

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2025

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylle Road at 7pm.

Attended Cllr's C Webb (CW) in the chair, H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), S Musikvanhu (SM), R Mason (RM), C Daborn (CDB), M Anim (MA), C Danso (CD) C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) WO1 Tomlinson PCSO House Kevin King – Manager TLC T Dewey – Holy Trinity Church 4 members of the public		25/125 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence Cllr Edwards, Cllr Kofitia, Cllr Ahern, Cllr Flower Cllr Allen – Tidworth North and West Cllr Lumsden -Wiltshire Tidworth East/Ludgershall West Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
25/126	2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).	
25/127	3. Public Questions: WO1 Tomlinson that the summer break was now over. He advised that people need to be aware when out on SPTA as there will be troops on exercise. There were concerns raised with PCSO Haus regarding the anti-social behaviour and people riding around on illegal motor bikes on pavements and without helmets. The Police are aware of this however residents are urged to repeatedly report issues with as much details as possible to build up a portfolio of evidence. Kevin King said that the TLC is also a victim of the recent spate of anti-social behaviour and only just this evening he has had to contact the Police. He reported that the income for this year is on track for the £1m target. He has built a good relationship with the MOD, and this Summer Holiday was the first time the public have had full access to swimming which has resulted in 1000 new swimmers. He was asked how the money will be re-invested? It will be mainly spent for the swim school and other areas that require refurbishment.	CL
25/128	4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5 th August 2025 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ carried.	

25/117	13 Aug –Himself and Cllr Chris Williams met with senior members of Wiltshire Council Planning Team, to discuss the Test Valley Local Plan and in particular the developments that border Ludgershall. They were assured that WC have been engaging closely with TVBC and will be looking to ensure that developers provide critical infrastructure and facilities in support of our local communities. 2 Sep – Staffing Policy Committee – New volunteering policy, approach WC community engagement teams to request volunteers to support local community events. 8 Sep – Meeting of Area Board Chairs - organised by deputy leader of the council who has indicated she wants to look at a review the Area Board model to look at opportunities to develop the model to make it more effective in broadening community engagement. 9 Sep – Follow up with PC Kinge on outcomes of ASB actions – He has also reached out and asked her to complete traffic survey outside Clarendon School, so an informed decision can be made whether additional measures are required. 2 Oct – Copart Planning Application- The Planning Department is working for the application to be heard at the Eastern Area Planning Committee scheduled for the 2nd October. Councillor Surgeries – He would like to set up a series of Councillor surgeries to allow residents to come along and meet face to face and raise any issues they have.	
25/118	6. Mayor's Report Cllr Webb provided the following report: Since the last Full Town Council meeting there has been a debrief with AJ about the Festival looking at our successes and where improvements could be made for next year. At the moment there is no certainty that Armed Forces Day will go ahead in 2026 as Tracy Jones, who has been the lynch pin for the event, has become so disillusioned particularly with the lack of support from volunteers. Tracy has donated a number of items she no longer needs to assist with our events. On the 14th August herself and Cllr Hedge represented Tidworth at an open meeting convened by Ludgershall Town Council to discuss plans from Test Valley for the building of an additional 2982 homes between Ludgershall and Andover with 350 being built Northeast of Faberstown and 1,363 South East of Faberstown with more houses in Appleshaw, the Weyhill/Fyfield/Amport area, and Penton Mewsey. Whilst this development does not directly affect Tidworth it does have a ripple effect as there are apparently no current plans for additional infrastructure save for one primary school within the Wiltshire border and one in Hampshire. Although it is likely to be a subsequent condition of planning, at this stage there is no plan for GPs, dentists, recreation, retail or importantly for a High School. The public consultation for the current Test Valley development ends midday on the 5th September.	

	Thanks was given to everyone who made the event to mark the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day and the final end of WWII on 8th August a success. 19th August along with Cllr Allen she met with Assistant Inspector Caroline Ralph and PC Jody Kinge to discuss shoplifting and local Antisocial Behaviour in the town. They were assured that the police are fully conversant with the concerns of residents and retailers and all reports were being catalogued and investigated. 20th August she presented the two children who had won the VJ Day colouring competition with their prizes. 29th August she met with our MP Danny Kruger to update him with our local knowledge and experience of the Afghan Community in Tidworth, aside from initial anecdotal postings on Facebook there seems to be no significant difficulties with the integration of the Afghan community in this town and they were currently benefitting from a lot of classes and community based activities which are very well received. Statistics show that the rate of crime had not changed at all. She reported the good news that permission had been given to close the road so that a march can take place for Remembrance. On the 27th September herself and Cllr Mason are honoured to be attending the Tidworth Nepalese Community Association Dashain event.	
25/129	7. Committee Reports Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 12th August 2025, minutes had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ carried. Civic Centre FM Update There are some soundboards remaining to be put up in Perham's A & B. FM to continue watering the grass and shrubs daily. Uplift of perimeter trees to 3m –PH proposed to pay Josh Harris £450.00, seconded by HJ, carried. Outdoor Projector – CW proposed to pay Blachere £1999 + Vat for the external projector, seconded by HJ, carried. It was also agreed that whilst Services Committee will pay for the projector, the Engagements Committee should pay for any GOBO discs relevant to their events. Mini Playpark. HJ proposed to pay Sovereign Playgrounds up to £10k to supply, install 2 items of equipment, Buzz Tower and Time Out Trail, seconded by PH, 1 objection, carried. Wiltshire Council - Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) Next LHFIG 1st October 2025 - Footpath Repairs/Improvements Wellington Lions School – Several requests were received from the school to implement traffic calming measures. AN to submit a request to WC to install a barrier outside of the school gate, on the pavement, next to the road. Main Roundabout by Esso Garage – Directional signs have been discussed at the LHFIG, but TTC have been asked to pay a contribution towards costs, HJ	



proposed to pay 25% (circa £775) towards directional signage, seconded by PH, carried.

A request has been sent to WC for costs to paint a "right hand turn" arrow in the right-hand lane coming from Meerut Road to the roundabout.

Residents request for a 20mph restriction sign received for Manor Bridge Court.

Gaps in Fencing along Manor Bridge Court – Wiltshire Council is dealing with this.

Double Yellow Lines – Pennings Road – The legal deadline for this to be carried out is 18th September.

Station Road Bollards – WC have suggested a new "reboundable" bollard to replace the existing posts if they are knocked over. They will also pay the full costs of these.

Brick Column at the Top of Station Road – WC have conducted a site visit but as there are electrics involved, it will need to be assessed by the streetlighting team.

The Services Committee consider the column to be a traffic calming measure and suggest WC reinstate it.

Traffic Survey Requests

Waiting restrictions requests. -Double yellow lines for the junction of Zouch Farm Road with Merrington Way is with Wiltshire Council.

War Memorial - Cleaning the Memorial flooring has taken place.

River Bourne Corridor Update.

The area is in good order, but someone has been bending one of the flood signs. This will be monitored.

Playparks -Connolly Way – Large hole in the ground in the Southwest corner of the park, URGENT but turfing needs to wait until some decent rainfall arrives.

Thompson Way, hole by the western gate entrance, URGENT

The defibrillator has been installed at the Spar Shop on Pennings Road and is now "Emergency Ready".

Permission has been given by the Manager, and a licence has been granted by DIO to install a defibrillator on the Poppies Day Care Centre in Perham Down.

Community Engagement CDB reported on a meeting held on 19th August 2025, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. **CDB proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.**

Litter Pick -Future date discussed, Scouts and Brownies to be contacted.

Mortuary Chapel Open Day Saturday 20th September 2pm-4pm

Additional flasks have been purchased for the event, so no generator required. Metal pin badges have been purchased.

Halloween 2025 Sat 25th October 3pm-5pm

Remembrance – 9th Nov 2025 10.30am

CW proposed to purchase 2 single silhouettes from the RBLI shop at £175 each, totalling £350. Seconded by PH, carried.

Christmas Fair 6th Dec, 10am-11am SEND, then 11am – 3pm Fair

10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas.

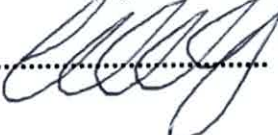
11am – 3pm Christmas Fair



	RM volunteered to be Father Christmas for the event. WI have been invited to run a cake and drink stand and have accepted. Future Events - Cllrs have been asked to think of new and fresh ideas for 2026. CDB proposed that £25000 budget to be set for Tidworth Town Festival 2026. Seconded by CW, carried. Community Family Passes -number of passes sold since starting the initiative. 4 kingdoms – 60 Cholderton Farm – 46 Clown About – 34 Leadership - HJ reported on a meeting held on 13th August 2025, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. CDB proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried. Martyn's Law Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 Martyn's Law has been passed and must be implemented by 2027. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature. • Civic Centre • Facilities Management • TTFC – Rent, Humber Lane Proposed by HJ, seconded by PH, carried. Leadership - HJ reported on a meeting held on 26th August 2025, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature. • Facilities Management • Staffing Proposed by HJ, seconded by PH, carried. Projects - PH reported on a meeting held on 26th August 2025, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by CDB, carried Civic Centre – there is one outstanding job which when complete the remaining £46k retention will be released to Neilcott. Attendees for the training will be, Cllr Hedge, Cllr Jones, Town Clerk, Admin Officer and Facilities Management. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature. • Allotments/Humber Lane field. Proposed by HJ, seconded by PH, carried.	
25/130	8. AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return) The External Auditor has completed the audit for 2024/25 with no issues.	
25/131	9. Flag Protocol Now that there is a flagpole in situ it is a requirement to have a flag protocol. A draft document had been circulated. This is a very emotive subject and there was a lengthy discussion, including members of the public, as to which flags could be flown when.	

	The general consensus is that the Union flag should be flown at all times, if other flags are permitted to be flown it would be tricky deciding which ones and there is the risk of offence being caused.	
25/132	10. Policies for Review • Co-option Procedure • IT Policy • Meeting Attendance • Flag Policy Due to time constraints this agenda item has been deferred.	
25/133	11. Co-Options None received.	
25/134	12.5137 Grants None received.	
25/135	10. Correspondence and Updates A date for the presentation of the Freedom of the Town has been set for 2 nd December 2025.	
25/136	11. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £71,039.34 had been circulated. HJ proposed Bills for Payment totalling £71,039.34 be paid, seconded by SM carried. https://tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/minutes-agendas-and-finance/monthly-expenditure-and-finance	
25/137	12. Date of next meeting 7 TH OCTOBER 2025 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 9pm.

Agreed as a true record.....  C Webb, Chair

Date: 8th October 25