

**Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the
Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 13th August 2013**

Present: C’Ilr White in the Chair, C’Ilr Unwin, C’Ilr Cordery, C’Ilr Hollis, C’Ilr Giles, C’Ilr Dixon, C’Ilr Downie, C’Ilr Betteridge, C’Ilr Crane, C’Ilr Dance, C’Ilr M Williams & C’Ilr Allan (arrived 7-40pm). Representatives: C’Ilr G Wright, Wiltshire Council & S. Dancey press reporter.

Member of the public Mr J Sparrow.

1. Apologies were received from C’Ilr Pickernell (holiday) & C’Ilr Gardner (prior meeting), C’Ilr C Williams, Wiltshire Council and the Police.

2. Declaration of Interests C’Ilr White declared a pecuniary interest in F & P agenda items 5 & 9. C’Ilrs Betteridge & Crane declared an interest in F & P agenda item 5.

3. Good Neighbours – an update by C’Ilr Graham Wright who is the co-ordinator for the Tidworth Community Area. Good Neighbours help support residents to live independently for longer; much of the work involves referrals when patients are leaving hospital to return home, leaflets on Householders’ Guide for Emergencies were handed out for information. Winter – does Ludgershall TC carry out snow clearance, no but we have details of local 4 x 4 vehicles on our Emergency Plan but most drivers still work full time. Does Ludgershall have a list of vulnerable people, not available. One client in Coronation Road has passed his thanks for the help received via C’Ilr Cordery.

Graham also announced he is now Chairman of Ludgershall & Tidworth Link Scheme, they urgently require more drivers to provide vital transport for local people, leaflets with details were circulated. C’Ilr Wright left the meeting at 7-50pm.

4. Vacancy – no applications received for new Councillor on North Ward.

5. Chairman’s Report – C’Ilr White gave a list of meetings attended during the last month which included Market Towns at Warminster, TCAB at Enford, & Visit Wiltshire at Salisbury, thanks to the C’Ilrs who also attended these meetings. LTC had an informal meeting with the developer Mr P Cobb of 4-6 Andover Road regarding the planning refusal. A meeting with Planning Officer Mike Wilmott has been arranged for Thursday 15th August in the Council Chambers at 1-30pm. A sub-committee has put forward a wish list of services to be considered for Ludgershall to the SCOB. An annual review of the Emergency Plan is being undertaken. Invites had been received from TDCC to attend their BBQ & Castle Primary School leavers Church Service. Finally the Chairman had an invite to The High Sheriff’s Concert at Marlborough College in October; unfortunately he will send his apologies.

6. General Public Questions & Police report

Mr John Sparrow, Director & presenter of Castledown Radio thanked the Town Council for their agreed financial support over the next 3 years. The radio station is looking for any spare dry secure storage space for audio & lighting equipment as they have to pay for storage in Andover at the moment, they would need access to the premises a few times a month. In return the radio would give the property owner help to promote any business or a voice in the community. John Sparrow left the meeting at 8-10pm.

Police report by e-mail – theft of rotary washing line from Stratford Mews, theft of an iPod from Club in Tidworth Road, theft of motorcycle from Perham Crescent, it then crashed into wall in Short Street. Fraud by 2 men entering a store in Andover Road asking for change, then changing it back and confusing staff. Hit & run traffic accident in Astor Crescent where a parked car was hit by small red hatchback. Criminal damage to property and to a convertible car in Simonds Road. Burglary in Wood Park, where a laptop and computer games were stolen. A child's scooter was stolen from a garden in Coronation Road. C'Ilrs reported the fraud with asking for change had occurred at other shops in Ludgershall. The clerk reported a bogus planning application notice posted on the Bell Street bus, both the above will be reported to the police.

7. Wiltshire Council – report by e-mail C'Ilr C Williams has been contacted to discuss the MoD's railway route between Andover & Ludgershall as it seems perfect for opening as a steam/heritage line to work around MoD usage. The station at Andover is almost ready to go in terms of an operating station and there is easily space at Ludgershall for a station with maybe a further extension of the line to Collingbourne. The C'Ilrs agreed unanimously to enter discussions with all interested parties as this would be a positive boost for our local economy.

8. Minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated; matters arising: - 6) Youths had attended the TCAB meeting at Enford giving a presentation on new skateboard equipment in Ludgershall. 9d) Visit Wiltshire – complaint received that Ludgershall is not on the map shown on their website; the clerk confirmed Ludgershall is on all 2013 Visit Wiltshire leaflets & will request the website is amended. An amendment to numbering on minutes requested alter item 15 to be numbered 14. C'Ilr White from the Chair proposed the minutes after amendment to be a true record, seconded by C'Ilr Giles, carried.

9. Correspondence

a) Wiltshire Council Community Days – information received the idea is to encourage communities to identify local highway and amenity issues and then work in partnership with Wiltshire Council to resolve them.

b) Develop – Enhancing Community Support. Posters received to advertise this local charity providing services and a voice to Voluntary Organisations & Community Groups.

c) Community First – Annual General Meeting being held on Wednesday 25TH September 2013 in Devizes Town Hall. Nomination form also enclosed for Awards which will be presented commencing 5-45pm before the AGM at 6-45pm.

d) Visit Wiltshire – following communication regarding advertising entries a positive meeting has been held to discuss how Ludgershall can expand their tourism. Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade with the help of Visit Wiltshire has produced a leaflet with a map listing places of nearby interests, accommodation and walking trails, Ludgershall will investigate the possibility of producing a leaflet for Tidworth Community Area. It was also suggested Ludgershall should contact English heritage for a site meeting at the Castle.

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’Ilr White reported on the meeting held 31st July 2013, minutes had been circulated. Investment of £75,381-45p confirmed by Lloyds TSB, maturing 8th January 2014. Clerks’ salary - committee recommends an increase of salary of 1% back dated to 1st April 2013 making the annual salary £16,822-00p. **Bills for Payment** – see list of cheques totalling £ 4158-73p, plus a transfer of £5000-00p from Business 30 day account into the current account was requested for signing. C’Ilr Giles proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr Cordery, carried.

Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee - C’Ilr Giles reported that minutes of the July meeting had been circulated. Ludgershall in Bloom- the Chairman thanked all volunteers who nominated gardens and the overall winners for both domestic and commercial classes were judged on 8th August 2013. The clerk will purchase a £25-00p garden voucher for the winner of domestic class and purchase 2 small shields for the 2 winners to keep in perpetuity. C’Ilr Giles proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr Dixon, carried.

Recreation, Leisure & environment Committee – C’Ilr Crane reported that minutes of the July meeting had been circulated, no issues raised C’Ilr Crane proposed this report should be approved, seconded C’Ilr M Williams, carried.

Planning Committee- C’Ilr Crane gave a report on the Wiltshire Council Planning Workshop he had attended in Devizes and the changes to planning rules being implemented. The clerk had notified the committee of an appeal for refusal of planning application at 23 Astor Crescent asking if LTC wished to send any further comments in addition to our original objection, it was agreed no further action.

Minutes of Planning meeting held on 30th July 2013 had been circulated, the committee raised objections concerning two applications. no other issues raised C’Ilr Crane proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’Ilr Cordery, carried. A copy of the ratified minutes to be forwarded to C’Ilr C Williams, Wiltshire Council for information.

The Chairman had received an e-mail from Mr P Cobb; developer of 4-6 Andover Road site stating he would be appealing against the refusal for this site. The informal meeting held with LTC had not produced one pro-active suggestion.

Civic Events Committee - C’Ilr White reported on meeting held 25th July 2013, notes had been circulated, no issues raised C’Ilr White proposed this report should be approved seconded by C’Ilr Allan, carried. Application forms to enter Mr & Mrs Ludgershall and tickets to purchase to attend the event are available from Down at the Chippie.

11. Shadow Campus – C’Ilr Crane reported two new members had joined the committee, C’Ilr White & a representative from Tidworth Mums. Ludgershall’s completed consultation outlining the wish list of services had been handed to the meeting and Tidworth Town Council are putting the building of a new Civic Centre in abeyance at the moment.

12. Remembrance Sunday Service Wiltshire Council wreaths will be obtained by County Hall this year for individual C’lrs to collect as the wreath will bear the Wiltshire Council’s Coat of Arms.

Temporary Road Closure – Wiltshire Council are still investigating the guidelines for short services held in rural areas. Ludgershall will need to consult by advertising a notice on their website and notice boards for the given period and will be required to display Road Closure signs on the day, the clerk to check if the person needs a Street Works Certificate to position the signs on the highway and also any advice on dimensions of signs and where they can be purchased/hired.

13. Town Council Office/ Community Hub – no further progress as landlord solicitor has been on holiday. The councillors felt this situation had gone on for long enough and the clerk to reply unless the service charge cap can be resolved allowing the lease to be ready for signing at the next Town Council meeting on Tuesday 10th September 2013 then LTC is proposing to withdraw from these negotiations as there are other suitable properties on the market now in Ludgershall.

14. Any Other Business

Youth Development Co-ordinator has e-mailed the chairman to say part of the YAG group is fund raising to provide a litter bin on the Rec near the skateboard. Details of the current model LTC has purchased has been forwarded for information.

C’lir Unwin has offered to remove the 3 pairs of trainers from the overhead cables outside the Co-op as this could possibly signify drug/gang culture.

Great western Ambulance Service, could an up on their response statistic’s for Ludgershall be obtained, as often ambulances or vehicles are parked in Tidworth.

Can the Town Council nominate a local person for an Honours Award having given devoted service for the benefit of the Community over many years, this will be investigated.

C’lir Cordery requested the overhanging willow tree at Bell Street bus stop has its crown lifted, the clerk reported worked was carried out yesterday.

C’lir Downie reported the Castles sign stating ‘All Sold’ for properties along Malthouse Walk is still in situ, the clerk will ask for it to be removed.

There being no further business to report the meeting closed at 9-30pm.

Signed.....Date.....

