

Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall,

Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 7-30pm

Present: C’Ilr White in the Chair, C’Ilr M. Williams, C’Ilr Dance, C’Ilr Crane, C’Ilr Betteridge, C’Ilr Kennedy, C’Ilr Tanner, C’Ilr Pickernell, C’Ilr Freeman, C’Ilr Cordery & C’Ilr Allan arrived 7-40pm. Representatives: C’Ilr C Williams, Wiltshire Council, S. Dancey press reporter & PC Bayliss/PC Noyce. Member of Public: Mrs Loveless.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

1. Apologies were received from C’Ilr Gardner (prior meeting), C’Ilr Beard & C’Ilr Downie (leave of absence).

2. Declaration of Interests – no declarations received.

3. General Public – Questions.

Mrs Loveless complained about the litter deposited on footpath from Short Street to Fleming Close, she was advised to contact Aster Communities as this is private land. On a positive note Mrs Loveless was pleased to see two new shops opening a Cake Hub and Bike Shop.

PC Bayliss introduced the new Community Beat Manager PC Noyce for the Ludgershall & Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team. Reported incidents: vehicle crimes - items on show stolen from vehicles, ideally do not leave items in the vehicle and make sure the vehicle is secure at all times. Cannabis farm found in a flat in Andover Road, resident of Johnson Way received offensive texts. Parked cars in Roy’s Close and Wood Park damaged by sharp instrument, fighting in High Street late at night & another late night altercation whereby two females were assaulted.

ASB – playing football outside several shops in Andover Road, youths advised to move on, a resident of Andover Road will not return football from his garden. C’Ilr Crane also complained of football being played against the Memorial Hall.

The Chairman and Councillors wished PC Bayliss a happy retirement, both police officers left the meeting at 7-45pm.

4. Wiltshire Council – Report by C’Ilr C. Williams.

a) Wiltshire Council will debate at full Council on 26th February 2013 to freeze their Council Tax, although savings of £28m are necessary, but front line services will remain the same. C’Ilr Pickernell asked why leaks to the Innovation Suite at Castledown Business Park had not been resolved. This is an ongoing situation being investigated by an expert in glazing to find out whether it is the Architect or Contractor to blame, it was agreed the Town Council would raise an issue at the next TCAB meeting.

C’Ilr Williams left the meeting at 7-55pm.

5. Minutes from the previous meeting had been circulated, matters arising: - 14) 5th Wiltshire B-P Scouts investiture evening was a great success with over 50 scouts being invested. C’Ilr White from the Chair proposed the minutes should be signed as a true record, seconded by C’Ilr Pickernell, carried.

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting had also been circulated; C’Ilr White from the Chair proposed the minutes should be signed as a true record, seconded by C’Ilr Cordery, carried.

6. Correspondence

- a) Visit Wiltshire has sent our membership certificate valid until 31 March 2014 and sticker to be displayed in the new office. There is also an invite to attend and exhibit at the Visit Wiltshire Literature Exchange on Thursday 7th March 2013 in the Civic Centre, Trowbridge, no volunteers.
- b) Choices Hire Service, Eastover Farm Business Park, Abbots Ann are holding an 'open day' on Thursday 14th March 2013 8am – 10pm.
- c) Police & Crime Plan – a consultation is being launched 18th February 2013 on –line at www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk please take part.
- d) Pear Technology are inviting all customers to a Training Day 11th April 2013 at Ordnance Survey HQ, Southampton, costing £95-00p +VAT unfortunately a laptop is required to load the software onto, therefore the Clerk will not be able to attend, although the use of a laptop was offered.
- e) Newsletters and other correspondence will be given to the relevant committee who will report back to full Council if necessary.

7. Committee Reports

Finance & Policy Committee- C'Ilr White reported on the January meeting held 30th January 2013, minutes had been circulated. 9) Committee recommend amendment to clause 5.3 of Financial Regulations is adopted. **Bills for Payment** – see list of cheques totalling £ 7,766-41p, plus a transfer of £10,000-00p from the Business 30 day account are signed. C'Ilr White proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Crane, carried.

Allotment, Cemetery & Car Park Committee – minutes of the January meeting had been circulated, no issues raised, C'Ilr Pickernell proposed the report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Dance, carried.

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

Planning Committee- minutes of the meeting held during January had been circulated, no issues raised, C'Ilr Crane proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Cordery, carried. A vote of thanks to C'Ilr Crane as chairman for controlling this meeting with 40 members of the public present.

8. Civic Event committee

'Terms of Reference' circulated, in addition it was recommended the Chairman and Vice Chairman should be councillors and also to ensure adequate insurance to cover any event was in place. Suggested event ideas- Ludgershall in Bloom, Mr & Mrs Ludgershall, Vintage Vehicle Rally, Christmas Fayre. C'Ilr's Allan, Tanner, White, Cordery & Pickernell volunteered to sit on this committee. A date of first meeting was agreed as Monday 4th March in Council Chambers at 7-00pm, invites to be sent out to our contact data base from 2012 events.

9. Shadow Campus – C'Ilr Crane reported: a) The next meeting will be held on Monday to evaluate the survey. b) Wiltshire Council officers had been contacted regarding their proposed visit to Tidworth Community Area regarding a presentation on the Campus. C'Ilr

Pickernell also reported on the Youth Workshop held at Wellington Academy on 7th February 2013 had revealed a lot of expertise for youth activities in the Community Area.

10. Emergency Plan – Review

It was suggested there were some minor additions such as local radio stations details but because of the May elections the telephone tree of the document might need amending it was decided to review the document after May 2013.

11. Town Office – Update

The Planning page of Wiltshire Council website is showing our Change of Use application is recommended to be granted, awaiting written confirmation.

Barker Son & Isherwood require the Town Council's consent to start work on the lease by signing and dating a copy of their letter dated 31st January 2013 and a cheque for £200-00p. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman who will be signing the document on behalf of the Town Council need to evidence of identity into the Ludgershall Office. C'Ilr Freeman proposed the consent should be given, seconded by C'Ilr Pickernell, carried.

12. Newsletter

After discussion it was agreed in principle to produce a newsletter on a quarterly basis to help raise the profile of Ludgershall Town Council, but recommended the final details should be discussed again at the June 2013 meeting after the elections. The clerk will obtain costs from the local printer & report back.

13. Any Other Business

C'Ilr Cordery suggested photographs of all councillors should be displayed in the Town Office with a short write up, he also offered that postcards from his History Society slides of old Ludgershall could be produced and sold.

C'Ilr Pickernell through the TCAB Transport Committee had confirmation that Wiltshire Council would supply some bus shelters in Andover Road but the Town Council would have to pay to install, insure and maintain. R, L & E had already investigated 3 sites and found bus shelters were not possible.

C'Ilr Crane reported a new Memorial Hall website at www.ludgershall-memorial-hall.co.uk ; photographs of the 3 celebration events held in 2012 are displayed.

C'Ilr M Williams requested stepping stones to form a path into the Garden of Remembrance at our Cemetery should be investigated; remit to Allotments, Cemetery and Car Park committee.

The Clerk had received two requests for new grit bins following the recent bad weather, one in Short Street and one in Johnson Way, remit to R, L & E committee.

Councillors complained about the increase in dog fouling around the town and the clerk had a complaint from driver's relief, remit to R.L & E committee.

AS a result of complaints being raised about the Town Council, C'Ilr White will produce a draft 'List of Council Responsibility ' and state councillors are not paid but can claim travel expenses before putting it on our website.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9-20pm.

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

