

**Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the
Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 9th July 2013**

Present: C’Ilr White in the Chair, C’Ilr Dance, C’Ilr Crane, C’Ilr Betteridge, C’Ilr Dixon, C’Ilr Downie, C’Ilr Pickernell, C’Ilr Giles, C’Ilr Hollis, C’Ilr Gardner & C’Ilr Unwin. Representatives: C’Ilr C Williams, Wiltshire Council, Inspector C. Lange, Wiltshire Police and Steve Dancey, press reporter. Members of the Public: Mrs Loveless, Mr & Mrs Freeman, Mr Rugg, Mrs Walker, Mrs Holmes & 3 youths.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July meeting and our new C’Ilr Peter Unwin duly signed his Declaration of Office form.

1. Apologies were received from C’Ilr Cordery (family) & C’Ilr Dance.

2. Declaration of Interests C’Ilr White declared an interest in Finance & Policy minutes re a travel expenses claim.

3) Casual Vacancy No application for vacancy on North Ward received.

4) Remembrance Sunday Service – Presentation by Inspector Christian Lange. With significant cut backs, the police must be careful how they use funding. The police presence to stop traffic for approx 20 minutes during Remembrance Service at War Memorial in Ludgershall can no longer be guaranteed and the policy must change. The organisers must manage the crowds and apply to Wiltshire Council for road closure, this involves: - a) consulting people on route. b) Road Management Plan. c) Contact emergency service & Bus companies. d) Risk assessment. E) Stewards & signage. Wiltshire Council discussed the matter at full Council today and they will feed back amendments to the existing policy to Parish & Town Councils. This matter needs to be resolved as 8 weeks’ notice is required to close a road, plus all the other issues to purchase road signs and recruit stewards etc. Insp Lange was asked if this would affect the whole of Wiltshire – yes but he has no control over it nationally. Inspector Lange & 4 members of the public left the meeting at 8-10pm.

5) Chairman’s Report – C’Ilr White reported the sudden and very sad death of Mr Bernard Cole an operator at the Fair on Saturday afternoon. The post mortem has revealed he died of natural causes; sincere condolence will be passed to the family.

Other events attended representing Ludgershall between 15th June -8th July 2013 - Tidworth Community Event at the Tattoo Ground, Planning Committee at Devizes re application 4-6 Andover Road, this was refused permission. Benchmarking Training at Corsham & ABC meeting Tidworth. 26 Engineers cocktail Party, TCAP Health & TCAP Children/Young Persons thematic groups. TCAP & Tidworth Town Council to compare 2012 Benchmarking Surveys & Scout Hall committee meeting.

6. General Public Questions Deborah Holmes and 3 youths requested the skateboard park is extended in the Rec to enable them to practice more difficult jumps etc, examples of larger parks can be seen at Devizes, Salisbury & Portsmouth. The youth would be prepared to apply for funding if directed and also investigate any sponsors. It was agreed to remit this matter to R, L & E committee for discussion and the youths were invited to attend.

7. Wiltshire Council – Report by C’Ilr C Williams Full Council meeting had discussed the grass cutting problems encounter following the transfer of the contract to Balfour Beatty on 1st

June 2013, Wiltshire Council confirms it is only teething problems during the first 3 months of settling in.

Tidworth Community Area Board – next meeting on Monday 15th July 2013 at Enford Village Hall commencing 7-00pm. C’Ilr Williams left the meeting at 8-20pm.

8. Minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated; matters arising 10) Annual Return – on final check of figures before sending to Grant Thornton the clerk found a typing error by accountant, they were notified of the alteration and form sent in the post. 15) Newsletter had been printed and distributed unfortunately C’Ilr Pickernell was omitted from C’Ilr list, 3 people had checked the contents and missed it, apologies for this mistake.

C’Ilr White from the Chair proposed the minutes to be a true record, seconded by C’Ilr Crane, carried.

9. Correspondence

a) Wiltshire Council – Local Highways & Streetscene Workshop; a thank you to all Parish & Town Councils that took part, shortly presentations and outcomes from the workshops will be sent out to the clerks.

b) The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust – a thank you letter for our recent £100 donation.

Ludgershall Pre-School Playgroup – thank you letter for our recent £250 donation.

c) An invite to Councillors to attend a ‘Leavers Service’ for the children leaving Castle Primary this term to be held in St James Church on 23rd July 2013 at 11am.

d) Visit Wiltshire – a copy of the amended entry for Ludgershall in the Great Days Out 2014 edition.

e) A complaint by e-mail from Mr Slater, Central Street regarding noise from the fair in the Rec on Thursday 4th July 2013. The Chairman visited the fair on Friday evening and spoke to Joe Stokes about the complaint and on Friday you could hardly hear the fair in Central Street, so a reply has been sent.

f) Newsletters, reports and other correspondence received will be given to the relevant committee who will report back to full Council if necessary.

10. Committee Reports

Finance & Policy Committee – C’Ilr Gardner reported on the meeting held 26th June 2013, minutes had been circulated. Investment of £85,000-00p with Lloyds TSB matures on 8th July 2013, with the setting up of town office/community hub it was agreed to only re-invest £75,000-00p plus £381-45p interest for a further 6 months at 0.7% interest rate. Castledown Radio request continued financial support towards essential prerequisites required for the station to broadcast. It was agreed to make a grant of £2500-00p each year for the next 3 years, commencing July 2013. **Bills for Payment** – see list of cheques totalling £9245-16p, plus a transfer of £5000.00p from Business 30 day account into the current account. C’Ilr Gardner proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr Crane, carried.

Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee – C’Ilr Pickernell reported that minutes of the June meeting had been circulated, no issues raised. C’Ilr Pickernell proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr Giles carried.

Recreation, Leisure & Environment Committee – C’Ilr Crane reported that minutes of the June meeting had been circulated, with the closure of the Fair on Saturday afternoon due to the very sad circumstances it was agreed to waive any charges for this shortened visit.

A refund of £2045-80p had been received from SSE regarding reconnection of supply to the Rec, thanks to C’Ilr Unwin for his help in this matter. C’Ilr Crane proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr Betteridge, carried.

Planning Committee – C’Ilr Crane reported 2 meetings held during June, minutes had been circulated. No issues raised, C’Ilr Crane proposed both reports should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr White, carried.

Civic Events – C’Ilr White reported that notes of the last meeting had been circulated; volunteers would be given areas to view gardens and nominate 1st, 2nd & 3rd. The clerk will approach Mr Markwood and The Crown Inn for the shields to be returned. C’Ilr White proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr Crane, carried.

11. Shadow Campus C’Ilr Crane reported a meeting was held on 8th July 2013, Tidworth Town Council are discussing if they go it alone to build their new Community building or if they wait for the Campus project. Ludgershall Town Council need to put forward their wish list of services required, a small committee of C’Ilr Crane, White, Giles & Dance will take this forward.

It was reported C’Ilr Mark Connolly had requested an apology from C’Ilr White regarding the LTC report in the June Church Magazine, C’Ilr Pickernell declared an interest as he represents TCAP on this committee not LTC. The extract had been taken from our ratified May 2013 minutes, and it was agreed no apology was required.

12. Town Council Office – no further update the capping of the service charge is still to be agreed.

13. Ludgershall TC Face Book – unfortunately this is still waiting to be set up, C’Ilr Allan had to cancel the agreed date.

14. Any Other Business.

Towns Alive Awards – Ludgershall Town Council has been commended for their entry in the Sports & Leisure section of South Zone. The judges all recognised the high quality of our application regarding Ludgershall Skateboard Project.

The clerk to check ‘Welcome to Wiltshire’ sign is still visible as you enter Faberstown.

C’Ilr Pickernell reported the caretaker of Castle Primary School was leaving and also 26 Engineer are helping the school with tents for their Fete & BBQ.

C’Ilr Unwin will join the Recreation, Leisure & Environment committee held on 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Council Chambers.

C’Ilr Gardner reported being approached by Bourne Practice regarding the cigarette ends being dropped from flats above onto the pavement, the clerk will report to Wiltshire Council. There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9-50pm.

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