbercise held there every week. Some of the events planned include a Music evening, a Wedding Reception, a Tabletop sale and a Wedding Fair. They also reported that the Spitfire Film night was a great success. Cllr B Dance confirmed the roof remains watertight and other work being done should be complete by Wednesday 20th March 2019.</p>	
182/18-19	<p>9. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting held 12/2/19</u> – had been circulated Cllr M Giles proposed, Cllr M Williams seconded, the committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate,</p>	

	under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.	
183/18-19	10. Correspondence – all newsletters are available in the office. No letters received for the Council this month.	
184/18-19	<p>11. Committee Reports – Civic Events held 14/2/19 have been circulated. Cllr CA Allan advised that the lights for the office will not be added to the canopy but will be put inside the windows of the office. Cllr C Williams advised that Wiltshire Council are looking to add LED streetlighting to metal posts at some point so we will be able to have more Christmas lights in the street. Cllr CA Allan proposed, Cllr B Cordrey 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 18/2/19 have been circulated, Cllr CA Allan 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 19/2/19 have been circulated. A query was raised about the SSE works on Bell Street allotments. Cllr J Langley advised the Council is fully aware of the mess and that she is abreast of the situation. Not much can be done until the weather improves and the office are calling the Contractor regularly for updates. It was agreed we should go to SSE directly for action to be taken. There was also a discussion about the verge on Biddesden Lane that has been topsoiled by the Contractor and had grass seed added – Admin to contact Aster to ask if a temporary fence can be added to prevent people walking or parking on it and give the grass a chance to grow. Cllr B Dance proposed these minutes be accepted for approval, Cllr C 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 27/2/19 have been circulated, a lively discussion took place regarding the Pretoria Road Play Park – Cllr J White wanted to know where the evidence has come from to suggest that the playpark isn't used. It was resolved that any decision won't be taken lightly and there will likely be a long consultation period and attendance figures captured so a decision can be made in the best interest of the Town. Cllr C Williams advised there may be a covenant on the land - Clerk to investigate. There was also a query on item 9. Councillors missing meetings – it was clarified that a Councillor can miss meetings for up to 6 months before they are removed from the Council. This is detailed in the Standing Orders. Cllr B Cordrey proposed these minutes be accepted for approval, Cllr A Pickernell seconded, all in favour. The committee resolved to accept these minutes as a true record, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.</p>	Admin
185/18-19	12. Bills for Payment - have been circulated, Cllr C Giles queried one payment which the Chair cleared up. Cllr B Dance also asked why the Christmas Lights bill hadn't been paid back in December – Admin advised that the bill for the installation hadn't been	

	received by the office in December, nor in January and this only became apparent as the bill for taking down the lights was sent to us in February. Cllr M Giles proposed these bills be paid, Cllr B Cordery seconded. The committee resolved to pay these bills under the LGA 1972 Section 150.	
186/18-19	13. <u>Resolution for changing budget to pay for bench and installation on Andover Road</u> – In F&P it was discussed that the remaining funds from the Centenary Gardens could pay for the cost of the new bench and installation (the bench will be going on Andover Road at the junction with Central Street). A resolution to use this budget is required. Cllr M Williams proposed that LTC use this budget, seconded by Cllr J Langley, no abstentions, none against and all for.	
187/18-19	14. <u>Community Building on Corunna Barracks</u> – The Chairman had asked for everyone to consider the proposal prior to the meeting (Admin requested this when emailing out the agenda to the Full Town Council) and he advised the Committee that a decision on whether or not Ludgershall Town Council wish to take the former Community Building has been brought forward to June 2019. He also advised that there is an initial meeting taking place on Monday 18 th March with himself, Cllr A Pickernell, Cllr C Williams and John Price from Wiltshire Council. Cllr A Pickernell has raised a list of initial questions that require clarification before the Council can begin to make an informed decision and it is hoped that these can be addressed during that meeting and the answers brought back to the next meeting (along with asking John Price to attend). Cllr M Giles asked Admin to email out the list of questions to all Cllrs and to invite them to add to the list prior to Monday’s meeting. It is believed that Lovell will remain in the building until the new military accommodation at Larkhill has been completed in around 2-3 years’ time. Cllr J White asked that we consider when the renewal of the office tenancy is due on the High Street. Cllr C Williams advised that this is due to Section 106 monies allocation.	
188/18-19	15. <u>Agenda Points for next month</u> – Add a regular slot for an update from Lt Col Nick Turner – Garrison Engagement Officer, after the 26 Engineer Regt update.	Admin/Clerk

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.52pm, the next meeting will be on **9th April 2019**, 7pm at the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall.

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