

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 13th April 2021 at 7pm, remotely using Microsoft Teams.

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

Representatives: Cllr Christopher Williams, Wiltshire Councillor, Lt Col Nick Turner, Garrison Engagement

Public: none

AGENDA ITEM

Before the meeting was opened everyone present observed one minute's silence for the recent passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Cllr M Giles explained that the Council had strict protocols already in place for such an event. There is an Online Book of Condolence available on the Town Council website (and a link to it from our Facebook page) for people to leave their comments. The Union flag is flying at half-mast outside the Memorial Hall and the Mayor of Ludgershall laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of all the residents of Ludgershall.

Cllr M Giles also advised that sadly 2 Cllrs are stepping down on 6th May, Cllr V Dixon after 8 years' service and Cllr B Cordery after 40 years' service. He wanted to thank them personally and on behalf of the Town Council for all their work and invaluable assistance over this time, they will both be missed.

155-20/21: 1. Apologies – none.

156-20/21: 2. Declaration of Interests – none.

157-20/21: 3. General Public Questions - none

158-20/21: 4. Chairman's Report – Cllr M Giles advised that due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions there is nothing to report to the Council. However, he has been invited to attend a service in memory of the late Prince Philip at Salisbury Cathedral this Friday, so he will report back on that next month.

159-20/21: 5. Police Report – this was circulated prior to the meeting. In Ludgershall there were the following incidents: 1 x theft, 2 x criminal damage, 10x domestic violence, 2 x vehicle offences, 1 x burglary and 9 public order incidents across the region.

160-20/21: 6. St. James's Church Report – no report was received from Rev T Laundon prior to the meeting.

161-20/21: 7. 26 Engineer Regiment Report – No report as WO1 RSM Marc Elliott is away on annual leave.

162-20/21: 8. Garrison Engagement Report – LtCol Nick Turner advised that like WO1 RSM Marc Elliott many soldiers are away on annual leave at this time, so they are thin on the ground. They are handling Operation Forth Bridge (the protocol in place following the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh) and following the necessary protocols. There have been some incidents of fly-tipping on MOD land and more recently at Double Hedges (Bulford) some travellers' set up camp there. There are 5 new Military policemen looking after such matters and they are robustly ensuring people observe the laws on using Byways and Footpaths – if people or vehicles stray from these then they will be issued with a ticket and fine. The idea is to prevent all anti-social behaviour and using a

DIO law and some very old legislation they managed to move the travellers' on after 3 days. The Garrison are working to Step 2 of their Covid Procedures in line with Government guidance and are making sure that pre-deployment training is taking place in a safe and efficient manner. Lastly, the first phase of the Ash Dieback programme on Salisbury Plain is complete and Phase 2 is due to begin in September. There will be more tree felling and re-planting and this will involve road closures as many trees in this phase are on road verges. Information will be circulated nearer to the time.

163-20/21: 9. [Wiltshire Council Report](#) – Cllr C Williams advised that there is nothing official this month from Wiltshire Council as they are in the Pre-Election period (Purdah). There will be a new Council formed in May. He went on to ask the Town Council if there are Litter Picks taking place (Spring Clean) as he has been approached by residents about it. The Clerk advised that we are not allowed to organize any group Litter Picks at present as Wiltshire Council will not remove any rubbish collected until all Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Cllr J Langley advised that on a recent walk at the top end of the woods between the polo field and the test track she had seen lots of fly-tipping, LtCol Nick Turner advised he will investigate as this is MOD land. Cllr CA Moore also advised that she has recently collected 6 x black sacks of rubbish including empty alcohol bottles and empty drug bags – The Clerk asked her to advise where this was and send any photos so the office can report to the Police as anti-social behaviour. Cllr Williams then asked if he could take an issue to CATG regarding the parking around the garages on Fleming Close, Ludgershall. The garages themselves have notices on to say that they must not be blocked but the issue is at the weekend when the road is completely full of cars and garage users cannot get their cars in or out of the garages. There have been some ugly exchanges and it is likely to escalate into worse. Cllr B Cordery advised that he has a garage there and has on many occasions been unable to access his garage. The issue is now the road which comes under the remit of Wiltshire Council Highways and Cllr Williams proposes that a solid white H line is painted to prevent this from happening in future. He has already spoken with Gareth Rogers in the Highways Dept and all Cllrs at the meeting agreed for this to go to CATG in future. Cllr Williams to forward on the request to the office for action. He also advised that he hopes to be back again in May (if he is voted back in). Cllr J White advised that she is having issues with the MyWiltshire online reporting system – they are not reporting back what action has been taken, even though she is reporting as a Cllr using her Town Council email address (not anonymously). He will look into that for her.

164-20/21: 10. [Memorial Hall Committee Report](#) – Cllr B Dance advised that they are still doing vaccinations and bookings are starting to come in – there are a few for next month, Clubbercise is back and some birthday and engagement parties. The Market on a Friday is still continuing to do well.

165-20/21: 11. [Minutes of the previous meeting held 09/03/2021](#) – these had been circulated prior to the meeting. No further comments were made. Cllr M Giles proposed they be accepted, Cllr B Dance seconded, all in favour. Office to publish on the website.

166-20/21: 12. [Committee Reports: Ratification of minutes for the following meetings: Civic Events meetings 11th March 2021 and 8th April 2021](#) - minutes have been circulated, there were no questions or comments; Cllr CA Allan proposed the minutes, Cllr B Dance seconded, all in favour and 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 15th March 2021** - minutes have been circulated and Cllr J White advised that there is a lead time of 6-8 weeks on the new picnic benches for the Recreation Ground, however as it is proposed that the old ones be passed to the Allotment Committee they will wait until that Committee meeting has taken place before proceeding. There were no further questions or comments; Cllr J White proposed the minutes, Cllr CA Moore seconded, all in favour and the Council resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41; **Allotment, Cemetery and Car Park meeting 16th March 2021** - minutes have been circulated there were no questions or comments; Cllr J Langley proposed the minutes, Cllr CA Moore seconded, all in favour and the Council resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41; **Planning meeting 8th March 2021** - minutes have been circulated there were no questions or comments; Cllr P Burgon proposed the minutes, Cllr C Giles seconded, all in favour and the Council resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12

para 41; **Extraordinary meeting 23rd March 2021** - minutes have been circulated there were no questions or comments; Cllr M Giles proposed the minutes, Cllr CA Allan seconded, all in favour and 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 31st March 2021** - minutes have been circulated. Cllr B Cordery proposed the minutes, Cllr B Dance seconded, all in favour and the Council resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate, under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. The Clerk went on to advise that due to the Covid-19 regulations, whereby Virtual Meetings must stop and face-to-face meetings resume from 7th May 2021, there is a need to find alternative venues for Council meetings as the office is too small to hold them with the correct Social Distancing Rules. So, the Memorial Hall is available on Mondays (not Wednesdays due to the continuing Vaccination programme) and the Scout Hall is no longer available on a Tuesday due to Kickboxing. Therefore meetings will be FTC change to the second Monday of the month – at the Memorial Hall, RLE stay as the third Monday of the month – at the Memorial Hall, Allotment change to the third Thursday of the month - at the Church Hall, Civic stay as the second Thursday of the month – at the Church Hall, Finance change to the last Thursday of the month – at the Church Hall, Planning tagging on to the front of one of these meetings.

167-20/21: 13. 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 B Dance seconded, all in favour. Office to make payments.

168-20/21: 14. Suggestion from resident regarding verge planting in Ludgershall – information was included in the agenda pack. Cllr CA Moore suggested that future verge planting could be teamed up with the requests the Council have received to offer gardening to those with mental health issues. Everyone agreed that it would look lovely and is a great idea. The office will start the proceedings with Highways at Wiltshire Council.

169-20/21: 15. Request from Wellington Academy re: placing advertisement banner in Centre of Ludgershall – An email from the Headteacher Steven Paddock had been included in the agenda pack. He would like to be able to display a 3m x 1m banner in the Centre of Ludgershall to help promote the Academy. The Cllrs considered the request and concluded that the only suitable place might be along the railings of the Memorial Hall, but that it would have to go their Committee for consideration. The only other place could be up by the water tower, but that isn't in the Centre of Ludgershall and while banners are permitted, they are only for a certain event and can stay up for a certain period before and after said event, so not suitable. A few members of the Memorial Hall Committee said they felt it was too big to go on the railings. The general feeling was that there is a huge banner outside the school and they are not able to offer any suitable locations. Office to go back to advise.

170-20/21: 16. Armed Forces Covenant – unfortunately, the Government website where the document was found for completion has the incorrect document attached, so the office now has the correct template and is working on getting this completed and signed.

171-20/21: 17. What3Words – the information on this was included in the agenda pack. Every 3m x 3m in the world had been defined in a square identifiable by 3 words. It is used to help emergency services identify locations and is hugely successful. It is proposed that the appropriate words are put onto the entrance at the Recreation Ground sign in case an air ambulance needs to land on the Rec. All Cllrs in favour of this and the office will arrange for those to go on the new sign and send the information by email to the Cllrs via their iPads so they can have a good look.

172-20/21: 18. Agenda points for next month – none.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.58pm.

The next meeting will be 17th May at 7pm in Ludgershall Memorial Hall.

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