



**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Community Services Meeting**  
**SEPTEMBER 2025**

Minutes from the Community Services Committee meeting held on **16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7pm.**

<b>Attended:</b> Councillors: P Hedge (PH) – Chair, H Jones (HJ), A Edwards (AE), R Mason (RM), D Kofitia (DK), O Flower (OF)  Cllr K Allen (KA) – Wiltshire Cllr C Lovell (CL) – Town Clerk		25/164S <b>1. Apologies:</b> Cllr Ahern <b>Absent:</b> None <i>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 Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</i>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
25/165S	<b>2. Declaration of Interest.</b> <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	
25/166S	<b>3. Minutes from the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> were ratified at the September 2025 Full Town Council meeting.	
25/167S	<b>4. Civic Centre</b> <b>FM Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More pads for the sound boards need ordering</li> <li><b>First Aid Training</b> – FM to let AN know when this is complete.</li> <li><b>Water Dispensers for Meeting Rooms/Office</b>            There is currently a trial dispenser in the office.            Costs had been circulated.            After discussion it was agreed to investigate having a water fountain at a central point inside the Civic Centre and an external one.            CL will contact Veolia.</li> <li><b>Projector</b>            Two quotes have been received, members agreed to wait for the third quote which has been requested but unfortunately has been delayed due to sickness.            Planning Pre-Application (ENQ/2025/00527) has been validated. Full permission has been requested.</li> <li><b>Playpark</b>            Having agreed on Sovereign to be the contractor, installation costs had been circulated.</li> </ul>	AN/FM  FM  FM/AN  CL        AN



25/172S	<p><b>10. Playparks</b>  <b>Elite Playpark Quarterly Inspections due in November 2025.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Inclusive of Warden Reports:</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Connolly Way</b> – No issues.</p> <p><b>Connolly Way</b> – 2 x Coach bolts missing for the Winter Program.</p> <p><b>Shepperd Street</b> –No Issues.</p> <p><b>Beech Hill Road</b> – Bin overflowing.</p> <p><b>Zouch Farm Road</b> – There is a hole at the far end.</p> <p><b>Thompson Road</b> – No additional issues, other than the hole still outstanding.</p> <p>OF reported that there is a lot of dog poo and is there anything that can be done regarding this?  There was a lengthy discussion regarding this long-standing problem. It was agreed that OF would make a list of ‘dog poo’ hotspots, other members are encouraged to also report.  Prices will then be obtained to install additional signage.  *Noted - TTC are only responsible for the two bins on the Riverbourne Corridor*</p>	<p>AN/Gavin Jones</p> <p>Elite</p> <p>OF</p>
25/173S	<p><b>11. Cemetery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PH reported the cemetery is looking very good.</li> </ul> <p>The Cemetery Rules had been circulated it was suggested that the following addition be made:  <b>“Tidworth Town Council reserve the right to decline burial or interment of ashes in the Town Cemetery to any non-resident of Tidworth”</b>  <b>HJ Proposed that the addition is inserted as item 31 on the Cemetery Rules, seconded by PH, carried</b>  Applications will be reviewed on an individual basis.  <b>Mortuary Chapel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PH reported no issues.</li> </ul> <p>RM had just returned from cleaning the Chapel along with Cllr Webb.  Grass will be cut Wednesday ready for the Open Day.  OF and DK both said they will be available on the day alongside the members who have already confirmed.</p>	
25/174S	<p><b>12. Christmas Lights – Lampposts and Tree</b>  <b>Additional Lamp Posts Sockets installation</b></p> <p>28 proposed new socket installations £6k already agreed and one removal.  Four lots of Traffic Management is required for this scheme, which also covers the four-way lights at Station Road  Awaiting update from Highways Officer.</p>	AN
25/175S	<p><b>13. Winter Preparations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Cllrs encouraged to check grit bins so that they are replenished before the cold weather.</p>	
25/176S	<p><b>14. Emergency Contact Hub – Community Resilience.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been an additional meeting since last reported. No update at this stage.</li> <li>• OF has expressed an interest in being involved.</li> </ul>	
25/177S	<p><b>15. Defibrillator</b></p> <p><b>Civic Centre</b> – no issues</p> <p><b>Spar Pennings Road</b> – no issues</p> <p><b>Poppies Perham Down</b> – now installed</p>	
25/178S	<p><b>16. Asset Register</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracy Jones has kindly donated some bins and sundries from the AFD committee, they have been added to the register.</li> </ul>	
25/179S	<p><b>17. Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First Aid Training</b> – Awaiting confirmation from FM for when his course is booked.</li> <li>• DK still to provide a copy of his First Aid Certificate.</li> </ul>	AN/FM DK
25/180S	<p><b>18. Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to date full budget circulated to all members prior to September full town.</li> </ul>	
25/181S	<p><b>19. Correspondence/Updates</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
25/182S	<p><b>20. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>All agenda items to the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the Meeting</b></p>	All

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.