

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OCTOBER 2025

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wyllye 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), A Edwards (AE), C Danso (CD) C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) Cllr Allen – Tidworth North and West Cllr Lumsden -Wiltshire Tidworth East/Ludgershall West WO1 Tomlinson F Galvin B Pratt J Booth TidNBul Badminton Club		25/138 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence Cllr Flower 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. Absent – Cllr Kofitia, Cllr Anim
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
25/139	2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). Cllr Mason – item 10	
25/140	3. Public Questions: WO1 Tomlinson advised that there was going to be a lot of movement as troops are training. He let everyone know that there were two events at the weekend so may impact traffic. Kevin King provided an update and said that the anti-social behaviour he previously reported. CW referred everyone to the Police report which had been circulated which provided an update of action recently taken. F Galvin told the members that his number is on the notice board at St Mary's church should people want to visit.	
25/141	4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3 rd September 2025 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ carried.	
25/142	5. Wiltshire Councillors Report: Cllr Allen and Cllr Lumsden both reported on meetings they had attended over the last month.	

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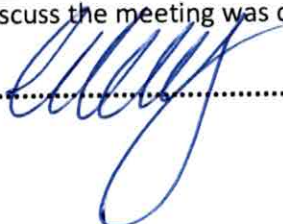

25/143	6. Mayor's Report Cllr Webb provided the following report: 3rd September there was a meeting to discuss the plans for a new external store. There have been only 2 tenders for the building work. It was decided to advertise the project on a government site. She had met with Wiltshire Councillors, local retailers, P.C. Jody Kinge and Sgt Caroline Ralph to discuss the current incidence of antisocial behaviour in Tidworth most notably, theft and criminal damage. They were informed that enquiries are continuing about children from Tidworth and Ludgershall but the pathway is very difficult given the very young ages so that procedures have to be adopted to avoid the young persons from entering the criminal justice system. The next meeting is now scheduled for 14th October. 11th September along with Cllr Mason she met with Matt from British Forces Broadcasting Service to discuss how they can promote events. 19th September - The Mortuary Chapel Open Day was well attended despite heavy rain for the last hour. She thanked Mr Galvin for arranging to open St. Marys and all those who visited the church were amazed by its beauty and grateful for the opportunity to visit. She noted that there had been a good Cllr attendance which was appreciated. Herself and Cllr Mason recently met with Pat Burgess at Tedworth House to see the archaeological excavations of the Mausoleum in the grounds which was apparently removed in 1954. 25th September she attended an Awards Ceremony for the Leavers to Leaders' Summit for serving military personnel from the Commonwealth and veterans. She was honoured to be invited to present the 'Military Spouse of the Year' Award to Mrs. Fifi Taganekurukuru who is a remarkable lady. 27th September along with Cllr Mason she had the pleasure of attending Tidworth Nepalese Community Association Dashain celebrations.	
25/144	7. Committee Reports Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 16th September 2025, minutes had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ carried. Civic Centre Water Dispenser After discussion it was agreed to investigate having a water fountain at a central point inside the Civic Centre and an external one. Projector 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. Playpark Having agreed on Sovereign to be the contractor, installation costs had been circulated. HJ proposed that the grass installation option is accepted at a cost of £4,100.00, seconded by PH, carried.	

	Wiltshire Council - Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) Requests for the Parish Steward – Next Visit 5 & 16 October 2025 Discretionary Gully Service – No requests LHFIG was 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. Taxi Rank conversion to Short Term Parking. LHFIG contacted the Taxi Licensing Dept within WC, who are conducting an internal review of required “ranks” across Wiltshire, including Tidworth. TTC need to wait for the outcome of this before entering public consultation. Wylve Rd Day Care Centre footpath to the Rd – “Legals” with the landowner DIO has been sorted, a process of work is being put together. 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. *This is now complete. There had been an amendment made to the Cemetery Rules. Community Engagement CW reported on a meeting held on 19th 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. Litter Pick -11th October 2025 at 2.30pm. Mortuary Chapel Open Day Saturday 20th September – Despite the weather had been a success. CW proposed that up to £60 budget to be set for a trophy for the winner of the stained-glass window picture competition. Seconded by PH, carried. An ex-local couple have been in touch to offer the council a gift. A hand made replica of the Mortuary Chapel. This has taken them 3.5yrs to build and it has been made with love and care. To safely transport this item to the Civic Centre courier quotes have been obtained. CW proposed that £375 + VAT be paid to swift Courier based in Andover to deliver the replica model from Mr & Mrs Boxall’s address in Lowerstoft and delivered to the Civic Centre as it will serve to draw interest and attract visitors. Seconded by PH, carried. Halloween 2025 Sat 25th October 3pm-5pm Remembrance – 9th Nov 2025 10.30am Military March. Road closure approval -was granted by Wiltshire Council to take place on the 9th Nov 10.20-10.35am. RM will coordinate with CB and GSM to gather contact details and numbers involved in the parade. Padre Gary Birch confirmed to attend and take part in service. Christmas Fair 6th Dec, 10am – 11am SEND time for Father Christmas. 11am – 3pm Christmas Fair RM volunteered to be Father Christmas for the event. PH proposed to purchase 12 x Bulk boxes of Cadbury selection boxes at £42.90 per box + £3.99 postage = £518.79 to cover 312 children at the Christmas Fair meeting Santa. Seconded by RM, carried.	
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	Indoor Christmas Tree Civic Centre – Installation Date 25 November 10ft artificial tree from PHS Greenleaf ordered from their standard range in the colours red and gold. Freedom of the Town -Scroll to be presented to Mr Connolly at the Full Town Meeting in December. CW proposed to purchase a Balloon Arch through Dotty Dot Balloons at £120 to be delivered on the 2nd December. Seconded by PH, 1 x abstained, carried. Budget discussed for the purchase of Prosecco, Sandwich Platter and nibbles from Waitrose and Flowers CW proposed to purchase a budget of upto £250. Seconded by PH, 1 x abstained, carried. Event Equipment PH proposed that the purchase of 4 new replacement gazebo bags be purchased at a cost of up to £20 each as the current bags have various holes and tears in them. Seconded by SM, carried. HJ proposed that 1 new rechargeable headtorch be purchased at a cost of upto £17 to replace the one that has been missing since the festival. Seconded by RM, carried. Projects - PH reported on a meeting held on 23rd September 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. Update End of Retention/Final Handover. As soon as the one outstanding item is resolved the retention will be paid to Neilcott - £46K External Storage. Due to the lack of tenders received to get a better response it was agreed to advertise for tender on the My Tenders Portal (Proactis). HJ proposed that TTC pay Proactis £949 exc VAT, to advertise the tender for the external storage, seconded by PH, carried. The current situation regarding Project Management was discussed and it was agreed that T Goodman will be released from his services upon completion, the Town Clerk will have a discussion with him regarding cost. Proposed by CW, 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. • Allotments/Humber Lane field. Proposed by HJ, seconded by PH, carried.	
25/145	8. Policies for Review All policies had been circulated Co-option Procedure – Proposed by RM, seconded by PH, carried. IT Policy – Proposed by SM, seconded by HJ, carried. Meeting Attendance – Proposed by PH, seconded by CD, carried.	
25/146	9. Co-Option One application had been received from Simone Sela. All members of public were asked to leave the room and the members had a short discussion. I was unanimously agreed that he was a great candidate.	

	AE proposed that Simone Sela be co-opted onto TTC and represent Tidworth East ward, seconded by RM, carried. Members of the public returned to the room and Simone was invited to sit at the table and duly signed his paperwork.	
25/147	10. S137 Grant An application from TidBul Badminton Club for £734.40 had been received to cover the hire fee for their upcoming tournament. This is the first time they have hosted a tournament and anticipate 200 players of all ages and backgrounds. PH proposed that TTC award the amount of £734.40 to cover the hire fees, seconded by HJ, 1 abstention, carried.	
25/148	11. Correspondence and Updates None	
25/149	12. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £47,496.79 had been circulated. HJ proposed Bills for Payment totalling £47,496.79 be paid, seconded by SM carried. https://tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/minutes-agendas-and-finance/monthly-expenditure-and-finance	
25/150	13. Date of next meeting 4th November 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:

4/11/2025