

# LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Interim Full Town Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm at The Council Offices, 10-12 High Street, Ludgershall, SP11 9PZ.

**Present: Cllr O White – Chairman - Cllr J White, Cllr D Lansley-Smith, Cllr J Swallow, Cllr S Garmonsway, Cllr J Bowyer & Cllr D Davies**

### **AGENDA ITEM**

**394-24/25 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs I Beveridge, M Williams, J Walker, P Foresheew and M Howard. Cllrs RESOLVED to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.

**395-24/25 2. Declaration of Interests** - (Members are bound by the provision of the Code of Conduct adopted by Ludgershall Town Council and are required to declare their interest in any matter in which they have a personal interest or a pecuniary interest) – none.

**396-24/25 3. Minutes a) *FTC meeting 10th March 2025 for ratification*** – these minutes were resolved to accept. **b) *Actions from minutes*** were discussed and noted. **Office to action.**

**397-24/25 4. Planning Application - a) *PL/2024/11135*** Removal/variation of conditions 2,3 & 4 of PL/2022/05238 (Construction of 1 dwelling fronting Aster Crescent and 2 bungalows fronting Granby Close), Alternative Design proposal of chalet bungalows at Sunways, 23 Astor Crescent, Ludgershall, SP11 9RG. **This application has been restarted due to the change in position of the red line with a new application form, certificate and notice.** The committee discussed again at length and still object for the same reasons as previously stated Office to restate. The red line now takes in part of the road and path way area the committee asked the **office to confirm ownership** of this section. Also the work has started foundations are in and on the new forms it states work has not started, office to inform Wiltshire planning. **Office to action.**

**398-24/25 5. Planning Decisions** – none.

**399-24/25 6. Old Christmas Lights discuss and resolve how to dispose of them** – the committee discussed and decided to ask Blachere Illuminations to collect and recycle what they can and destroy the rest at a cost of £10 per item plus travel. **Office to action.**

**400-24/25 7. Correspondence - a) *Section 137 expenditure limit for parish and town councils*** - the clerk notified the council that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has informed us of an increase to £11.10 per elector for 2025/26, for the S137 limit. **Noted.**

**401-24/25 8. Play Aea Update – a) Contract for quarterly inspections** - The quarterly inspections currently cost £114 plus vat the contractor wishes to put this cost up to £126 plus vat this will also include ball games areas and/or skate parks at the same address of all sites that they currently inspect. The wording stated the contract would be from July 2025 to end January 2026. The council discussed and agreed to the increase but would like to see at least a year on the contract if not 2 years. **Office to**

**Action. b) Update on new see saw & remedial works-** accessible see saw is now open. Graffiti on skate park, the committee discussed that the ramp area needs to be cleared by professional contractor which could cost up to £1000. Cllr DD to check whether the ramp area graffiti may have worn off and come back to the committee.

**402-24/25 9. Working party to clear old Chambers & date** – the committee discussed what needs to be done and why, Clerk to check with Memorial Hall availability and then get date out to Cllrs and order skip. **Office to action.**

**403-24/25 10. Allotments – a) Main update of allotments** – report was sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting, discussed plots being left in a mess and deposits being kept and whether deposit is high enough. Cllr DD to take a look over the weekend. The inspections will be starting soon. **b) Dogs on leads signs** – Cllr DD has asked for 4 dogs on a lead sign. **Office to action. c) Deweys Lane Drive** – Cllr DLS will contact contractor to chivvy along. **d) Troughs update** – will be installed w/c 14th April 2025. **e) Water turned on** – thanks to Cllr OW.

**404-24/25 11. SIDS** – the SID is ordered and the date for installation is 28th April.

**405-24/25 12. To discuss & resolve quotes from Tree Survey work** – the quotes were for the work that had come from the tree survey the council discussed and agreed, with one abstention, the quote at £1795.00 plus vat. **Office to action.** An incident had happened at the land at plot 34 being used by the Forest School, a branch had fallen over night onto equipment. Admin had contacted all concerned, tree surveys had been checked the incident was due to a live branch and therefore a weather related incident. A request from the forest school, could Ludgershall Town Council have the trees pollarded, but as the survey had not highlighted any problems with these trees it was felt unnecessary. **Office to relay to Forest School.**

**406-24/25 13. Events Working Party** – Cllrs had seen the report prior to the meeting all received, Cllr OW asked for all hands on deck for the Easter Disco. **Noted.**

**407-24/25 14. Cemetery – a) Working party & date to clear all inappropriate items from grave spaces** – the committee discussed and agreed to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, **office to email and confirm nothing else is happening that day.**

**b) numbers of graves that will need levelling soon** - Cllr OW will visually check and pass numbers to the **office for action.**

**408-24/25 15. Perrys Cottage** – update the clerk updated the council Mortgage has been agreed for the buyer, her solicitors have been in contact with ours. All forms are completed for the sale. Now awaiting exchange. **Noted.**

**409-24/25 16. HGVS on the Highstreet** – update – there has not been any further replies to Ludgershall Town Council's letters. Cllr SG updated the group regarding the online crime reporting system that one of the residents has been trying to upload footage on to and she was then asked to use operation snap. There is another 3 months data from this resident. Cllr PF attended the area board and will update the committee at the next FTC regarding talks with the police at that meeting, regarding this subject.

**Office to Action.**

**410-24/25 17. Policies a) new i) Toil policy** – after discussion the committee agreed to adopt the new Time off in Lieu Policy with a 2 year review, all in favour. **Office to action.**  
**ii) Meeting Attendance Policy** – was not completed in time for the meeting. **b) for review i) Social Media Policy** – was not completed in time for the meeting. **ii) Co-option Policy** – there were no changes needed to this policy being reviewed the committee discussed and agreed to resolve to readopt with a 2 year review. **Office to action.** **iii) Public Participation policy** - there were no changes needed to this policy being reviewed either the committee discussed and agreed to resolve to readopt with a 2 year review. **Office to action.**

**411-24/25 18. Agenda Points for next month** – Flags.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.28pm

The next FTC meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm

The next Interim meeting will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm

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