

**Minutes of Ludgershall Town Council meeting held in the Scout Hall,  
Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7-30pm**

**Present:** C’Ilr White in the Chair, C’Ilr Dance, C’Ilr Betteridge, C’Ilr Kennedy, C’Ilr Pickernell, C’Ilr Freeman, C’Ilr Hollis & C’Ilr Downie arrived 7-45pm. Representatives: C’Ilr C Williams, Wiltshire Council, S. Dancey press reporter & PC Bayliss arrived 8-00pm. Member of the Public: Mr Bamford.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the January meeting & wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**1. Apologies** C’Ilr Gardner, C’Ilr Crane, C’Ilr Allan (ill), C’Ilr Cordery, C’Ilr Beard, C’Ilr Tanner (family) & C’Ilr M Williams (holiday).

**2. Declaration of Interests** C’Ilr Pickernell declared an interest in Bills for Payment and agenda item 11. The Clerk had granted Dispensation decisions to all C’Ilrs enabling them to vote on agenda item 8 Precept 2013/2014.

**3. General Public – Questions**

Mr I Bamford who had attended the recent Planning meeting was alarmed at the speed planning applications were viewed by the committee & that comments/objections were sent to Wiltshire Council prior to minutes being ratified. The Chairman replied the Town Council acted as consultee only for an overall view on how the application would affect the whole of Ludgershall, not focusing on individual objections.

**4. Wiltshire Council** - Report by C’Ilr C Williams.

a) Agenda for Area Board at The Wellington Academy on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 includes the new Police Commissioner, Community Area Blogs & Disability Officer. It is hoped to hold a March 2013 Area Board meeting at Tidworth Community Centre.

b) Jane Scott is holding a Legacy Meeting at the Corn Exchange, Devizes on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to try & keep the momentum of celebration events of last year going in 2013. .

**5. Minutes** from the previous meeting had been circulated, matters arising: - 7b) Reply from NALC showing written evidence to Growth & Infrastructure Bill. 3) The Scout Hall has been booked for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 to hold the Annual Parish/Town Meeting for Electors. 15) Aster Communities Awards – C’Ilr Hollis & Macaulay Hollis each received a Certificate for their work towards the Skateboard Park in Ludgershall. C’Ilr White from the Chair proposed the minutes should be signed as a true record, seconded by C’Ilr Pickernell, carried.

**6. Correspondence**

a) Wiltshire Council – Posters advertising the new Ludgershall Walking Group received for distribution, the group is starting on Tuesday mornings from 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, 9-30am from the Car Park.

Localism Act 2011 – New Standards Regime has been operating since July 2011, Town/Parish Councils requested to indicate which code of conduct they adopted & also if additional interests for Wiltshire Councillors to register as listed on appendix A should be included in our own local code. C’Ilr White from the Chair proposed it would be prudent to add the additional interests, seconded by C’Ilr Pickernell, carried.

Legacy Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at the Corn Exchange, Devizes, C’Ilr Pickernell and the Clerk will attend.

b) New Development at Wood Park, Ludgershall - Aster Homes are looking for a suitable name for the 7 new properties being built, Wiltshire Council has suggested 34A-G Wood Park, Aster Housing is requesting suggestions from the Town Council - Richard Wells Terrace, Field View Terrace and Merrington Terrace were put forward, C'Ilr Pickernell proposed Richard Wells Terrace, seconded by C'Ilr Kennedy, carried. The clerk will contact Richard Wells for his permission before getting back to Aster Homes.

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

**Police report** – PC Bayliss listed the incidents during the last month: a distraction burglary in Recreation Road where £1000-00p cash was stolen, altercations in Johnson Way & Challis Court. A group of drunken youths being offensive in High Street & Meade Road. Threatening messages reported via the internet and malicious phone calls. The clerk reported remains of bonfires found in the recreation ground, photos will be sent to the police. PC Bayliss left the meeting @ 8-10pm

## **7. Committee Reports**

**Finance & Policy Committee** – C'Ilr White reported on the December meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, minutes had been circulated. 7b) Confirmation from Wiltshire Council that they will make a grant towards the precept 2013/2014 to cover the adjusted tax base. 8) The investments with Lloyds TSB have been completed. **Bills for Payment** – see list of cheques totalling £4047-63p, plus a transfer of £155,000-00p from the Business 30 day account to complete the investment accounts. C'Ilr White proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Pickernell, carried.

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

**Recreation, Leisure & Environment committee** – minutes of the December meeting had been circulated, no points raised, C'Ilr White proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr Dance, carried.

**Planning Committee** – minutes of the meeting held during December had been circulated, no issues raised, C'Ilr Pickernell proposed this report should be approved, seconded by C'Ilr White, carried.

## **8. Precept 2013/2014**

All Councillors had been granted dispensations to vote on this matter. The Finance & Policy committee recommend Ludgershall Town Council requests £107,000-00p precept for 2013/2014, this figure will be made up of £15,113-17p grant from Wiltshire Council to cover the adjusted tax base & precept of £91,886-83p, total amount £107,000-00p. C'Ilr Freeman proposed the above amounts as shown on the Precept Request Form should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and submitted to Wiltshire Council, seconded by C'Ilr Downie, agreed unanimously.

## **9. Civic Event Committee**

This new committee was being formed to carry on the legacy of 2012 celebration events, a draft Terms of Reference has been drawn up and ideas for 2013 events were requested.

C'llrs requested more time to consider future events; the clerk will remit this item to February 2013 agenda.

#### **10. Shadow Campus**

C'llr Pickernell reported there will be 2 consultation surveys carried out within the next 4-5 weeks and there will be a youth consultation through TCAP. The Town Council's suggestions raised at the recent extraordinary meeting will be presented to the next meeting of SCOB.

#### **11. Tree Survey**

The survey and report from Aspire had been discussed by both committee's and recommended that full Council consider accepting the required work costing £3930-70p + VAT, after further discussion C'llr White from the Chair proposed the maintenance work on trees as listed by Aspire should be accepted, the Town Council would apply for planning permission for work on trees within the Conservation area and that Christmas lights are not removed from car park trees but work carried out around them, seconded by C'llr Betteridge, carried.

#### **12. Town Office**

a) A draft Heads of Terms had been circulated, agreed in principal but Richardson Commercial requested to clarify the 'fair proportion' of insurance & service charge. The Town Council need to engage a solicitor to proceed, it was agreed the Clerk should make an appointment with Barker, Son & Isherwood. The Chairman will call an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to report amendments to Heads of Terms, any decision made regarding our Area Board grant application & date of solicitor meeting.

b) C'llr White & C'llr Pickernell will attend Browfort Devides on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to look for any suitable office furniture following the closure of this office.

c) Mr Bamford from Tuskguard has offered a large commercial photocopier to the Town Council for their new office as the lease period on the machine has expired with Canon, although cartridges are still available. After discussion the very kind offer was declined.

#### **13. Visit Wiltshire**

In addition to our membership until 2014 a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> page space in the 2013 Great Days Out Guide has been provided at no extra cost, due to a deadline for publication the Chairman accepted this offer. Also a piece on Ludgershall has appeared on the following link <http://www.thisishampshire.net/news/10120658.Town> a bid to attract more tourists.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

C'llr Pickernell suggested the viability of a quarterly Town Council Newsletter should be investigated to help promote the work undertaken by the members. Remit as an agenda item for February 2013 meeting.

Wiltshire Council are running a pilot schemes regarding reduced street lighting after midnight, the clerk will investigate any information on the pilot schemes.

The condition of our local roads and roads throughout Wiltshire are disgraceful, please included this complaint in the Town report at the Area Board.

5<sup>th</sup> Wiltshire B-P Scouts thank Ludgershall Town Council for their support and would like to invite the Council as special guests to their first investiture evening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

2013 in the Memorial Hall at 6-30pm. C'Ilrs White, Hollis, Kennedy, Betteridge, Pickernell, Dance and the clerk wish to accept the invitation.

Wiltshire Involvement Network in its present form will cease to exist at the end of March 2013 & will be replaced by Healthwatch Wiltshire. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 at the Corn Exchange, Devizes 10-30am to 2-30pm WIN will hold their last event with the focus on Health & Social Care in Wiltshire, please book a place through the clerk to attend.

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

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