

**Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the
Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 10th December 2013**

Present: C’Ilr White in the Chair, C’Ilr M Williams, C’Ilr Dance, C’Ilr Laing, C’Ilr Allan, C’Ilr Betteridge, C’Ilr Dixon, C’Ilr Pickernell, C’Ilr Giles, C’Ilr Hollis, C’Ilr Cordery, & C’Ilr Unwin.
Representatives: C’Ilr C Williams, Wiltshire Council, Mr C Stevens, 5th Wiltshire B-P Scouts & Steve Dancey, Andover Advertiser.

1. Apologies were received from C’Ilr Gardner (prior meeting) C’Ilr Downie (work) and C’Ilr Crane (illness).

2. Declaration of Interests – C’Ilr Pickernell declared an interest regarding Finance & Policy agenda item 11.

3. 5th Wiltshire B-P Scouts – a detailed printed presentation was circulated to all members outlining Ludgershall Scouts and their achievements during the first year. Colin Stevens briefly went through the booklet ending with future plans to open a Senior Scout section 16-18 yrs, recruit leaders, volunteers & instructors for some of the groups. Approach the Scout Hall committee to relocate Scouts, Seniors & Wolf Cubs to the Scout Hall. To assist in gardening & natural world badges apply to go on the allotment waiting list. Set up formal links with a Sponsored Regiment & link the Group to the local Royal British Legion branch. The Chairman thanked Colin for all his hard work in achieving the formation of a Scout Group in Ludgershall, the numbers joining shows all ages appreciate the hard work.

4. Chairman’s Report – representation during the last month: - Allotment site meeting with C’Ilr Pickernell, WALC Annual General Meeting at Devizes, help the clerk collect the allotment rents on 5th December 2013, New Office windows – it took all day to clean inside and outside. The chairman is very disappointed at the amount of obscene graffiti on and around the skateboard equipment, after reporting this to the police; our parish steward has painted over it.

5. General Public – Questions & Police Report – no members of public present.

Police Report – no officer present, copies of circulated police updates available for inspection. Wiltshire Police are compiling records of all known defibrillators with in Wiltshire, the clerk has confirmed both doctor’s surgeries and the fire station in Ludgershall have a defibrillator available.

6. Wiltshire Council – C’Ilr C Williams reported on the proposed review of Housing Allocations Policy, a consultation/survey will be carried out but local connections and work in the area will be classed as a priority when seeking housing.

Highways – Wiltshire Council will invest additional money 2014-2017 to reduce the historic backlog in highway maintenance, Ludgershall has already had two sections resurfaced.

Castledown Business Park – proposed opening of stage 2 opens in January 2014, this will be boost for the economy.

Core Strategy is with the planning inspectors and it shows another 7,000 dwellings required in Wiltshire up to 2026.

Army Rebasing 20/20 - Formal Planning Application in 2014. The clerk has received a master plan showing all the sites illustrated in the Army Basing Salisbury Plain consultation exhibition covering Salisbury Plain, maps circulated around the table, remit to Planning

Committee for further discussion (a reminder all C'llrs are invited to attend Planning Meetings)

World War 1 commemorations – Wiltshire Council Legacy committee to encourage Town & Parishes to approach Area board regarding events to be held.

The next Area Board meeting will be held at Wellington Academy please submit any local agenda items for discussion.

C'llr Pickernell asked C'llr C. Williams if he could investigate the responsible authority to request permission to lower the kerb outside of his house in Coronation Road.

7. Minutes – from the previous meeting had been circulated; matters arising - 4) the clerk to clarify date of inaugural meeting at Mrs Dixon's house. 5) Commercial Waste – there will be a new contract 2015/2016 and more grades will be accepted.

8b) HCC cannot lower the speed limit any further at this location due to the mean speeds recorded. but they thank LTC for supporting the 50mph limit. C'llr White from the chair proposed the minutes were a true record and should be signed, seconded by C'llr Cordery, carried.

8. Heritage Railway Project

A copy of a letter from MoD via Sir George Young has been received confirming there are no plans to change the Ludgershall railhead from its current usage so therefore there are no proposals for the MoD to remove the track. The Chairman will meet with Andover Town Council on 12th December 2013 and discuss the inaugural meeting. The Garrison Commander or his representative will be listed as a nominated person on this committee. Mr P Rodgers has also shown an interest in being kept informed.

9. Correspondence

a) Wiltshire Council – Bus timetable Mailing Service, in future no hard copies of bus timetables will be sent as a result of the tight financial situation, printed copies will be available from libraries. Comprehensive and up to date timetables can be viewed and downloaded at www.traveline.info

b) Police & Crime Commissioner - Application from Tidworth Police & Ludgershall Town Council to the Innovation Fund, November 2013 has been unsuccessful, further information will be supplied by an officer whether a new application in March would be feasible.

c) Community First – Good neighbour Coordinator Graham Wright has supported 136 older vulnerable people in our community area over the last year. Although this service is funded by Wiltshire Council it has grown and developed demanding more GNCs time and the funding no longer covers the essential work, therefore financial help is being requested remit to Finance & Policy for discussion.

d) Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – a copy of the Public Safety Plan has been received for information.

e) 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'llr White reported on meeting held 4th December 2013, minutes had been circulated. Council Tax Support Funding- further information gained at

WALC AGM from C'Ilr Tonge, Wiltshire Council that central government has reduced their funding to Wiltshire Council to 65% for 2014/2015 and this funding will be reduced to nil in 4 years. On the present figures Wiltshire Council will grant LTC £9823-56p for 2014/2015, but final confirmation will not be received until after 21st December 2013. Precept 2014/2015 the draft budget shows LTC require £100,390-00p for 2014/2015, a reduction has been made as New Village Hall transfer of £10,000-00p has been removed with no immediate plans for a new building. Based on the above figures F & P recommend LTC request precept £100,390-44p + Wiltshire Council's grant of £9823-56p, giving a total £110,214-00p. These figures would result in a small increase of £5-18p per annum for a Band D property costing £76-86p for 2014/2015. The draft precept figures recommended above were accepted, but are still subject to alteration by Wiltshire Council at their meeting on 21st December 2013, therefore this will be an agenda item for voting at January 2014 full Town Council. **Bills for payment** – see list totalling £5278-83p plus a transfer of £3000-00p from Business 30 day account into the current account was requested for signing. C'Ilr White proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Giles, carried.

Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee – C'Ilr Pickernell reported on meeting held 19th November 2013, minutes had been circulated, no issues raised C'Ilr Pickernell proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Dance, carried.

Recreation, Leisure & Environment Committee – C'Ilr Allan reported on meeting held 20th November 2013, minutes had been circulated. 7c) the question was asked how could you obtain a quote for repair costs. Members of that committee present requested the minutes were amended by removing this paragraph, no further issues raised. C'Ilr Allan proposed this report after amendment should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr M Williams, carried.

Planning Committee- C'Ilr Pickernell reported on meeting held 12th November 2013, no issues raised, C'Ilr Pickernell proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Cordery, carried.

11. Preferred Contractor List 2014/2015

A draft application form was circulated for discussion, it was felt this had been tried before and failed, but it was suggested a list of contractors used during the last 12 months was compiled.

12. Ludgershall Town Council Facebook Page – Colin Stevens in his day job is offering a Facebook page for LTC and he would administer it if required. After discussion C'Ilr Pickernell proposed not to take up this offer, seconded by C'Ilr Giles, carried. Fly posting on telegraph poles, wooden stakes on verges and other surfaces such as fences is becoming an eye-sore through the Town with many not being removed, suggestions to control this were discussed but before a decision is made the clerk will contact the enforcement officer regarding this ongoing problem.

13. Town Council Office/Community Hub – Admin Vacancy

The hours and rates of pay were discussed, this should only be advertised locally at first, the clerk will produce draft documents and circulate for comment.

14. Benchmarking Forms

Thanks to C’Ilr Dixon, C’Ilr Pickernell & C’Ilr White the business surveys had been distributed and collected with a poor response, the Cake Hub also complained she had been refused to attend the Christmas Fayre, it was felt local business should be supported at all times. Each C’Ilr’s undertook to get 5 Users surveys completed by December meeting, the numbers returned is very small. However, all completed forms will be sent off for evaluation.

15. Shadow Campus – no meeting held.

16. Any Other Business

Bus shelter outside Sarsen Stoves is very dirty; the clerk will request the community steward cleans it.

Christmas Fayre – C’Ilr Dance complained not many of events committee turned up at the event to help; perhaps specific jobs should be allocated before the event.

C’Ilr White & C’Ilr Pickernell had been contacted by the headmaster of Castle Primary School regarding remarks made at last meeting of this committee (no minutes taken).

A wash up meeting of this committee regarding the Christmas Fayre & new Civic events to take place during 2014 e will be called in January 2014.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9-45pm.

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