

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7-00pm.

Present:	Cllr AKJ Pickernell in the Chair	Cllr CA Allan
	Cllr V Dixon	Cllr O White
	Cllr J Hollis	Cllr J White
	Cllr D Downie	Cllr N Allingham
	Cllr B Dance	Cllr B Cordery
	Cllr M Williams	Cllr J Langley
Representative:	Wiltshire Council Cllr C Williams	WO1 RSM L Bull 26 Engr Regt
Public:	There was 11 members of the public	Ms A Hossein-Pour - Press

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
207/17-18	1. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr CD Allan (Work) and Cllr M & C Giles (personal reasons, the Clerk elaborated).	
208/17-18	2. Declaration of Interests – Cllr CA Allan declared an interested in point 12 Bills for Payments.	
209/17-18	<p>3. General Public – Questions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public spoke about the volume of dogs’ mess found around the area of the Scout Hall and the Burial Ground at the back. The Committee discussed and suggested that perhaps the dog warden could be called in, Cllr C Williams reported that there is only 1 dog warden for the whole of Wiltshire so it may take time. Also there are posters at the office that any resident can use. • A garage owner in Ludgershall has to move from his premises as it is being sold. He does not want to leave Ludgershall and is struggling to get a unit on Castledown Business Park. This is a perfect location but as the description of use does not include garages Wiltshire Council and the Management team have refused him. Cllr C Williams has organised a meeting on Friday afternoon to discuss this issue. He asked LTC to write a letter of support to Wiltshire Council so that he can stay within the town of Ludgershall prior to this meeting. The committee agreed to do this, proposed by Cllr M Williams, seconded by Cllr N Allingham, carried. Clerk to write letter and email to FTC for confirmation prior to sending to Wiltshire Council. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public asked why the recycling centre at Everleigh was so limited on what they will take. Cllr C Williams said there is a problem with water and drainage at this site and they had to reduce the items that they can accept. Any large cardboard items can be put beside blue lidded recycling bins and they should be taken. • A resident said that now and again she can smell bleach/eggs coming from the old Dmed site that has caused itchy eyes and a sore throat. Also a clear liquid comes up from the ground and then goes green and kills her grass. The committee advised that this was an environmental issue and to come in to the office for the clerk to point her in the right direction. The Clerk asked how long this had been going on, 4-5 years. • A resident complained about the pot-holes within Hei-lin Way that they have been there for many years and are only getting worse. This has been brought to the attention of Cllr C Williams and the entrance is particularly bad. He has seen a paper from Wiltshire Highways that Hei-lin Way is to be resurfaced, he just doesn't know when. This issue must be brought up at the next CATG and raised as an Area Board issue. • A member of the public asked about the railway reinstatement plans, he was very interested and pro the line linking to Reading. Cllr O White spoke briefly about the progress but confirmed that after a recent report was received that it was more likely to be Basingstoke and not Reading. There is a growing support for these plans and the consultations report is held at the office, if anyone wants to read it. 	
210/17-18	<p>4. <u>Perry's Cottage – Change of Offer</u> – the Clerk explained that part of the site that the buyer thought was owned by LTC was not and he has had to purchase this for £3000 plus legal fees. Therefore he is reducing his offer to £56,000. The committee discussed, Cllr B Dance proposed to accept reduced offer, Cllr D Downie seconded, carried. Clerk to confirm with buyer.</p>	Clerk
211/17-18	<p>5. <u>Chairman's Report</u> – as the Chair is unavailable he will update for both periods at next month's FTC. Cllr AKJ Pickernell thanked the Clerk, Cllrs and residents for the help given to stranded drivers over the back hills to Collingbourne and Everleigh during the snow. Thanks also go to Tesco's for supplying water, crisps and bars for free which were taken up to the drivers.</p>	
212/17-18	<p>6. <u>Police Report</u> – Had been circulated. Current priorities are theft from motor vehicles and work vans over the whole patch. Local Crimes within the Ludgershall/Faberstown area there were 1 thefts, 1 road related and 1 drunken charge. PCSO Downham is leaving her position which she has held for 12 years on 18th March 2018, Cllr J</p>	

	White asked if the council could send a letter of thanks, Cllr J Langley proposed, Cllr B Cordery seconded, carried. Clerk to send.	Clerk
213/17-18	7. <u>26 Engineer Regiment</u> – RSM L Bull introduced himself and said the unit is very busy; the ‘great blizzard of 2018’ has meant 26 Engrs has had 4 x 4’s helping where they can, a small contingent of chemical/nuclear personnel are helping with the Salisbury issue, on top of their usual works. They are still committed to their community engagement with Wellington Academy and LTC. They have units in Canada, Bangladesh, Estonia, France and Sicily. Individuals are sailing, skiing, diving and rowing for Paralympics and charity events. These all help with cohesion within the regiment.	
214/17-18	8. <u>Wiltshire Council – Report by Cllr C. Williams</u> – at Full Council, band D household council tax went up to by approx. £100 per year. Wiltshire Council will not be cutting the ‘front line services’. 26/03/18 is Tidworth Area Board meeting 7pm at Tidworth Garrison Theatre all are welcome.	
215/17-18	9. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting held 13/02/18</u> – The minutes have been circulated. Cllr B Dance proposed, Cllr N Allingham seconded, carried.	
216/17-18	10. <u>Correspondence a) March Highways Newsletter</u> – This had been circulated. Clerk read out secondary information ref the survey at the end of the newsletter, Wiltshire Council want improvements to the question prior to the survey, any comments should be sent direct. b) Parish Steward Visits – This had been circulated to all Cllrs for their information due to adverse weather conditions, the usual work is suspended and they are addressing the road/pothole situation instead. c) Cllrs Briefing Note No. 342 – Waste and Environment - has been circulated, no comments. d) All newsletters and reports are available to view in the office.	Clerk
217/17-18	11. <u>Committee Reports</u> Civic Events held 8/03/18 – will be ratified at next FTC. Recreation Leisure & Environment held 19/02/18 – Minutes have been circulated. Cllr J Hollis proposed, Cllr CA Allan seconded, carried. Allotment, Car park & Cemetery held 20/02/18 – Minutes have been circulated. Cllr J Hollis said that an allotment holder has complained about the dogs mess on Bell Street Allotment, clerk to put on next agenda. Cllr D Downie said that Coop have recently donated their excess flowers, and he has put on un kept graves. Cllr J Langley proposed, Cllr B Dance seconded, carried. Finance & Policy held 28/02/18 - Minutes have been circulated. Cllr J White was disappointed with the way her letter was handled. Cllr AKJ Pickernell proposed, Cllr CA Allan seconded, carried with 2 abstentions. Planning held 13/02/18 - Minutes have been circulated, however as both the chair and vice chair of planning are not at the meeting it was felt this needed to wait	Clerk

	to be ratified at next FTC.	
218/17-18	12. <u>Bills for Payment</u> – Cllr J White queried payment to Cllr CA Allan being a retrospective payment, the Clerk stated that the Chair and Vice Chair of FTC and herself as RFO signed off on the payment as per Standing Orders. Cllr B Dance proposed, Cllr B Cordery seconded, carried with 1 abstention.	
219/17-18	13. <u>Code of Conduct research group</u> – Clerk explained that this was to have a procedure in place for if the Code of Conduct was broken in future. Cllrs CA Allan & B Cordery volunteered.	Cllrs CA Allan & B Cordery
220/17-18	14. <u>Rose Garden/Pillar Clock</u> – Cllr AKJ Pickernell explained to the public what this topic was about. There was a long discussion, Cllr J White queried whether LTC can give money to a different group to help refurbish LTC property. No decision can be made until this is understood, Clerk will report back.	Clerk
221/17-18	15. <u>Parish News – Volunteer</u> - Clerk explained that extracts from the ratified minutes after FTC are sent to the Parish News, after approval through office is given. The Cllr who was doing this has stepped down. She asked for a new volunteer, the committee discussed and Cllr O White will continue with this task.	
222/17-18	16. <u>Archives working party</u> – Clerk asked for volunteers to help with sorting through the archive room she suggested either Saturday 31st March or 2 afternoons 4th & 5th April. Cllr J Langley volunteered for the 5th. Cllr B Cordery notified the Clerk that there were slides of Ludgershall in the safe that he donated and are copy written to him and not to be given out. Clerk has noted and will ensure a note is attached to slides confirming this. Clerk will email out to all requesting help nearer the time.	Clerk
223/17-18	17. <u>Reminder that the Annual Town Meeting is being held on 3rd April 2018</u>	
224/17-18	18. <u>Agenda Points for next month</u> – None.	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.22pm, the next meeting will be on 10th April 2018, 7pm at the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall.

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