



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

<p>Attended C'Ilr's M Connolly (in the Chair) S Anderton (SA), A Birch (AB), A Connolly (AC), Susan Fell (SF), M Gabriello (MG), R Gregory (RG), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), E O'Connell (EO), Brian Pratt (BP) S Slater (SS) Col Lawton, F Galvin, M Walshaw, L Kitchener-Pain, D Stevenson, S Turner (Shipton Parish Council), John Hughes Louise Hardy – Town Correspondent</p>		<p>1 Apologies C'Ilr's Arch, Dawson, Wright. Rev Copeland Proposer: BP, seconder SF, carried Absent:</p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
2	<p>Declaration of Interest None</p>	
3	<p>General Public Questions:</p> <p>Police report had been circulated.</p> <p>F Galvin said that he was trying to get the Environment agency to take responsibility and repair the fence which runs along the river.</p> <p>He asked who was responsible for the path from Zouch school to the garages as there are dog poo issues again. He was advised that it was military, he will provide a map.</p> <p>Mark Walshaw has recently set up a football team and pointed out that there was a distinct lack of recreational facilities.</p> <p>He asked why Humber Lane was currently only exclusively for Tidworth Town Football club (TTFC). He was reminded that this was only until the end of 2017/18 season and as the club had done extensive work at the pitches it was only fair that TTC honour this agreement. However this is not the long term plan. Also at the time the agreement was made TTFC was the only team in the town.</p> <p>Col Lawton advised Mark to contact him to discuss the current fees as there may be concessions available.</p> <p>Mark was also made aware of the S137 grant available from the council.</p> <p>S Turner raised concerns about a footpath at the Home Farm development. MC advised her to email the Town Clerk and that TTC, Shipton and the Military would work together to resolve the problem.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>Amendment to Item 5/6: Wiltshire Council budget setting should read 2% not 3%. Update, Item 7 Leadership, regarding application for funding for Civic Centre It has been decided to ask the architect to help with this and put the business case together for the application. BP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.</p>	

5	<p>Guest - Nigel Porter Wiltshire Employment Scheme</p> <p>Nigel spoke to the members about the service which helps people with special needs into the workforce and supporting them once employed. He mentioned that many employers have given feedback saying that taking on such employees has enhanced their workforce. He said that he is concerned that not enough people know about the service. The members agreed that they would promote as much as possible.</p>	
6/7	<p>Wiltshire Councillor/Mayors Report</p> <p>MC reported that the average increase of Council Tax for Parishes and Town across Wiltshire was 9.35%. Tidworth is well below this with an increase of 2.98%.</p> <p>He has been spending a lot of time dealing with a land issue on the Riverbourne View estate, residents are unhappy that land has effectively been taken off them and they are liable for the maintenance of a retaining wall next to the flood plain. They are also unhappy that Wiltshire Council did not take enforcement action and allowed an application to vary planning permission.</p> <p>Due to a number of sewer blockages he has been speaking with the water companies Veolia and Wessex Water. Wessex water have stated that this is mainly due to people flushing inappropriate items. They have offered to come and give educational speeches to the schools.</p> <p>He reported that the litter pick held the previous Saturday had been a great success with nearly 20 volunteers. The next pick is in the diary for 22nd April 2017.</p> <p>He reminded the members that they need to hand their completed Election forms to the Town Clerk by 22nd March if they wanted her to deliver them on their behalf.</p>	
8	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Engagement</p> <p>MG reported on a meeting held on 22nd February 2017.</p> <p>BP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SF, carried.</p> <p>There are a few suggested locations for Wiltshire Wildlife's community garden project. Jessica will liaise with the Town Clerk. DW will be leading on this project.</p> <p>Festival Plans are coming together and is very exciting.</p> <p>Easter Event is all in place.</p> <p>As per the S106 agreement the area of land for a community play area is now available the committee will now start to engage with the residents to ascertain their preferred options.</p>	
9	<p>Tidworth War Memorial</p> <p>Work is to commence on 29th March 2017.</p> <p>The official opening is 24th June 2017 in conjunction with Armed Forces Day. Holy Trinity Church will also hold their fete on this day.</p> <p>The War Memorial Committee have asked the Town Council to help support. Daz Stevenson will attend the next Community Engagement meeting to discuss this.</p> <p>HJ and AB have put in a huge amount of work validating the names for inscription, the list will now be forwarded to the stone mason.</p> <p>There are enough funds to install solar lighting.</p>	
10	<p>Business Between Meetings</p> <p>A S137 grant application had been received for Park Run for the sum of £500.00. Leadership have recommended that the grant be awarded. The members are in agreement that this is a great initiative to get people of all ages fit.</p>	

	Proposed by SS, seconded by BP, carried	
10	Correspondence – Newsletters and reports available for inspection.	
11	Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £11896.93 been circulated. HJ proposed Bills for payment of £11896.93 be paid, seconded by PH	
	Date of next meeting 4 th April 2017 @ 7pm	Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.20pm

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