

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7-00pm		
Present:	Cllr White in the Chair	Cllr Cordery
	Cllr Pickernell	Cllr Dixon
	Cllr Langley	Cllr Burgon
	Cllr Hall	Cllr Downie
	Cllr M Williams	Cllr Giles
	Cllr Hindson	
Representatives:	Cllr C Williams, Wiltshire Council	WO1 Richard Hines, 26 Engr Rgt
	Cllr Ecclestone Andover TC	Cllr James Andover TC
Absent:	Cllr Dance	Cllr Allan
	Cllr Hollis	PCSO M Downham

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
38/16	<p>Before the meeting commenced Cllr White requested that item 17 be discussed at the same time as Item 9 Finance and Policy. Agreed.</p> <p>1. Apologies were received from Cllr Crane (Absence agreed), approved.</p>	
39/16	<p>2. Declaration of Interest. Cllrs Burgon, Giles and Pickernell declared an interest in Item 10.</p> <p>A former councillor, John Newham, died in Jan 16. He had served for 27 years on the council, and Cllr White requested a minute silence for him as a mark of respect</p>	
40/16	<p>3. Branch Reinstatement. A short presentation on the activities Andover TC had taken with a view to getting the Ludgershall-Andover Line reinstated was given by Cllr Ecclestone. There is a possibility that this could be achieved as a condition by the Franchisees of the SW Train contract which is up for renewal. Cllr White suggested that the way forward locally was for a feasibility study and a working group to be set up. Cllrs Ecclestone and James left the meeting at 7.30pm</p>	
41/16	<p>4. Chairman's Report – Ludgershall Town Council has been represented at the following meetings: - Castledown Business Park meeting, TCAP Economic and Built Environment Committee, the formation meeting of Mens Shed, and Child Poverty. Members of the committee had also visited Westbury Leigh Community Hall, and taken part in the Clean for the Queen</p>	

	event. He also wanted to thank Peter Unwin for providing vouchers for free portions of chips for participants.	
42/16	5. General Public Questions – No public questions	
43/16	6. Wiltshire Council - Report by Cllr C Williams. –The Child Poverty event at Wellington Academy was well attended – its basic premise had been to raise awareness. As a result, a working group was being set up. He also thanked everyone who had taken part in the Clean for the Queen litter pick. He had attended a Youth Awareness event in Trowbridge, and confirmed that the group would also be performing at the Community Awards Event on 21 st April The next Tidworth Area Board Meeting would be held on 14 th March in the Garrison Theatre.	
44/16	7. Police Report – No report or apologies received.	
45/16	8. Minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated. Cllr White from the Chair proposed the minutes to be a true record, seconded by Cllr M Williams, carried.	
46/16	9. Correspondence a) Wiltshire Council- Leader’s Budget speech. A copy of this is available in the office. b) MOD SPTA monthly Newsletter for March is also available in the office. c) Notification received of a variation to a Premises License for Mughal Restaurant to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises. d) Tower Mint Queens 90 th Birthday Medal. A sample had been sent to the office. However, it was felt that it was rather expensive at £1.99 each. An additional item had been received after the agenda was issued. This was regarding training sessions on the Wiltshire Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging infrastructure. The nearest session was at Salisbury on 11 th April at 6.15pm.	
47/16	10. Committee Reports Finance & Policy – Cllr Giles reported on meeting held 24 th February 2016, minutes had been circulated. A new Fixed Term account had been opened at Lloyds – none of the other banks offered a suitable product. The interest rate was poor – only 0.080%. The Garden Club’s S137 request had been approved but would be paid from the following year’s budget – a letter would be sent to the Club advising them of this. The Clerk had received notification of the re-evaluation of the ratable value of the carpark. Wiltshire Council also presented a bill for outstanding rates dating from May 2014 to March 2016 – this was due to the Recycling bins being removed by Wiltshire Council contractors. The Clerk had challenged the initial amount charged and an amended bill was received, although no explanation as to how the figures were calculated in either case had been received, either verbally or in writing. However, a clothing bin had been collected at a later date. Cllr Pickernell stated that the Allotment, Cemetery and Carpark Committee hadn’t discussed this issue, but this was unavoidable due to the date the letter was received, and the date that the money had to be paid. Cllr M Williams proposed that the bill be paid in full to avoid any legal	Clerk

	<p>penalties, but that a letter be sent regarding the Clothing Bank, to see if the bill could be reduced further. [Secretary’s note: after the meeting, it was discovered the Clothing Bin had only remained for approx. 3 days, so no further action was taken]. Bills for Payment- See list total £10,477.95. A transfer of £689.00 from the current account to the Bus 30 day Gratuity account being the agreed 3.75% of the Clerk’s annual salary. Also a transfer of £11,000.00p from the Business 30 day account to current account for signature. Cllr Giles proposed this report should be approved and cheques signed, seconded by Cllr Langley, carried.</p> <p>Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park - Cllr Pickernell reported on meeting held 16th February 2016, minutes had been circulated. Cllr Pickernell proposed this report should be approved, seconded by Cllr Cordery, carried.</p> <p>Recreation, Leisure & Environment – Cllr Hindson reported on meeting held 15th February 2016, minutes had been circulated. Sovereign [Play Equipment] had confirmed that their staff would be adding extra pegs to the matting sometime next week. Cllr Giles confirmed that the Finance Committee had already approved the purchase of the replacement for the frayed rope and that the item was on order. Cllr Hindson proposed this report should be approved, seconded by Cllr Giles, carried.</p> <p>Planning Cllr White reported on meeting held 16th February 2016, minutes had been circulated. Cllr Cordery proposed the report should be approved, seconded by Cllr Pickernell, carried.</p> <p>Civic Events – Cllr Giles reported on meeting held 18th February 2016, minutes had been circulated. The Easter Event is in place, although the start-time was now 2pm, and has been advertised. The Fete & Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations work is ongoing, Cllr Langley requested that councillors contributed items for her to make up a food hamper for the raffle, but one of the other councillors offered to sponsor this. WO Hines suggested that the new CO may be more amenable to the regiment taking a more active role in the event, and thought that the cadets based at Wellington Academy may also be interested in taking part. CriticalCare have not responded to our request to provide first aid at the event. Cllr M Williams will speak to him. Cllr Giles proposed this report should be approved, seconded by Cllr Langley, carried.</p>	
48/16	<p>11. <u>Bell Street Allotments</u> – Another letter has been sent to the resident of 6 Hyson Crescent, but there has been no response. Neither has the fence been reinstated. This will be referred back to the Finance and Policies Committee</p>	Clerk
49/16	<p>12. <u>Town Council Clock Project</u> – no reply from the WW1 committee. .</p>	
50/16	<p>13. <u>Health & Wellbeing Facility</u> – The Steering Group has now been split into two: the proposed users of the facility, and those who are providing the requirements. The next users meeting will be 5th April at 2pm. A request for a small portion of the available land has been received from Wiltshire Council. Cllr Pickernell as Chair of the Steering Group advised that Wiltshire Council will be looking for Ludgershall TC to commit to the adoption of the building by April 2017.</p>	
51/16	<p>14. <u>Defibrillator</u> – The Clerk raised questions regarding the Public Liability Insurance and the installation charges with the Community Engagement</p>	

