

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7-00pm.		
Present:	Cllr O White in the Chair	Cllr M Giles
	Cllr T Pickernell	Cllr P Unwin
	Cllr D Downie	Cllr B Crane
	Cllr V Dixon	Cllr K Hall
	Cllr B Cordery	Cllr J Langley
	Cllr M Williams	Cllr J Hollis
	M. Kirk Admin Assistant	Cllr B Dance
	Clerk Janet White	
	Cllr C Williams Wilts Council	Joanne Steele (Reporter)
Apologies:	No apologies.	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
01/15	2. Declaration of Interests – no declarations received.	
02/15	3. Chairman’s Report – It was discussed that Christmas cards for 2015 should be printed and sent out to other authorities. Thanks were given to the councillors for the attending the successful Christmas meal. LTC had been represented at the following meetings: - TCAP, TCAB, Police Neighborhood Action Group, Health Thematic Group and representatives had accepted Andover Town Council invite to attend their event at the Guildhall.	
03/15	4. General Public – Questions – none received.	
04/15	5. Wiltshire Council – Report by Cllr C. Williams – TCAB meeting on Monday 19 th January at 7pm at the Garrison Theatre. Agenda item – the increase to police precept 2015. A full Wiltshire Council meeting on Tuesday 20 th January 2015 - looking to adopt the core strategy. Cllr John Hollis mentioned the rubbish that is being deposited in Saxon Court gardens and in Dewey’s Lane, Cllr C Williams replied that unfortunately staff numbers have been reduced to collect litter on Wiltshire Council land so individuals will have to pick it up themselves but the Clerk will raise the issues with Nick Bancroft. The Finance & Policy have also recommended 2 litter picking kits are purchased and kept in the office for people to use &	

	<p>return. The public can report any issues on the ‘My Wiltshire App’.</p> <p>Cllr Pickernell raised the issue about providing a roundabout in Andover Road at junction with Meade Road, Cllr Williams will contact Alistair Cunningham regarding this matter.</p> <p>Cllr Cordery raised the issue of pot holes reported not being repaired in pavement along Butt Street. The clerk to send My Wiltshire ref number to Cllr C Williams to investigate.</p> <p>Cllr Unwin complained at the standard of pot hole repairs along Andover Road, it was pointed out initially these were temporary repairs while works orders are raised for permanent repairs.</p>	
05/15	<p>6. <u>Police Report</u> –2 reports received during the month, have been circulated by e-mail to Cllrs for information. Cllr Unwin raised concerns that police no longer attend our meetings, the police have agreed to attend at least our Annual Town Council Meeting.</p>	
06/15	<p>7. <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 Giles, carried.</p>	
07/15	<p>8. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) Cost of Policing - Cllr White read out an email received from Angus Macpherson about the precept for the police to increase their precept by £3.06 per year, or 6p per week, there is a consultation running for the public to comment. Cllr Pickernell asked why they don’t put fines up instead of the precept, but he was told that no money goes back to the police from fines, but goes to central government.</p> <p>b) Wiltshire Council Community Day – an email received regarding the community day which will be held on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 9am, please notify any defects to Council Office by 30th January 2015.</p> <p>c) - Benchmarking – email from Mike King read out, thanking us for submitting the data for 2014 benchmarking. Additional services can be requested: a) to add commentary to each KPI’s costing £100. B) To add commentary and analysis plus an executive summary and recommendations costing £300. It was agreed LTC would only require the normal report.</p> <p>d) - TCAP Community Awards – TCAP community awards will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 at the Wellington Academy. The nomination forms need to be returned to TCAP by 8th April 2015.</p> <p>e) WALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Michelle Kirk asked permission for the nomination form to be filled out for Cllr Owen Whites name to go into the draw for the Garden Party on the 28th May 2015, agreed unanimously.</p> <p>f) Newsletters, reports and other correspondence received for information and they are available for viewing. The clerk commented on the Army Rebasing Newsletter which shows the service family accommodation proposed for Ludgershall has been reduced from 300 to 246. A group meeting for councilors from all Town & Parishes involved with new housing will be arranged as soon as possible before plans are submitted to Wiltshire Council.</p>	
08/15	<p>9. <u>Committee Reports</u></p>	

	<p>Finance & Policy Committee – Cllr Giles reported on meeting held 7th January 2015, minutes had been circulated. Bills for payment see list total £12,536-58p (appendix A) and a transfer of £10,000.00p from Business 30 day account requested. Cllr Giles, Cllr Pickernell, and Cllr White volunteered to attend the Wiltshire Council 2015 budget setting meeting on the 3rd of February 2015 in Devizes. Michelle Kirk admin assistant will have been employed for 2 months at the end of January 2015, so a meeting with Cllr White & Cllr Giles will be arranged to offer her a contract to include pro rata repayment of training expenses if she resigns within 2 years. DCLG has advised that the sum for the purpose of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 in England for 2015/2016 is £7.36. The Lloyds Bank 12 month fixed term deposit has matured and reinvested for a further 12 months rate of interest 1%, the 6 month fixed term has also matured and reinvested for a further 6 months, interest rate 0.7%. Cllr Giles proposed this report should be approved and cheques signed, seconded by Cllr Dixon, carried.</p> <p>The clerk requested that another councilor was added as signatory on the bank accounts after the resignation of Cllr Betteridge, Cllr J Langley volunteered, a form will be obtained and completed.</p> <p>Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee – Cllr Pickernell reported on meeting held Tuesday 16th December 2014, minutes had been circulated. All allotment rents have been paid totaling £1821.60. The quote of £460-00p from DBS for the cemetery work to remove turf and peg out headstone border and fill with bark chippings has been received and accepted The work to the toilet block external light has been completed. It was agreed for Cllr White to go ahead and request the funding from Aster Communities for the flower planters to be put in the High Street. Cllr Pickernell proposed this report should be approved, seconded by Cllr Giles, carried.</p> <p>Recreation, Leisure & Environment Committee Cllr Giles reported on meeting held Monday 15th December, minutes had been circulated. Cllr Crane mentioned the positive comments regarding the new Christmas lights, more columns need to be identified for 2015. The clerk reported all play equipment repairs have been completed by Playground Services just before Christmas. The SSE community day will be held on Monday March 16th 2015, details of work required to be confirmed & notified to SSE. Cllr Giles proposed this report should be approved, seconded by Cllr Crane, carried.</p> <p>Planning Committee – Cllr Crane reported on two meetings held 16th December 2014 & 7th January 2015, minutes had been circulated. No questions raised. Cllr Crane proposed both reports should be approved, seconded by Cllr Pickernell, carried.</p> <p>Civic Events- Cllr White reported as no wash meeting had been arranged after the Christmas Festival an income & expenses sheet had been produced and discussed at Finance & Policy meeting.</p>	
09/15	<p>10. Casual Vacancy– Wiltshire Council has sent a copy of the Notice of Vacancy and this has been published on the notice boards from the 9th January 2015. An election request by 10 electors from North Ward must be submitted to Wiltshire Council by Thursday 29th January 2015</p>	

10/15	11. <u>Fun in the Sun</u> – Agreed in principle. Remit to Recreation and Leisure for discussion.	
11/15	12. <u>Freedom of the Town</u> -A meeting with 26 Engineer Regiment has been arranged for Thursday 5 th February at 10.30am in the council office.	
12/15	13. <u>Town Council News Letter</u> - Suggestion received from Cllr Hollis about adding clubs and societies events calendar, and articles on various local services in Ludgershall, he also volunteered to help in any way. The next Newsletter to be printed for distribution around Easter time.	
13/15	14. <u>Scottish Power</u> – The new fixed rates were confirmed as 25.63 pence daily service charge and 11.02 pence per Unit rate. The Direct Debit mandate for this new 2 year fixed contract was signed at the finance and police meeting.	
14/15	15. <u>Memorial Hall Management Committee – Councillor Vacancy</u> – Cllr White asked the councillors for a volunteer to represent the Town Council on this committee following the resignation of Cllr Betteridge. Cllr Pickernell volunteered, the clerk will notify the Management Committee.	
15/15	16 <u>Thematic Group Update.</u> – Update by Cllr Pickernell. The Transport Group will look into widening the pavement outside Drivers Relief as a project. The NEQ bridge will be started in July 2015 with relief road completed by 2016.	
16/15	17. <u>Shadow Campus –update.</u> The next meeting has been arranged for the 14 th January 2015 in the Council Chambers at 6pm.	
17/15	18. <u>Any Other Business</u> – TCAP is promoting the Proms band Concert in the Garrison Theatre Tidworth on Wednesday 18 th February 2015. Admission is free but tickets must be obtained, please make your request to TCAP Coordinator. Aspire Defence are offering some labour in Ludgershall to carry out any projects, please consider any work that needs carrying out and inform the clerk. To recognize the charity and community work of Maurice Betteridge, the Town Council will investigate how this can be achieved. Aster Communities has arranged a Home swapping meeting to be held at the Tidworth Community Centre on 9 th February 2015 from 3.30pm – 6.30pm where people can discuss swapping homes throughout Wiltshire. Cllr Unwin was thanked for removing the trainers from electric overhead cable at the old Youth Centre.	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8-25pm.

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