

## LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



### Minutes of the Interim Full Town Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm at The Council Offices, 10-12 High Street, Ludgershall, SP11 9PZ.

**Present:** Cllr J Bowyer – Chairman, Cllr D Lansley-Smith, Cllr M McCrum, Cllr S Garmonsway, Cllr I Beveridge, Cllr M Smith.

**Staff:** K Allingham – Town Clerk

**Absent:** 0

**Public:** 0

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

**471-25/26 1. Apologies for Absence - Cllrs M Howard, M Williams, J Plews, J Walker & J Swallow.** Cllrs RESOLVED to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.

**472-25/26 2. To Receive 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.

**473-25/26 3. General Public Questions** – None.

**474-25/26 4. Minutes** *a) FTC meeting 13th April 2026* – The Committee resolved to accept the minutes as read. **Office to action.**

**475-25/26 5. To Discuss & Resolve Planning Application** – *a) PL/2026/02223 - 1* Louis Court, Ludgershall, Andover, SP11 9UH to install replacement conservatory to the rear of the property, the committee discussed and voted no objections. **Office to action.**

**476-25/26 6. Planning Decisions** – None.

**477-25/26 7. Cemetery** – *a) Turfing update* - Due to the time of year and recent sunny weather, it has been advised that cemetery plots requiring returfing are left for the time being to avoid loss of soil in dry conditions. In the meantime, Gavin Jones will level the affected areas and apply grass seed where necessary as a temporary measure. *b) Cemetery Update from Cllr DLS* – the cemetery is looking quite tidy Cllr D Lansley-Smith checks regularly. **Noted.**

**478-25/26 8. To receive update report from Allotments** – *a) The Allotment Report for April 2026* had been circulated prior to the meeting, it was noted that a couple of the Deweys lane empty allotments are not looking good, Cllrs M Howard & I Beveridge are doing an inspection on Sunday so this will be noted. **Noted.** *b) Complaints* – there have been several complaints all in Deweys Lane Allotments; **Rats** associated with a particular plot, although Cllrs have seen them coming from the field. The committee discussed and authorised the office to write to all Deweys lane allotment holders to let them know that Ludgershall Town Council are getting in a Pest control contractor and to include the parts of the rules and regs that explain what all allotment holders

should be doing to keep rats at bay, and that if they find the nest under someone's plot then the plot holder will need to pay for the bill. Ludgershall Town Council has a budget for pest control if not. **Chicken welfare** the committee discussed and asked the office to contact Wiltshire Councils Environmental Health dept and get someone out to check the chickens are ok. **Children on allotment** – The committee discussed, families may have to bring their children to the allotments to work on them, there is no rule and should not be to not have children there. But they should be careful, for the children's own good, to not go near others plots as they could walk in chemicals that could have been used. The committee also discussed how far does the council get involved with this. Following the rules and regulations is as far as Ludgershall Town Council can really go with this matter. **Office to Action.**

**479-25/26 9. To receive update from Civic Events working group** – The committee noted the Balance Sheet for the event and that the event stayed within the £600 budget. Cllr D Lansley-Smith said that a report had previously been given, and she had nothing to add to it. The event went well, she thanked everyone and just said it was a shame the attendance was low, perhaps because of the change of date, or advertising, suggesting that perhaps a different event could be done next year. Cllr M McCrum said in order for us to learn from each event Ludgershall Town Council need to have a Post Event Report he will start one and send it around for others to add their thoughts to. **Cllr M McCrum to Action.**

**480-25/26 10. To receive update Play areas, Rec & skate park- a) Quote for repairs** – the quote has not been received. The Chairman and Clerk explained what the quote was for Cllr M Smith will take a look at them and report back to office.

**Office to action**

**481-25/26 11. Correspondence – a) Fuel surcharge from grist.** – As a result of the conflict in the Middle East, the cost of fuel in the last few weeks has increased significantly and is likely to remain volatile for the foreseeable future. In order to continue to provide you with a sustainable service, from today the 14<sup>th</sup> April we have to add fuel surcharges to the prices we currently charge for all services we provide to you. We will continue to monitor the position and will make adjustments as necessary. **Noted.** **b) Future of the fair in Ludgershall** – The committee discussed at length but would like to defer the decision until they have a proper written report from the Police and the office will also do a costs/damage report. **c) Wildflower no mow area** – a request from a resident for an area in Ludgershall to become an urban meadow. During investigation the Clerk found that Wiltshire Council are more than happy to consider more environmentally friendly maintenance regimes, but these must come from the Town Council. However, this area is not theirs but the business parks. The Clerk just wanted to bring this to the council's attention and has given the resident the contact she needs. **Noted.**

**482-25/26 12. Policies for review/adoption: a) Website accessibility statement** – this had already been adopted at the last interim meeting under point 432-25/26.

**483-25/26 13. To Discuss CCTV policy and agreement with Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership – CCTV sharing as part of operation SNAP** –

The committee voted all in favour for the CCTV Policy **Office to Action.** Then discussed the length of time CCTV clips should be kept after submitting on to SNAP/to police. Cllr M McCrum explained the usual would be once it has been submitted it is their (police) evidence and can then be destroyed by us. Cllr S Garmonsway will speak with the Police Commissioner to find out why they have asked the Town Council to keep the clips for 6 months. **Cllr S Garmonsway to Action.**

**484-25/26 14. To Receive update on public toilets- a) Antisocial behaviour JB to update FTC** – Cllr J Bowyer updated the committee on why the toilets had been

shut, there has been more ASB than usual, a problem with the cleaners & plumbing issues. We have had a meeting with the Toilet contractor and she has reassured us that all will be good going forward, the plumbing work is being done tomorrow, there will be a deep clean and scope check done before re-opening. **Noted.**

**485-25/26 15. Planters working group update** – Cllr M Howard had circulated a report prior to the meeting and Cllr J Bowyer briefly updated that the first lot of flowers have been bought. There is a budget this year of £1500, which will be split over 2 seasons, but also taking into account other items that maybe needed in between. **Noted**

**486-25/26 16. Office Layout Redesign** - Cllr S Garmonsway will pass on the contractors details she has found for the redesign to the Town Clerk.

**487-25/26 17. Agenda points for next month – none**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.32pm.

The next FTC meeting will be the Annual May Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7pm

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