

**Minutes of Ludgershall Annual Town meeting held in the Scout Hall, Chapel Lane, Ludgershall on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7-00pm.**

<b>Present:</b>	Town Council Chairman Cllr M Giles in the Chair
	19 members of the public
<b>Speakers:</b>	Lucy Wileman - Tidworth Police, Cllr M Giles – Ludgershall Town Council & Men’s Shed, Mr AJK Pickernell – Tidworth Community Area Partnership & Ludgershall Youth Club, WO2 (QMSI) Rob Finn RE – 26 Engrs, Mrs R Pelz – Link, Mr P Unwin – Ludgershall Great War Commemorative Group, Mr B Dance – Ludgershall Memorial Hall Management Committee, Mr M Betteridge – Royal British Legion, Mr D Harland – Sunset Club.

Agenda Item

**1. Minutes of meeting held April 2017 –** were agreed.

**2. Police Report –** unable to attend report attached as Appendix A.

**3. Wiltshire Council Report –** Cllr C Williams sent his apologies. The Clerk has since received the Annual Town & Parish Councils Report 2017, which is attached as Appendix B, for information only.

**4. Ludgershall Town Council Report –** Cllr M Giles, thanked all LTC’s Cllrs, the Clerk and volunteers that have helped at LTC’s many events. May 2017 there was a change of Chairman, the Council decided to continue with Mayor, and 4 new Cllrs joined. Cllrs represent the Town Council on a regular basis to Tidworth Area Board, Tidworth Community Area Partnership, Community Area Transport Group, Health & Wellbeing TCAP group, Memorial Hall, Scout Hall, Neighbourhood Tasking Group & Market Town Forums. As Mayor I was invited to many events these are but a few; The Mayor of Wilton – Civic Service in Sept 2017, The County of Wiltshire Carol Service in Dec 2017, a Regimental boxing night & the Rule of Law at Salisbury Cathedral in March 2018. Community Events over 2017/18– there were 2 fetes last year one in conjunction with Wellington Academy and one in conjunction with 26 Engrs regiment, where 26 Engrs exercised the right to march through the town (after being given Freedom of the Town in 2015) a wonderful spectacle and very enjoyable day. Other events were Ludgershall in Bloom, and a very well attended Christmas Fayre and Light Switch On. Santa’s visit to Perham Down & Ludgershall on his sleigh was so well received that this year it is proposed to happen over 2 nights. The Great British Spring Clean in March was well attended, even children from Ludgershall Primary Schools Nature Group, joined in, and 35 bags of rubbish was taken away by Wiltshire Council. And finally just last week LTC provided a free Easter Disco for the children of Ludgershall, dancing & cake what could be better! Around 35 children plus responsible people attended, again this is growing in popularity each year. Of course Ludgershalls Remembrance Day service and parade is very popular, with the amount of Poppy Wreaths being presented, LTC have had to order more stands. Projects completed; i) The installation of the Towns defibrillator on the Memorial Hall. ii) Better communication with the Town via the new Website & social media. iii) Partial new Safety Surface at Dewey’s Lane play park – costing £10k (unfortunately this was necessary due to vandalism). iv) Installation of CCTV for the Rec & Jubilee Gardens. Projects ongoing- i) Refurb of Play area at Dewey’s Lane. ii) Disabled Kissing Gates for the Rec. The Precept 2018/2019 is £148,263.00p which means that Band D payment is £100.97 an increase of £1.48 or 1.49% which is an equivalent of 3p per week. Future dates in 2018 for your diaries – 8th June Quarterly Litter Pick - 9th June Summer Fete - 11th Nov Remembrance Sunday Service - 27th & 29th Nov Santa & his Sleigh visits - 1st Dec Christmas Fayre and Lights switch on.

**5. Tidworth Area Board Report –** was handed out and is attached as Appendix C.

**6. Tidworth Community Area Partnership–** help provide, the Link Scheme, Youth Club & the Memory Café, which are updated below at point 8.

**7. 26 Engineers Regiment Community Report - WO2 (QMSI) R J FINN RE reported -** Our main activities have been the preparation of sub units for their deployments on PS1/18 and Op CABRIT

3. In addition, 8 AES organised the OCdt visit to Perham Down and completed weapon ranges. 30 AES completed CAX FURIOUS MONSOON, BCS and SFS training on Op CABRIT 2. 33 AES continued their MST for Op CABRIT 3 with the completion of mounted gunnery ranges and vehicle courses. 38 HQ & Sp Sqn supported 4 REME on CSTTX and deployed personnel on Ex CITADEL GUITBERT. In support of our Defence Engagement commitments, a Tp (-) has recovered from Ex SHANTI DOOT, a UN Peacekeeping training activity in Pakistan. Ex SCARAB REFLECT saw soldiers from across the Regiment deploy to Sicily as part of the Regt'l battlefield study. We have had soldiers representing the regiment in many sporting activities including, football, and sailing, rugby and lots lots more. Condolences were given from the Town of Ludgershall, regarding the death of one of their soldiers.

#### **8. Update from local groups –**

- i. **Link** – Mrs R Pelz, secretary of the Link Scheme addressed the meeting. The Link scheme has been running for 22 years. In 1996-1997 over a 6 month period they had 108 requests, in 2004 over a 12 month period they had 354 requests and in the last 12 months they had 610 requests which was the equivalent of 11130 miles. There are only 10-12 driver volunteers. The sort of requests/journeys catered for are; hospitals (which have been increasing in distance, Link will be putting a limit on these), opticians, shopping, prescriptions, vets and part of it is to befriend those that are using the service. They will be looking for help with admin tasks. The 21st Birthday celebrations in Church Hall were very enjoyable. Mr AJK Pickernell spoke as Chair of Link, and said what a wonderful job the volunteers do for no pay just expenses, and he thanked Ruth and all the volunteers.
- ii. **Ludgershall Great War Commemorative Group** – Mr P Unwin Chair of LGWCG addressed the meeting. The group was formed in 2014 originally for commemorating the start of the Great War. There was money that was raised for the events in 2014 left over of which £350 went to the Local Royal British Legion and the rest was kept to go towards commemorating the end of the Great War. At this time 2 commemorative benches have been purchased. A competition to design a new commemorative garden to replace the Rose garden (opposite the War Memorial) was won by Mrs S Pocock. The group have asked for support from residents and local business in paying for and/or providing materials and labour, to make this design come to life. The Crown have sponsored the poppy (£850) that will be in the middle of the new ground surface. Lovells have agreed to dig up the whole base and provide the heras fencing, for the duration of the build. There will be a buy a brick appeal and the Crown will be getting residents who are local tradesmen to help (like DIY/SOS). The surface will cost around £6000 and the group will need £3000 and he is confident that this will all come together in time for the rededication of the garden to The Centenary Garden, at the Remembrance Sunday service. On that weekend there will also be a display of memorabilia at the Memorial Hall, there will be a request, for such items, if anyone has any from the Great War.
- iii. **Memorial Hall** – Mr B Dance Chairman of the Memorial Hall Management Committee addressed the meeting. He thanked Mr Pickernell for his work as Chair over the last 3 years. They have spent over £25000 to renovate Perrys Cottage and now they are on a better footing to let the cottage. The sale of the land will help to renovate the rear of the cottage. The hall now has Wifi and use of a projector and screen, which helps in attracting new bookings and the committee have signed the agreement with Wiltshire Council for S106 roof repairs.
- iv. **Memory Café** – Mr AJK Pickernell addressed the meeting. The Memory Café started 2 years ago, he did a course for dementia champions and then set up the café. It is run by volunteers and Mr Pickernell cannot speak highly enough of them. It runs the first Monday of the month (that is not a Bank Holiday) in the Church Hall. They have information, speakers (i.e. Fire Brigade) and run activities and it also gives relief to carers as they can chat to others.
- v. **Royal British Legion** - Mr M Betteridge addressed the meeting on behalf of the local RBL. The Ludgershall branch is now up and running and they had help from an Area Board

Grant & Ludgershall Town Council Grant regarding purchasing their Standard, this was dedicated at a service at St James Church and has been used 5 times already. He thanked all those that helped. The RBL branch meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Sports & Social Club.

- vi. **Sunset Club** – Mr D Harland addressed the committee – He was born and bred in Ludgershall and was one of the founders of the Over 60's Club, the Sunset Club, in 1950. The meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Memorial Hall, they have entertainment such as speakers and music. There are around 70 current members, and the club wishes to thank LTC for their donation for their Christmas Dinner at the Queens Head pub. In 2017 they also went to Weymouth, Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Bashley, Cotswold Wildlife Park and had a mystery event in the New Forest. They fund raise during the year to cover these trips.
- vii. **Tidworth & Ludgershall Men's Shed** - Mr M Giles spoke on behalf of the group. MenShed originated in Australia and was set up to give retired men something to do with their free time. The Ludgershall group now has 19 members – 3 of whom are women. It is not just a workshop – the local group was started 2 and a half years ago with 6 members and it took 18 months to get their own premises, which is now at the old garage attached to the old Boys Club and they received an Area Board Grant to make the premises useable. Some of the jobs they have done for the local Community are; Shrewton had been donated 19 acres of land and T & L Mens Shed built a hive for use by local disadvantaged/disabled children – T & L Mens Shed also helped Tidworth Football Club with installing a new roof on the portable cabins. Menshed can do most things apart from very heavy work, most of the group are aged 60 – 70 and they don't charge to do a job they just ask for a donation to cover the material costs. The club is open Mon, Tues, Weds 9.30am – 12pm
- viii. **Youth Club (formerly Boys Club)** - Mr A Pickernell spoke on behalf of the group. It was originally known as the Boys Club and it had been open for a long time since he was a young boy and he is Ludgershall born and bred. Wiltshire Council took it over and then withdrew all youth activity in Wiltshire and the club consequently closed down. A board of Trustees got together to get a Youth Club up and running again. They received a donation from Tesco's and the Area Board to get the building habitable again. The inside and outside was redecorated and the electrics and boiler needed servicing and they hope to open at the end of April. Some of the proposals for the club include; Mens Shed workshops on different skills & Activity groups. There will be 2 sessions a week for 2 separate age groups: 6 – 11 and 11 – 16 when first opened, and there will be help and guidance from Melksham Youth Club. They will be looking for volunteers & donations of items such as Table Tennis tables etc. It is key for the youngsters at Wellington Academy to let their youth representative know what they want out of the club. Ruth will be doing a presentation at the Castle Primary School in assembly regarding the age 6-11 group. A question was asked regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme Award – Cllr AKJ Pickernell advised that this scheme is still run by Wiltshire Council and once established the Youth Club should be able to offer it to youngsters – it will all link in with other organisations.

#### **9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTOR PARTICIPATION –**

- Mr O Olufunwa, Wellington Academy, advised that there is a Primary School being built on the old Corunna Barracks site and an expansion of the Wellington Academy, which starts in June.
- Mr J Dickie asked if there will be monies into the Town from Corunna Barracks and do they have names of roads available yet or the proposed layout. LTC advised that the building that remains has been promised to LTC if they want it and if they can decide what the building could be used for. It has been offered, refurbished and looked after by Lovell.
- Mr P Unwin advised the meeting that Lovell have contacted him to ask for a table at the exhibition to be held in the Memorial Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to give local residents a chance to ask questions.
- Mr J Dickie also asked about the Tidworth Area Board and what the Community is within

that – He was advised that we are in a group with Enford, Fittleton, Tidworth, Collingbourne Kingston, Netheravon, Everleigh, Collingbourne Ducis, Chute Forest, Chute, Tidcombe and Fosbury. Grants are given to the Community by the Area Boards and Mr A Pickernell advised that there are 18 Area Boards within Wiltshire.

- A question was also raised regarding the Priorities detailed at item 3 on the Tidworth Area Board Report for 2017/2018 – where do the figures come from? This will be referred to the Community Engagement Office or Wiltshire Council.
- Mr B Jones asked about the empty shops in Ludgershall – it was agreed that shops and retail in general are going through a rough time. It will probably only be services that will move into such premises. Cllr M Giles advised that it is the wish of LTC to see as many shop fronts filled as possible.
- Mr B Jones also advised that the former De-Med site has been purchased by Homes 4 England and they are pulling down the old depot this year. They will need to apply for planning permission again this year.
- The meeting also discussed the impact of the new Corunna estate on the local medical provisions. Cllr A Pickernell advised that there has been a body set up regarding both schooling and medical provisions in the infrastructure 2020 integration plan. There are also civilian houses being built - Claire Perry is on this board. Doctors Surgeries are looking to expand but there is a nationwide shortage of GP's.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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