

Minutes of Ludgershall Annual Town meeting held in the Town Council Offices, High Street, Ludgershall on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7-00pm.

Present:	Town Council Chairman Cllr O White in the Chair
	11 members of the public
Speakers:	Maria Downham and Lucy Wileman (Tidworth Police), Cllr Chris Williams (Wiltshire Council)

Agenda Item

1. Apologies were received from Cllr C Steers (work), Cllr K Hall, Cllr B Cordery, Cllr M Williams and WO1 RSM R Hines.

2. Minutes of meeting held April 2016 – were agreed bar a few spelling errors which the Town Clerk will correct.

3. Police Report - Tidworth Police has seen some big changes in the last year, with new sergeants as well as new inspectors and later on in 2016 a different way of policing and changing from Neighbourhood Policing to Community Policing.

Over the last year we have had several targeted patrols set mostly by myself for areas in Ludgershall that have been subject to ASB. In April we had received several reports of youths gaining entry to the old DMED site. Over the course of 3 months, 9 patrols were completed and contact was made with the owners. The site was secured and the patrols were deemed a success as we had no further complaints. From Late July to Early October we had a target patrol of the Old castle due to complaints that had been received by English Heritage. A total of 15 patrols were carried out over this time, several people were seen visiting the site but there were no reports of ASB. On October 17th the new CPT policing model came in and all officers including the PCSO's became part of a bigger team with dedicated officers for each area. PCSO's retained responsibility for their old beat areas from NPT. Towards the end of October complaints were received for ASB around Deweys Lane, Jubilee Gardens and The Rec, 41 patrols were made by officers over a period of 6 weeks and local residents reported that the problems had stopped and were very grateful for the extra patrols and high visibility of officers. At the end of January we started to receive reports of ASB around the Castle Practice Surgery. To date 57 patrols have been made and several youths have been taken through the ASBRAC process.

Also towards the end of January we received reports of youths in people's gardens on Empress Way. 19 patrols were carried out over a 12 week period with no further issues requiring any additional police action. In March we had reports from the Council and TCAP that there were issues on the footpath between St James Street and Hei-Lin Way. 19 patrols were completed over a 4 week period with no issues requiring any additional police action.

As you can see from these patrols since CPT came into effect more patrols on specific problem areas have been carried out. This has been shown even more in the last few months as I have been absent from the area and the patrols have been actioned by the local CPT officers.

4. Wiltshire Council Report – Message from Baroness Jane Scott of Bybrook, OBE: Leader of Wiltshire Council -As ever, the delivery of local government services is a continuing challenge due to the reduction in our grant funding from the government and an increasing demand on our services. We are becoming recognised nationally as the leading county working with our military communities specifically Ludgershall. We also had an Ofsted inspection and were praised for how well our children's services had advanced and improved. Laura Mayes: Cabinet Member for Children's Services says - We are very proud that 92% of Wiltshire's children attend Good or Outstanding schools. 66% of children achieved A*-C in English and Maths GCSEs and apprenticeships have increased by nearly 20%. The re-designed Youth Service has reached over 15,000 children – more than ever before. Fleur de Rhé-Philipe: Cabinet member for Economic

Development, Skills and Strategic Transport says - Unemployment rates significantly below both regional and national figures. Encouraged businesses to establish in Wiltshire, including a potential significant investment from Boeing - bringing 1,500 high quality jobs to the area. We have also started construction of the Porton Science Park. Met and exceeded targets for new apprenticeships within Wiltshire. Wiltshire Area Boards - 226 local projects have received funding support from the area boards over the last 10 months. Based on responses from grant recipients, we estimate that over 15,000 young people have benefitted from this provision - compared to the 4,800 young people supported through the former local youth centres. Currently, for every £1 awarded by the area boards through its community grants scheme, £4.60 is invested benefitting local communities. Area Board funding for 2017/18, Area Board capital = £800,000, Youth revenue = £350,000, Health and wellbeing funding = £121,600, Older peoples' champions expenses = £18,000, CATG capital = £250,000, Plus – pavement/street scene capital = £150,000.

5. Ludgershall Town Council Report – Cllr O White would like to thank all councillors, the Town Clerk who started on the 1st Aug 2016 and the Admin Assistant who started on the 12th Dec 2016 and he would like to thank the previous Town Clerk for all her years in service. In May 2016 Town Council changed from Chairman to Mayor. Councillors represent on a regular basis to TCAB, TCAP, Memorial and Scout Hall Committee and Market Towns Forum. Freedom of the Town was granted to Alderman Ken Beard MBE in September 2016. Sadly Ken passed away on the 26th March 2017. The funeral will be held on the 4th May 2017 at the St James Church, Ludgershall at 11:00am. A Community Building at Corunna Barracks will be offered to the Town Council when the current build of the military quarters on Salisbury Plain is complete. At present the building has been refurbished and is being used by Lovell's (Contractor until 2020). Remembrance Day Service and parade was another success. A representative from 26 Engineer Regiment sits on the Council but has no voting seat. The Mayor/Deputy Mayor were invited to the Annual Cocktail Party, Christmas Carol services and to their Remembrance Day Service at Swinton Barracks. 26 Engineer Regiment also send representatives to Bartlett House once a month to visit and talk with the ladies and gentlemen there. Community events 2016/17 – Annual Fete on the Rec, Ludgershall in Bloom, Christmas Fayre with Santa visiting Perham Down and Ludgershall on his sledge prior to this event, Best dressed business Christmas window and an Easter disco with mad hatter's competition in the Memorial Hall attended by over 40 adults and children and the community took part in the National Great British Spring Clean.

War Memorial – New flower borders have been installed to replace existing rotten ones, as part of the Town Council's responsibilities for ongoing maintenance programme for all sites within the Town. Councillors have produced an information leaflet on Ludgershall with helpful contacts and local Business details.

Projects ongoing – Proposed reinstatement of the railway, the sale of the land at Perry's Cottage – next step to go to outline planning, installation of the defibrillator on the Memorial Hall wall, Self-guided walking tour leaflet, expansion of Town Council's Facebook page and new safety surface at the play area at Deweys Lane.

Precept – The grant received from Wiltshire Council for the sum of £7171.00p over the last 3 years has completely been cut from April 2017. For 2017/2018 the payment increase for Council Tax payment will be £99.49p per year and increase of £5.41p or £5.75%. The account suggested that LTC add another £5000.00p to Devolved services for 2017/2018 as there is no grant from Wiltshire Council, although Towns/Parishes are being asked to carry out more services. As an example – if work had to be carried out to keep any Rights of Way clear during 2017/2018 this extra money would hopefully prevent further overspend.

Town Council Office at 22 High Street is still proving to be a success, if you require any further information please contact 01264 391629. Election for Wiltshire Councillor and Town Councillors for the North Ward only will be on the 4th May 2017 at the Memorial Hall.

6. Tidworth Community Area Partnership Report – Cllr AKJ Pickernell thanked everyone for the support, TCAP is still working very well. Blue light day with over 1000 school children from

Tidworth and Ludgershall. Community Band concert with 700 children. Christmas band, Royal artillery band.

7. Memorial Hall Report – Cllr AKJ Pickernell stated about the problems that started with Perry’s Cottage over a year ago. Memorial Hall committee received some money from the Area Board to help with repairs and damage from previous tenants. The cottage is now being rented through an estate agent that should soon start to bring in money to help with the problems in the Memorial Hall. The selling of the land at the back of Perry’s Cottage is still ongoing, this will help pay for a new roof and paint for the cottage and hopefully pay back into the memorial fund. Janet White is now in charge of the accounts. The memorial hall now has PowerPoint projection set up, so that companies can use the hall for work.

8. Update from local groups – Cllr AKJ Pickernell spoke about how well the LINK group was doing. Link had organised loads of trips last year, and only ask that you pay what you think the trip is worth. Link are always looking for volunteers to help especially drivers. The youth club was taken over from Wiltshire Council and now has 3 trustees who look after it. A fence has been put around it to deter ASB. It will soon be decorated and with help with funds from the area board it should be opening in the Summer. The garage that is on the Youth Club site has been handed over to the Men’s Shed. Cllr M Giles spoke about the Men’s Shed and how it normally is made up from retired men who have a vast number of trade skills that can be used to help the community. They are part of the UK Men’s Shed association. They have already had so much interest in people wanting to attend (They are already at the moment helping out the community and have created a bird hive and begun repairs for Tidworth football club). The Men’s Shed will be situated in the building behind the Youth Club and a fence will be put up to divide the area, so that if the Youth Club runs a crèche it wouldn’t affect that.

9. Litter Picking - After the success of the Great British Clean, it was discussed at the Civic Events committee that we should do a clean-up every 3 months, the first one will be starting on the 9th June 2017.

10. Any Other Business – One resident asked about what was happening with the lack of shops in the area, as quite a few business have shut over the past few years. They suggested having a retail park, next to the business park. Cllr C Williams said that this is something that is being looked at especially with the military houses being built on the old Corunna barracks. One resident asked that when we take over the community hall at Corunna barracks will the High Street Office close. Cllr O White explained that this wouldn’t happen. The community building on Corunna barracks may be used for Town Council meetings, possibly a crèche; LTC would be open to ideas.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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