

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



| Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council Meeting held in the Scout Hall Chapel Lane Ludgershall on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7-00pm | | |
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| Present: | Cllr White (chair) | Cllr Giles |
| | Cllr Pickernell | Cllr Dixon |
| | Cllr Langley | Cllr Hollis |
| | Cllr Cordery | Cllr Hall |
| | Cllr Downie | |
| Absent | Cllr Dance | |
| In Attendance | Cllr C Williams -Wiltshire Council | WO1 Richie Hines – 26EngRgt |
| | Mr J Faretra - Press | Mrs C Giles (Public) |

| | <u>Agenda Item</u> | <u>Action</u> |
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| 103/16. | 1. Apologies for Absence. Cllr M Williams (work). | |
| 104/16 | 2. Declaration of interest. Cllr Giles and Cllr Langley both expressed an interest in Item 9, Finance and Policy Committee and Bills for Payment. | |
| 105/16 | 3. Resignation and Casual Vacancies The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Burgon due to a change in personal circumstances. There are also three casual vacancies to be filled. | |
| 106/16 | 4. Chairman’s Report. A redrafted position paper about the Ludgershall Branch Railway has been received from Cllr Christopher Ecclestone, Andover Town Council. A meeting will be called to discuss the council’s position prior to Ludgershall Town Council sending a letter to Sustainable Transport, Wiltshire Council outlining the council’s position. Copies of Cllr Eccleston’s paper can be sent by e-mail on request. Cllr C Williams requested that he is copied into the Town Council’s letter. The Castle Practice has been reviewed by Patient Care, and has passed their inspection. Cllr White and Cllr Pickernell attended a Dementia Coffee Morning at Bartlett House. A request was made to WO1 Hines to see if any serving soldiers from 26 Engineer Regiment would be prepared to visit the home to talk to the retired military there. Nick Cowen, Rights of Way Officer from Wiltshire Council, visited the office on 9 th June. Unfortunately he has very few resources available to him and they have to be spread over the whole of the south of the county, but he has agreed to cut the grass and hedges once for 3 footpaths this year | |

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| | <p>only. This will be Footpath 3, the footpath behind the St James Church from St James Street to Gould Close, and the path from the Recreation Ground to Andover Road. Cllr Cordery advised that there used to be a Footpath committee in the past which used to keep footpaths clear. If a similar committee was formed in the future, it would require a leader to be present, volunteers to be trained in how to use the equipment, and Wiltshire Council notified each time the team went out to ensure the team was covered by Wiltshire Council's insurance. Cllr Williams advised that the Tidworth Area Board had been given money to use towards the purchase of suitable equipment. The matter will be referred to the Recreation, Leisure and Environment Committee.</p> <p>Castledown Radio held a very professional debate on the EU Referendum which was broadcast live.</p> <p>Another Cleanup for the Queen was held on Friday 10th.</p> <p>The Queen's 90th Birthday and Summer Fete was held on 12th June. The weather was wet, but the Chairman thanked the Civic Events Committee for all their hard work in making it as successful as it was, and also thanked 26 Engineer Regiment through WO1 Hines for the loan of the tents and equipment.</p> <p>A report had been produced in the Andover Advertiser following the previous meeting reporting on the disciplinary action taken against one of the councillors. The Chairman reported that neither himself nor the Town Clerk were able to alter the date and day of a meeting. Instead, it had been proposed at one of the Recreation, Leisure and Environment Committee meetings that the date be changed from the 3rd Monday of each month to the 4th Monday and this was then put to the Town Council for ratification. However, the Clerk raised concerns about the change as it did not allow sufficient time for any actions (particularly financial ones) to be completed in a timely manner before the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on the last Wednesday of the month. It was referred back to the Recreation, Leisure and Environment meeting, who subsequently voted to leave the date and time of the meeting unchanged.</p> <p>A student from Wellington Academy attended the Council Office for a week on work experience. She enjoyed her time there, but did comment that some students might find it difficult to work with much older people. Mrs Dixon had written and published a book on the history of Ludgershall Castle.</p> | Clerk |
| 107/16 | <p>5. <u>General Public.</u> There were no questions from the member of the public.</p> | |
| 108/16 | <p>6. <u>Wiltshire Council.</u> Report given by Cllr C Williams. The next meeting of the Wiltshire Council will be in July. Cllr Williams also endorsed how well Castledown's on-air debate on the EU Referendum went, and added that he was going to be on air from 10pm on 23rd June to comment as results were declared.</p> <p>There was a child poverty meeting on 14th June to make attendees aware of what services were available.</p> | |

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| | Cllr C Williams is arranging for councilors from Ludgershall to visit the Community Centres at Bradford on Avon and Westbury on 13 th July. | |
| 109/16 | 7. <u>Police Report.</u> There has been no reports from the police for several meetings. However, Cllr White advised councillors they should report any issues referred to them which they thought the police should know about. Cllr Pickernell expressed concern as he had discovered a problem which was being discussed by Wiltshire Council and the Police, but which had not been brought to the attention of either Ludgershall Town Council or Cllr C Williams, and which could potentially bring the council into disrepute. | |
| 110/16 | 8. <u>Minutes of the previous meeting.</u> The Chairman pointed out that there was a piece of text missing in para 11 (subsequently found to be a printing problem). However Cllr Giles proposed that subject to the amendments being made to Para 11, the minutes should be accepted. Cllr Langley seconded, carried. | |
| 111/16 | 9. <u>Correspondence.</u> a) The new edition of the Community First Magazine had been received. b) A new listing of the Wiltshire Civic Heads had also been received from Wiltshire Council. c) An invitation from Cllr Dick Tonge of Wiltshire Council had been received to hear the lessons learnt regarding Community Asset Transfers to Salisbury City. However, the council had taken over assets from Kennet District Council several years ago, and Cllr C Williams thought that it wouldn't be beneficial to councillors. d) CATG had been contacted by a member of the public raising a request for extra double yellow lines between Bell Street and Stratford Mews. CATG asked for comments and confirmation of the council's support for this. After discussion, Cllr Langley proposed that the council supported this request, Cllr Pickernell seconded, carried. Cllr C Williams advised that Wiltshire Council's Enforcement Officers should be advised of the problems caused by parking there. Additional items had been received since the agenda was issued. An invitation had been received from the Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Mike Veale to attend a meeting at Devizes Corn Exchange on Wednesday 6 th July at 6pm. Anyone who wished to attend should contact the Office. Tidworth Town Council have arranged Councillor Training at the Community Centre on 28 th June, and have offered places to Ludgershall Town Council. Cllrs Pickernell and Giles have submitted their names, but if anyone else wishes to attend, they should notify the office. There is a cost to the council. | Clerk |
| 112/16 | 10. <u>Committee Reports.</u> <i>Finance and Policy Committee.</i> Cllr Giles reported on this committee - minutes had been circulated. Cllr Giles advised that there were several errors that needed to be corrected, on the list of bills to be paid and went through these. In addition, Item 13 needed further clarification – the new surface for the path related to Bell Street Allotment. Cllr Langley proposed that the minutes be accepted subject to these being amended, Cllr Hollis seconded, carried. <i>Allotments, Cemetery and Carpark committee.</i> Cllr Pickernell reported on this committee - minutes had been circulated. Cllr Pickernell advised that he had written to Mrs Pollard advising that the matter of the Bell Street Allotment footpath | |

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| | <p>had been passed to the Finance and Policy Committee. A quote to reduce the height of the Cemetery hedge to 2m had been received from Gavin Jones, although the work will not be carried out until the autumn. The bollard for Bell Street hadn't yet been ordered as a subsequent problem with the Cemetery bollards had been reported. Also, the word 'rates' in para 6 should be replaced by 'precept'. Cllr Giles proposed that subject to this amendment, the minutes should be accepted, seconded by Cllr White, carried. <i>Recreation, Leisure and Environment</i>. Cllr Hall reported on this committee - minutes had been circulated. Cllr White suggested that the section on replacing the playpark wet pour area next year be deleted. Cllr Giles proposed that subject to this amendment the minutes be accepted, Cllr White seconded, carried. <i>Planning</i>. Cllr Pickernell reported on this meeting, and minutes had been circulated. Cllr Dixon pointed out that 1st June was on a Wednesday not Tuesday. Cllr Giles proposed that subject to this amendment, the minutes be accepted, Cllr Dixon seconded, carried. <i>Civic Events</i>. Cllr Giles reported on the two meetings held on 12th May and 7th June – minutes had been circulated. Cllr Cordery objected to para 3 of the minutes for the meeting of 12th May saying that he had not asked for a three hour dog show. Cllr Giles agreed to review this, and the minutes will be reviewed at the next Town Council meeting. The other minutes related to the Queen's 90th Birthday and Summer Fete. Cllr Giles thanked all the councillors who took part. The event had made a small loss, but not as badly as feared given the bad weather. Cllr Langley proposed and Cllr Dixon seconded that the minutes be accepted, carried.</p> | |
| 113/16 | <p>11. <u>Welcome Pack for New Residents of Ludgershall.</u> The Rector of the Parish Church had been in contact with the council about collaborating to produce a Welcome Pack for new residents. The councillors felt that this was a good idea and should be supported. WO1 Hines advised that a new regiment was coming to Swinton Barracks, and that the army routinely provided information to army families. He might also be able to provide assistance in producing the pack. It was agreed that a meeting of stakeholders, including the rector and Jeanette Woods, 26 Engineer Regiment Welfare, should be held. Cllrs Dixon and Cllr Langley volunteered to undertake a lot of the research required. Cllr C Williams suggested that advertising sponsorship would help with the printing costs, and also suggested that the Health and Wellbeing TCAP committee could apply to the area board for a grant.</p> | Clerk/Dixon/ Langley |
| 114/16 | <p>12. <u>Health and Wellbeing Facility – Update.</u> Cllr Pickernell reported on the last meeting held on 9th June. The timings are still very fluid as to when the building will become available, but the Town Council are still expected to make a decision about accepting it by April 2017. However, if the council do accept it, they will not incur any financial liability for the building until it is signed over. A structural survey has confirmed that there is only one retaining wall, enabling larger community rooms to be created, the cost of which will be borne by Wiltshire Council. Cllr Pickernell questioned available parking, it is suggested that the building will share</p> | |

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| | parking with the school. He asked the steering committee to confirm timings and financial details in writing. | |
| 115/16 | 13. <u>Mayoral Regalia.</u> The quotation for the new regalia is £1909.38 plus carriage and VAT. Cllr Giles proposed that this quotation be accepted, Cllr Hall seconded, and the vote was unanimously accepted. | Clerk |
| 116/16 | 14. <u>Freedom of the Town.</u> The Freedom of the Town has been offered to Alderman Ken Beard, MBE who has accepted the honour. The proposed date for the ceremony is 24 th September. A guest list has to be compiled, and formal invites printed, and a buffet arranged for invited guests. The ceremony will be open to the public, and will be held in the Memorial Hall. | Clerk |
| 117/16 | 15. <u>Thematic Group Update.</u> Cllr Pickernell reported that TCAP presentations had been given to volunteers. Although groups are still local, Wiltshire Council are slowly centralizing activities. TCAP finance has been withdrawn, and the CO of Tidworth Garrison is investigating how to get the work carried out by TCAP incorporated into the Area Boards. Cllr Pickernell commented that TCAP as a whole has been beneficial to Ludgershall in raising its profile within the county. | |
| 118/16 | 16 <u>Any Other Business (information only).</u> Cllr Pickernell reported that another Blue Light Day would be held in Ludgershall on 18 th July pm at the Recreation Ground in Dewey's Lane. WO1 Hines apologized for not being able to attend the previous two meetings. He will attend as many of the future meetings as his military duties allow, and confirmed that a new liaison officer, WO2 Kelly, had been appointed and could attend other meetings. WO1 Hines also hoped to bring both the CO and the new Padre to the next meeting. He had been present at the Civic Awards Ceremony to collect the award presented to 26 Engineer Regiment and it is now on display in the RHQ together with the citation. The work on Somme Road is now very near completion, and the army hope to have a proper ceremony to mark its handover. He suggested that the Freedom Parade is carried out as part of the Remembrance ceremony, but the route would have to be re-visited. He will also investigate as to whether a marching band is available. Another boxing night is being organized for 28 th October, and invites would be sent out in due course. Cllr Giles suggested that a report from 26 Engineer Regt be included as a separate agenda item, perhaps to replace the Police Report. The next civic event is Ludgershall In Bloom. WO1 Hines has a WO2, Michael Pumfrey, who loves gardening, and suggested that he would make a suitable independent judge of the event. Cllr White reminded that the Scouts were blowing three blasts on the whistle at 0730hrs to commemorate the start of the Battle of the Somme. The rector had also offered to lead a short prayer at the event. However, there is no intention to close any roads. | |

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held on 12th July 2016

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