

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Full Town Council Planning meeting held on 21st August 2025 at 7pm at the Memorial Hall, Andover Road, Ludgershall, SP11 9LZ.

Present: Cllr J Bowyer - Chair, Cllrs S Garmonsway, P Foreshow & J Swallow, D Lansley-Smith, I Beveridge, M Howard, D Davies, J Plews, M Smith & J Walker.

Representatives: Aaron Smith of Master Land and Planning

Officer: V Roper, C Bevan.

Public: 97

Absent: 0

AGENDA ITEM

153-25/26 1. Apologies for Absence – None

154-25/26 2. Declaration of Interests - (All Members of the Town Council are reminded to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests they may have in any business of the Council, its committees, or Sub-Committees, in accordance with the latest approved Code of Conduct) – **None.**

155-25/26 3. To discuss Test Valley Borough Council - Local Plan 2042 Revised Regulation 18 - with residents, other local councils, Wiltshire council, TVBC & the contracted builders. – The Chair opened the item with a brief introduction including housekeeping in case of an emergency. Councillor IB then delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed plan, providing a comprehensive overview and detailed information. Following the presentation, members of the public were invited to ask questions. Questions were directed to both Council representatives and Mr Aaron Smith of Master Land and Planning. Public comments were clearly presented, and responses were provided by the relevant parties.

156-25/26 4. To decide on response, to the plan at point 3 above, from Ludgershall Town Council – The council took some time to discuss the matter taking into consideration the public's comments and resolved to respond with the following:
Ludgershall Town Council have major concerns regarding the Test Valley local plan and the proposed developments of 350 dwellings, SHELAA Ref 61 land east of Ludgershall and 1500 dwellings, SHELAA Ref 324 Land south of A342 and east of Shoddesdon Lane. (some of your paperwork states 1150 for the second one!). We have discussed the matter and listened to the residents of Ludgershall and wish to put forward the following comments: These 2 developments border Ludgershall & Faberstown (Wiltshire) and as such will be using all the facilities, infrastructure, roads & resources of Ludgershall & Faberstown. Usually if this was a Wiltshire development Ludgershall Town Council would get CIL/S106 funds and we would get precept once the dwellings are occupied. At this moment unless we can get something agreed and written into the contracts, we will not have any monetary help for our town and residents. How are we going to cope with these 2 TVBC developments without that help?
The Town of Ludgershall has grown over the last 25 years by nearly 50% and unfortunately apart from a new primary school, no extra facilities have been put in place and we are now at

capacity. Given that Wiltshire Council also want to develop another area of Ludgershall with an additional approx.1500 houses, Ludgershall Town Council would like to have a guarantee from Wiltshire Council, TVBC & Hampshire County Council that we will not just be consulted but also be part decision makers regarding some of the points below:A342 Andover Road is a heavily used road and will need improvements made to it before future large developments like any of the above including the Wiltshire Council plans are started. More crossings will need to be included in these plans and perhaps a reduced speed (I can send a recent speed survey which shows the need for some changes).

- A342 going out towards Andover we have had many requests in the past for a Cycling Lane out of Ludgershall, but of course we have asked them to contact TVBC, please can you look at this as part of the development.
- The 100 acre roundabout by McDonalds and the roundabout at Weyhill will also need improvements due to the increase in traffic that the developments will bring.
- The Tidworth Road going over the bridge over the MOD railway is already congested, no further housing can be developed until another bridge is constructed which you have suggested at breakers yard. This bridge will need to be completed before the developments are started as works traffic will not be able to gain access without it.
- Public Transportation, the Active 8 will need to run more often to service the increase in residents, and perhaps reopening the railway line between Ludgershall & Andover needs to be relooked at.
- Sewage works is already up to capacity, a new pumping station will be required
- How is Refuse Collection going to be collected?
- Electric power is also up to capacity which Wiltshire Local Plan has already noted
- Gas is this going to be implemented as there is a major part of Ludgershall without access to Gas?
- Broadband again this utility is also not at its best, can this be looked at and a better service brought into the area?
- Education – we have 2 primary schools for Ludgershall and 1 secondary school for Ludgershall and Tidworth this is at capacity therefore the need for a secondary school and probably 1 or 2 primary schools, will be urgent if all this development goes ahead•
- Policing/crime – with this amount of development there is a worry of an increase in ASB – how are Hampshire going to police this? Will there be a special joint task force?
- GP surgery/chemist – Castle Practice is at capacity, and our chemist is always busy with queues. There will be a need for another surgery and pharmacy.
- NHS Dentist – Ludgershall does not have a dentist, this would need to be addressed.
- Leisure facilities – to help reduce crime we would need more youth facilities, sports facilities a community centre, we have noticed there is no provision for green spaces or play parks, why is this?
- More shopping areas – Ludgershall only has small shops we would need to have another area of shops to take on the capacity of new residents otherwise people will decide to go outside of the area.
- We have a large area of natural beauty at the back of Ludgershall with many species of wildlife we ask that an environmental impact statement is done prior to any further work on this project.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 08.24pm

The next FTC meeting will be held on 28th August 2025

Agenda items to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.

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