LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on		
Tuesday 14 th January 2020 at 7-00pm.		
Present:	Cllr M Giles in the Chair	Cllr B Cordery
	Cllr V Dixon	Cllr C Giles
	Cllr N Allingham	Cllr O White
	Cllr M Williams	Cllr CA Allan
	Cllr B Dance	Cllr J White
	Cllr J McConnell	Cllr J Langley
	Cllr AKJ Pickernell	
Representatives:	Sgt Mjr Mark Richardson – 26 Eng Reg	Cllr C Williams - Wiltshire Council
	PCSO – J Akehurst	Rev T Laundon – St James Church
Public:	1 members of the public	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
	Before the meeting started a minutes silence was held to respect the	
	recent passing of Allan Gardner, a previous Vice-chair of LTC.	
170/19-20	1. <u>Apologies</u> – were received from Cllr D Downie and Cllr CD Allan.	
	The committee resolved to accept these apologies and record under	
	the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.	
171/19-20	2. Declaration of Interests – there were none.	
172/19-20	3. <u>General Public – Questions</u> – no public questions.	
173/19-20	4. <u>Chairman's Report</u> – He attended RSM L Bulls funeral on LTC's	
	behalf, which was well supported. He also went to a symposium for	
	the Nepalese community in Tidworth and Ludgershall to show what	
	was available in the area, along with police, fire service etc. this is to	
	help with their integration.	
174/19-20	5. <u>Police Report</u> – PCSO J Akehurst reported that Christmas and New	
	Year were relatively quiet. There has been 3 thefts and 1 attempted	
	theft. They have also targeted the rural areas and arrested 3 men and	
	impounded vehicles regarding hare coursing. It was a large-scale	
	operation working in partnership with the Military and 28 volunteers.	
	A Cllr asked why such a large operation was needed for this, the	
	radiating problems that occur due to this type of crime make it a	
	necessity.	
175/19-20	6. St James' Church report –Rev Tim Laundon reported that there	
	were several well attended services over the Christmas period. He	
	was proud that the Church organized a meal on Christmas day for	
	those in the parish who were on their own. The pastoral visiting team	

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	met with Community Engagement Manager and others to try to	
	integrate in with the local GP practice. He has met with the 26	
	Squadron Commander regarding mental resilience; community	
	engagement helps with this and if any volunteering opportunities in	
	the local area become available please let them know. The church	
	has dates for events in 2020 and asked to coordinate with LTC, Clerk	Clerk
	will liaise.	Cicin
176/19-20	7. 26 Engineer Regiment report – Sgt Mjr Mark Richardson informed	
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	that the regiment is now back from leave. Three squadrons are off to	
•	Germany and 30 squadron are possibly off to Papua New Guinea.	
177/19-20	8. Garrison Engagement report – Lt Col Nick Turner sent his	
	apologies, there were no questions for him.	
178/19-20	9. Wiltshire Council report – Cllr C Williams reported that Wiltshire	
	Council has been quiet over the last month. He thanked Cllr N	
	Allingham for attending the CATG meeting on the 2 issues that had	
	been raised. The 30mph sign on New Drove was put up by the	
	builders of Granby Gardens and will be removed. The roads within	
	Granby Gardens are not adopted by Wiltshire Council yet. The	
	parking on Simonds Road is a problem - LTC needs to request Yellow	
	Lines but the 20mph zone is enforceable therefore the police can be	
	called. Castle Street Bend, CATG will investigate more signage at	Clerk
	approx. £2000, LTC must agree to pay 25% of the costs. The Church	
	yard trees are being surveyed and a plan will be put in place under	
	advice. The Community Grants may have some monies left for Capital	
	Projects for groups within the area and he advises the Youth Centre	
	to apply for a grant under the Youth Grants to help with the repairs to	
	the building.	
179/19-20	10. Memorial Hall Committee Report – Cllr N Allingham reported that	
•	the meeting held on 19 th December 2019 was brief. They have had a	
	new power socket added near the chair store. The recent Barn Dance	
	and Tabletop Sales have been successful, and the bookings are	
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	steady. They are also writing a 5-year plan and have discussed the	
400/40.00	quotes for the re-thatch of Perry's Cottage.	
180/19-20	11. Minutes of the previous meeting held 10/12/19 – had been	
	circulated prior to the meeting. With reference to item 17. the Clerk	
	confirmed that Ludgershall Town Council have registered their	
	interest in the 'pot of funding' available from Wiltshire Council in	
	order to help with refurbishment of the Community Building when	
	LTC decide they are taking on. No further comments were made. Cllr	
	J McConnell proposed the minutes, Cllr B Cordery seconded, the	
	committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate,	
	under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.	
181/19-20	12. Correspondence – The annual invitation to nominate Councillors	
101/19-20		
	to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace has been received.	
	Everyone was asked if they would like to nominate someone. Cllr O	
	White proposed that Cllr AKJ Pickernell be put forward as ex Vice-	
	Chair of the Council. All in favour – Clerk to complete the form and	1

	return asap.	Clerk
182/19-20	13. <u>Committee Reports</u> – Civic Events held 12/12/19 & 09/01/2020 -	
	minutes have been circulated, Cllr B Dance proposed the minutes, Cllr	
	J Langley 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 16/12/19 have been	
	circulated. Cllr J White advised that the Paths For All meeting is due to	
	be held tomorrow at 7pm. There has not been much interest in this	
	from Ludgershall and a project is needed for the area. This item	
	needs to the added to the agenda for the next RLE meeting. Cllr J	Clerk/Admin
	White then proposed the minutes, Cllr M Williams seconded, the	
	committee 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 held 17/12/19 have been circulated. Cllr CA	
	Allan proposed the minutes, Cllr N Allingham seconded, the	
	committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate,	Clerk/Admin
	under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41. Finance & Policy	
	held 02/01/2020 have been circulated. A question was asked re:	
	office hours owed to staff and the Clerk confirmed these are being	
	taken back and not paid as overtime. Cllr J McConnell proposed the	
	minutes, 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. Planning held 07/01/2020 have been circulated	
	Cllr O White proposed the minutes, Cllr N Allingham seconded, the	
	committee resolved to accept these minutes as true and accurate,	
	under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 41.	
183/19-20	14. <u>Bills for Payment -</u> these have been passed to the Committee.	
	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. Clerk to make payments.	Clerk
184/19-20	15. <u>Internal Audit – The Clerk read the conclusion from the report to</u>	
	the Councillors (this had already been sent by email). The report	
	praises the good work of the RFO/Clerk and the office. Cllr M	
	Williams proposed that the findings be accepted, Cllr N Allingham	
	seconded, all in favour.	Clerk
185/19-20	16. Parnhams Yard – The Clerk updated the Council in relation to the	
	covenant and the future proposed build on the land by Stonewater	
	Housing Association. As they are not acknowledging the covenant the	
	matter has been referred to litigation by LTC Solicitors. Cllr C Williams	
	asked to be kept informed.	
186/19-20	17. Community Building – discuss – It has been reported that Army	
	Welfare have advised DIO that they would like the building if	
	Ludgershall Town Council don't take it. LTC would like written	
	confirmation that they have first refusal on the building (Clerk to	
	obtain from Wiltshire Council). Cllr C Williams advised that he had	Clerk
	spoken to Wiltshire Council over Christmas to confirm that LTC do still	
	have an interest in the building. Only an expression of interest has	

	been made so far and a proper vote will take place once more details	
	are known regarding the particulars of the leasehold/freehold etc. At	
	the CATG meeting it was mentioned that Lovells would be finished at	Clerk
	Larkhill by the summer, Cllr C Williams will find out more details. The	
	Councillors asked for the Clerk to obtain the maintenance costs over	
	the last 12 months DIO. This can be obtained from the contact at	
	Wiltshire Council. Cllr C Williams also advised that the streetlights on	
	the new estate cannot be turned up (the Santa run volunteers had all	
	previously commented that the lighting was very poor) due to the	
	type of light bulbs used. Also, the railway line remains under the road	
	and there will be no removal or taking down of the appropriate	
	signage while it remains there.	
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187/19-20	18. VE Day – meeting 22/01/2020 – what does LTC want to do? – It is	
	proposed that there will be a street party, but it will be a Town event	
	and not run by the Council or the Civic Events Committee. Volunteers	
	are required for the meeting on 22 nd January 2020. Cllr C Williams	
	informed the meeting that monies remain in the Capital Funding pot	
	for community led projects and LTC could obtain a grant from	
	Wiltshire Council to help fund part of the event. Clerk to apply in due	Clerk
	course.	
188/19-20	19. <u>CATG Meeting update – this was previously discussed at point 9.</u>	
	Cllr N Allingham attended the meeting on behalf of LTC. His	
	observations were that no agendas had been circulated to the	
	relevant parties prior to the meeting. The communication had	
	generally been poor and other areas with proposals had turned up	
	with large numbers to support their applications while LTC had been	
	told that numbers were strictly limited. It was agreed that the	
	agendas and minutes for all CATG meetings should be sent to all	
	Parishes and Towns in the area. Cllr C Williams has arranged for this	
	to happen moving forward. The Clerk will inform the residents	
	concerned of what was discussed and agreed. It was proposed by Cllr	
	N Allingham that LTC contribute £500 (25%) towards the proposed	
	improved signage and road markings at Castle Street bend. This was	
	seconded by Cllr M Williams, all in favour. Clerk to notify CATG of the	Clerk
	agreement to contribute up to £500 and clarify that if the costs go	
	over £2K then LTC need to be informed. Cllr C Williams advised that	
	the enforcement notice of the 7.5 tonne limit is still not officially	
	effective and that SSE have still not provided a definite date to have	
	the sign illumination completed by. LTC are very concerned that this	
	has been delayed so much. It was also agreed at the CATG meeting	Clerk
	that the 30mph signs put up by the developers on New Drove will be	
	taken down. They asked LTC to come back to them once they have	
	further information. Cllr N Allingham requested that a Metro Count	
	be carried out on Simonds Road the committee agreed – Clerk to	
	request. And the committee suggested that perhaps double yellow	
	lines would help, the Clerk mentioned that Wiltshire Council have	
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	requested any new parking restrictions be requested by end January,	

	this will be discussed at RLE next week. It was also reported that the	
	Metro Count on Butt Street had revealed that vehicles are speeding	1
	and a request has been made to Wiltshire Police to set up a	1
	Community Speedwatch. Clerk to put the statistics on the website	
	and Facebook page and ask for volunteers for this.	
189/19-20	20. Agenda points for next month – Community Building.	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.08pm, the next meeting will be on **11**th **February 2020**, 7pm at the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall.

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