



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

Attended C'Ilr's M Connolly (in the Chair) B Pratt, H Jones, B O'Connell, S Anderton, D Wright, P Hedge, N Arch, S Slater, S Fell, R Gregory F Galvin, D Ball, L Kitcherner-Pain		1 Apologies C'Ilr A Birch, A Connolly, M Gabriello, Col Lawton Absent: C'Ilr A Dawson
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
2	Declaration of Interest MC – Bills for Payment	
3	General Public Questions: Police report had been circulated. LKP advised Tesco toy drive in December had proved a big success with 150 toys donated. Residents of both Trinity House and Bartlett House had a present to open on Christmas day. FG advised NAAFI site had now been sold to with surveyors due on site from w/c 16 th January.	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting: Amendment to Item 8: War memorial, sentence should read 'Panel' not 'Plinth'. Minutes of December 2016 meeting had been circulated. SS proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by BP, carried.	
5	Guests – Michael Kelly Men's Shed Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mk was unable to attend, new date to be arranged.	
6	Co-Options None Received	
7	Wiltshire Councillors Report Last month the Government gave details of proposals to help close the funding gap for social care of the elderly. This was a disappointment as all it did was tell Councils they could add another 1% increase to their Council Tax, meaning Councils could increase their precepts by 5% (2% on general Council Tax and 3% for social care). This was a kop out which does not address the fundamental issue and passes the buck and blame onto Councils. MC felt for the Government to tell the Councils to increase their precepts by up to 5% is totally unacceptable, especially in an area like Tidworth, where the majority of	

	<p>employees are public sector workers, whose salary increases continue to be pegged to 1%.</p> <p>MC has made contact with Sydenhams about their plans for the NAAFI site, they will meet with him when they have plans for discussion. They will be asked to present to the Council prior to their application being submitted.</p> <p>Persimmons had been in touch 10th Jan to advise they hope to start the Ludgershall Road roundabout in approx. 3 months. The roads in phase 1 of the development will be finished and checked prior to adoption over the coming weeks. The remaining lights in phase 1 will be connected in about 4 weeks' time, dependant on SSE. The Pennings Road lighting still needs agreement between Wiltshire and Persimmon on some remedial works before they can be connected. Finally, the roads in phase 2 are not going to be adopted and will be privately managed.</p>	
8	<p>Mayors Report</p> <p>MC and BP attended the ShowOff Dance show at the Wellington Academy in December. The show was fantastic with local people participating who were beginners to advanced students. Ages ranged from under fours to adults of not such a young age. MC had not been aware of how many students the company had, some 120 took part in the event but they have some 300 on the books. They are fulfilling a need for the community and helping to achieve some of Wiltshire's aims of tackling obesity and a fit and healthy community.</p> <p>MC also attended the Holy Trinity Christmas Carol singing in candlelight where he gave a reading. This was a lovely event and well supported.</p> <p>The Mayor had also attended the funeral of former councillor Mark Edmunds, who had been the caretaker at the military cemetery for many years. The Council also sent a wreath for the funeral.</p>	
9	<p>Business Between Meetings</p> <p>MC proposed Part 2 – Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 was called, seconded by BP, carried. Members of the Public were asked to leave.</p> <p>Minutes had been circulated HJ advised amendment, should read Barker, Son and Isherwood. MC proposed these were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	
10	<p>Correspondence – Newsletters and reports available for inspection.</p>	
11	<p>Bills for Payment</p> <p>Bills for payment totalling £22,927.54 had been circulated. HJ commented on value for money of Santa used for Christmas and fact that it was nice to have the Rodeo Rudolph and have something different from other years. DW proposed Bills for payment of 322,927.54 be paid, seconded by NA, MC abstained, carried.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>7th February @ 7pm</p>	<p>Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting</p>

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.20pm

Agreed as a true record..... Mark Connolly, Chairman