

**Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall,
Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 7-30pm**

Present: C’lr White in the Chair, C’lr M Williams, C’lr Dance, C’lr Allan, C’lr Betteridge, C’lr Downie, C’lr Crane, C’lr Pickernell, C’lr Freeman, C’lr Hollis, C’lr Cordery & C’lr Kennedy. Representatives: C’lr C Williams, Wiltshire Councillor & Steve Dancey, press reporter. Member of Public: Mrs Loveless.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April meeting and announced there would be no elections for Town Councillors on 2nd May 2013, everyone who had been nominated was returned elected after due process, leaving 2 vacancies on the Council one in South ward and one in North Ward.

1. **Resignation** - the chairman announced C’lr Tanner had handed in her resignation, an acknowledgement will be sent.
2. **Apologies** were received from C’lr Gardner (another meeting)
3. **Declaration of Interests** – C’lr Pickernell declared an interest in Finance minutes agenda item 7.

4. **General Public – Questions** – Mrs Loveless - a) why had a number of police yellow bollards been left in Andover Road near Bell Street entrance, it could be due to the recent fibre optics cable work. b) It was good to see 2 new shops opening in Ludgershall. c) Short Street lay-by opposite the School there are 3 parked land rovers that do not move, the clerk will check if they are displaying a current tax disc.

Police unable to attend meeting, an e-mail of occurrences reported during the past month were read out (appendix A)

C’lr Crane had taken a photo in Andover Road of an Aster vehicle parked on the pavement completely blocking it & he witnessed a pedestrian with a pushchair having to go into the road to pass it – C’lr C Williams offered to investigate.

C’lr M Williams reported alcohol being served to possible under aged youth in Tesco Monday evening around 8pm and then being distributed to other youths outside, the clerk will report to police and give C’lr M Williams details for the police to contact him.

5. **Wiltshire Council** – report by C’lr C. Williams. There would be no election for your Wiltshire Councillor in Ludgershall as it had been uncontested, so C’lr Williams has been elected for another 4 year term of office. Throughout the whole of Wiltshire 6 divisions were uncontested with 3 being in the Tidworth Community Area Board. Due to canvassing in the run up to elections things at Wiltshire Council have been very quiet.

6. **Minutes** from the previous meeting had been circulated, matters arising: - 6) Emergency Planning exercise booked for Wednesday 22nd May 2013, the Wiltshire Council Public Protection Service offer to send a facilitator, the clerk will accept. 7) a) Chamber of Commerce not interested in Town Council joining Visit Wiltshire. d) The question about change of address for Wellington Academy will be addressed to the Principal at the Annual Town Meeting. The first edition of LTC Newsletter has been circulated and put on the website and received positive reports, a vote of thanks to C’lr Crane for all his hard work, please forward any photo’s and write up for next issue. C’lr White from the Chair proposed the minutes should be signed as a true record, seconded by C’lr Crane, carried.

7. **Correspondence**

- a) Visit Wiltshire – Familiarisation Passport 2013 containing vouchers for entry to many attractions around the county. The aim is to enable the Town Council to recommend these places to your visitors with confidence of personal experience. Please let us know your favourite visit and send us your pictures. The latest newsletter received by e-mail.
- b) Aster Group Communications had requested the Chairman added a quote to their press release with regard to opening of Richard Wells Terrace on Monday 8th April 2013. Chairman agreed – ‘ LTC were pleased to be involved from initial planning stage through to naming and subsequent opening of the sustainable energy efficient homes. The new properties are a welcomed addition for much needed affordable homes in the area’.
- c) Wiltshire Council, Local Highways & Streetscene – the new contract which commences on 1st June 2013 will reduce several contractors to one provider. A series of workshops are being arranged to ensure we are fully informed and involved TCAB workshop will be held 23rd May 2013 at Devizes Corn Exchange 6-8pm. The Chairman and Clerk will attend.
- d) WALC – Councillor Memory sticks are being offered at a cost of £8-00p + VAT containing essential information for each councillor and specific Ludgershall documents can be added, it will save time and money on printing & paper costs. After discussion it was agreed to order 15 USB memory sticks.
- e) Newsletters and other correspondence received will be given to the relevant committee who will report back to full Council if necessary.

8. Committee Reports

Finance & Policy Committee – C’lrr White reported on the meeting held on 27th March 2013, minutes had been circulated. 7) Donations recommended to a) TCAP Coordinator post £1000-00p, b) The Sunset Club £300-00p. 11) Toilet cleaning contract has been renewed for a further year with a 3% increase due to cost of materials.

Work to reconnect both water and electricity supply at the Rec is ongoing, a vote of thanks to C’lrr White for all his work involved with both projects. **Bills for Payment** – see list of cheques totalling £8634-09p, plus a transfer of £10,000-00p from Business 30 day account into the current account. C’lrr White proposed this report should be approved and cheques plus transfers signed, seconded by C’lrr Crane, carried.

Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee – C’lrr Pickernell thanked C’lrr Tanner for writing the minutes for the meeting held 19th March 2013, these had been circulated. C’lrr Cordery confirmed the Old Castle Club were still interested in having small recycling bins. C’lrr Pickernell proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’lrr Cordery, carried.

Recreation, Leisure & Environment Committee – minutes of the March meeting had been circulated, no issues raised. C’lrr Crane, proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’lrr Dance, carried.

Planning Committee – minutes of the meeting held during March 2013 had been circulated, no issues raised. C’lrr Crane proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’lrr Pickernell, carried.

Civic Events Committee – notes of meeting held on 4th April 2013 had been circulated. Advertising banner to be decided at next meeting, C’lrr M Williams will find First Aid Cover & undertake a Risk Assessment. C’lrr White proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C’lrr Allan, carried.

9. Market Towns – Benchmarking

The five areas for action from 2012 survey have been agreed at Finance & Policy meeting, letters can now be sent as listed, using the AMT-i Report as evidence. A copy of all the correspondence will be sent to Jane Scott, Leader of the Council and C’lr C Williams for information.

C’lr M. Williams left the meeting at 8-35p.

10. Shadow Campus

A reminder of Campus informal meeting for Councillors only in Council Chambers at 6-00pm on Wednesday 17th April 2013. The Campus project will follow a due process, but please take this opportunity to ask your questions.

11. Town Office no further progress, the clerk & Chairman will call into Barker. Son & Isherwood’s Ludgershall office to try and speak with Christopher Taylor our solicitor.

12. Community Awards – are being held on Wednesday 24th April 2013 at Wellington Academy, all Towns & Parishes within TCAB are being offered display boards in the reception area to display the community legacy from events held during 2012. The Chairman has volunteered to provide the appropriate photos etc.

13. Any Other Business.

C’lr Pickernell thanked the Town Council for their support in granting the TCAP Coordinator a grant. On Saturday 20th April 2013 a Prince of Wales Band Concert is being held in Tidworth Garrison Theatre at 3pm please contact Tony for tickets.

C’lr Cordery complained that car park and entrance to Spar/Tesco etc is in a dreadful state again unfortunately this is private land & shop keepers need to complain to their land lord. Complaints again regarding motor bikes being ridden along Footpath 3 and into farmer’s field please ring police 101 while incident is happening as it is a criminal offence to trespass on MoD property. Aster Communities has repaired a large section of fence in front of Richard Wells Terrace.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their hard work during this long-term of office & wished those not standing every success in any new ventures

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-00pm.

Signed,..... Date.....