

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 10th November 2025
at 7pm at the Council Offices, 10-12 High Street, Ludgershall. SP11 9PZ

Present: Cllr J Bowyer – Chairman, Cllr J Swallow, Cllr S Garmonsway, Cllr I Beveridge, Cllr M Smith, Cllr D Lansley-Smith, Cllr J Plews, Cllr M McCrum, & Cllr J Walker

Representatives: Wiltshire Cllrs C Williams & D Lumsden.

Public: 0

Absent: 0

AGENDA ITEM

260-25/26 1. Apologies for Absence – were received from **Cllr M Howard & Cllr P Foreshew**. Cllrs RESOLVED to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.

261-25/26 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) – Cllr J Bowyer & Cllr J Walker declared interest under agenda items 10 and 12 respectively. Cllrs RESOLVED to accept.

262-25/26 3. General Public – none.

263-25/26 4. Planning Application – Proposed Base Station Upgrade at Ludgershall Business Park, Astor Crescent, Wiltshire, SP11 9TX (Ngrs: E 426150 / N 150181) –Write to Avison Young to advise them of concerns raised about noise & emissions from mast. **Office to action.**

264-25/26 5. Planning Decisions - PL/2025/07228 - The Old Forge, 12 Castle Street, Ludgershall, Andover, SP11 9QR Proposal: Replacement of roof tiles. **Approved with Conditions - Noted**

265-25/26 6. Chairmans Report – The Chair started by giving a huge thanks to all involved in the Remembrance Day parade and a thank you to the great numbers of public that came to support 26 regiment on another successful event. The Chair along with other councillors attended the remembrance service at The Wellington Academy, all staff and students were in attendance. Next Sunday St James Church are holding a special service with special guests to celebrate and give thanks for those involved in the restoration of the church bells.

266-25/26 7. Reports From Outside Representatives – a) Police – No attendance no report **Noted b) Wiltshire Cllrs-** Cllr C Williams report - I attended a Full Wiltshire Council meeting which took place on Tuesday 21 Oct. With three separate demonstrations taking place outside County Hall in opposition to the Liberal Democrat administration at the start, it proved to be a marathon session lasting for 12 hours and finishing at 10.30pm. I have picked out a few agenda items; a more detailed report will be found in the minutes of the meeting when published. There was a report on the Lib Dems Our Wiltshire Plan 2025 -2035 which was adopted and replaces the Conservative Plan, an update on the Councils Response to the Climate Emergency, the removal of charges for Blue Badge Holders, which was approved after a lengthy debate and a very close vote, and an update on the Local Visitors Economic Partnership with proposals for the development of a Destination Visitors Plan as required by Visit England. This was approved after being amended. There were ten motions

from members of the council, the most contentious one being a Lib Dem motion seeking to strengthen protection for the LGBTQIA+ residents and introduce training for staff and councillors. This was opposed by Conservatives and Reform councillors, with a friendly amendment proposed, as UK law already provided protection for all residents and sets the framework by which the council must work. Despite significant opposition from the Lib Dems, including a refusal to accept the amendment as “friendly”, councillors around the chamber voted for the Conservative motion which reworded the proposal removing any reference to LGBTQIA+. Other items debated and approved included adopting a plan to help mitigate the potential impact of development on Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site, New Air Quality Guidance for developments in Wiltshire and the adoption of a draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Wiltshire and Swindon. These last three items have excellent supporting documents that can be found in the agenda and minutes of the council meeting. On the completion of normal business, Council received a Part 11 recommendation from Cabinet regarding a site for nursing home provision located in West Wiltshire. On completion of this, an extraordinary meeting to consider a report from the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, in respect of Statutory Recommendations issued by the Council’s External Auditors took place. Tidworth Area Board met on 3 November. Sarah Cardy from Age UK gave a detailed update on their work in our community area, followed by an update on Family Hubs by Nicky Harris, informing us on the activities they are running locally for families using their services. Updates were received from those partners attending including Wiltshire Police, Chief Constable, Catherine Roper and A/Insp Caroline Ralph, Town and Parish Councillors and Col Rupert Whitelegge, the Garrison Commander. Grants were awarded to St James Church Our Community Churchyard Project, Age UK, Collingbourne Kingston Recreation Ground fence project and two smaller awards for Digital Inclusion for older and vulnerable adults and a Health and Wellbeing event to be held in the spring 2026. A recommendation from the last LHFIFG meeting was also made regarding Collingbourne Ducis Church Street signing and white line amendments. Further information on the AB meeting will be available once minutes are published. Funds amounting to £7000 have been made available to each of the 18 community areas in Wiltshire from the government Household Support Fund and local partners were invited to a meeting on Tuesday 4 November to explore the current food related activities in the Tidworth Community Area, identify gaps or unmet needs and discuss potential projects that could benefit our residents such as a food bank or larder in our community area. **Cllr D Lumsden** presented council with his report – Attended by Acting Inspector Carolin Ralph, PC Jodie Kinge, Cllr Kieth Allen, Cllr Chris Williams, Mayor of TTC Carol Webb and LTC Cllr Sue Garmonsway. Reports of ASB in Tidworth and Ludgershall down in September compared to previous months, very little to report from Esso, Tesco and Lidle who have now employed a Security Guard. All children involved in Mughal incident had been interviewed and referred to the Panel via the Youth Justice System. Older children involved have been threatened with Child Abduction Warning Notices. RMP were supposed to be supporting PC Kinge on Halloween as she was on duty her own, clearly didn’t work as there was an incident at the TLC with ~35 kids breaking in through a fire door and causing havoc. One of the main offenders had been referred to and had taken part in the Synergy project and several of the others have been referred to SWIFT. **Tidworth Area Board Verbal partner updates** included the usual update from Wiltshire Police provided by A/Insp Caroline Ralph who is standing in for Gavin Brewster and spoke on the following: **Anti-Social Behaviour:** Collaborative work with Wiltshire Council and Youth Offending Team (YOT) Issues include shoplifting and public order offences by a small, consistent group Referrals made to Youth Justice Team and Early Intervention Programme Leisure centre incidents improving but ongoing work needed Rural Crime and Burglaries: Targeted areas affected by non-dwelling burglaries (tools, motorbikes) Joint operation with Hampshire in October; another planned for November. E-Scooters (Tidworth & Ludgershall): Road policing team enforcing zero-tolerance approach Vehicles will be seized if used illegally Noted **c) 26 Engr’s WO1 H Brown** apologised for his absence, no report given **Noted.** **267-25/26 8. Reports from LTC’s representatives – a) Memorial Hall** – No report given **Noted.** **b) LHFIFG report** Cllrs S Garmonsway gave a comprehensive update explained **SG to Action.** **c) Youth Action Group** – most of this was mentioned under Cllr D Lumsdens section, however, Cllr SG proposed that the council support funding for the Youth Action Group -£1000 from this year's funds to be made available to Area Board as match funding to

fund sessions with SMASH on an interim basis until Outreach project is operational. Funding for 26/27 of £2500 was also agreed to be put into the Budget for funding the Youth Outreach **meeting report** - Health & Wellbeing Group Food resilience project - contact community groups and residents identified as working on activities to inform them of the project and available funding to see if any interest in taking any activities forward **Cllr SG to action.**

Wiltshire Cllrs C Williams and D Lumsden left the meeting - Noted

268-25/26 9. Minutes of the FTC Interim meeting 30-10 -25- FTC resolved to ratify. **Office to Action.**The council discussed the action log and a couple of items are being updated.

Noted.

269-25/26 10. Bills for Payment – Cllrs questions were answered by office, total of £18,529.11 - **Cllrs resolved to accept. Office to action.**

270-25/26 11. Correspondence – resident rang in and asked if the Cllrs could be informed about these 2 items **a) Residents would like to use the Office & Hub for a Mental Health craft group, how can LTC help?** After a discussion the council recommend they approach the Memorial Hall and Church Hall for space. Inform them that there may be funding available from Area Board to support. **b) Deweys Lane allotment complaint** Cllrs agreed to write to allotment holders and remind them of rules around Anti-Social Behavior on allotments **Office to action.**

271-25/26 12. Grants – a) St James's Church Ludgershall – Cllr JW is going to take this away and represent it at the next FTC meeting for discussion.

272-25/26 13. Replacement of Cllr on committees – Cllr JP nominated Cllr JW for the position on the staffing committee, Cllr MS also voiced his interest but later stepped down. Cllr JB seconded Cllr JP nomination, Council all in favour. Cllr JW accepted and is now a new member of the staffing committee. The remaining subcommittees will be discussed later.

273-25/26 14. To note and approve Internal Audit Report – update will be at the next interim meeting along with any policies that have been agreed. **noted.**

274-25/26 15. Finance meeting update – this item was deferred until a later date.

275-25/26 16. FTC to received approved Policies from Finance & Policy and adopt – policy - this item was deferred until a later date.

276-25/26 17. S106 monies MUGA suggested – The council agreed this is something they would like to look further into and conduct some market research with the schools to find out what the young people of Ludgershall would like.

277-25/26 18. Update on new replacement property for Hall – deferred to later date.

278-25/26 19. Oaks at 80 project – this item was deferred until a later date.

To Resolve, Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature.

279-25/26 20. Staffing update – Not given, postponed to a later date

280-25/26 21. Agenda Points for next month – To be sent into the office 7 days prior to the next meeting

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 20.50pm.

The next interim meeting will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025

The next FTC meeting will be Monday 08th December 2025 at 7pm

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