



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Community Services Meeting
December 2025

Minutes from the Community Services Committee meeting held on **9th December 2025 at 7pm**.

Cllr Hedge announced the death of Mrs Janet White the former Town Clerk who had given 30 plus years' service to Tidworth Town Council.

There was a minute's silence to acknowledge and show respect of this sad event.

Attended: Councillors: P Hedge (PH) – Chair, H Jones (HJ), A Edwards, R Mason (RM), D Kofitia (DK) Cllr Webb Cllr K Allen (KA) – Wiltshire Cllr Steve Slater – Facilities Mgr (FM) C Lovell – Town Clerk Donna West – Allotments Committee	25/223S 1. Apologies: Cllr Senna Absent: Cllr O Flower <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
25/224S	2. Declaration of Interest. <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>
25/225S	3. Minutes from the Meeting held in November 2025 were ratified at the December 2025 Full Town Council meeting.
25/226S	4. Allotments Donna West attended to provide an update on the Allotments Committee which has recently been formed. They had agreed that membership would be kept to the fifteen people who have been allocated a plot. A chair, secretary and treasurer had been appointed, and Terms of Reference will be drawn up. A WhatsApp group has been set up, and their next meeting has been planned for 5 th January 2026.
25/226S	5. Civic Centre & FM Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional sound boards have been ordered and FM will put them in place when received.• Thanks was given to FM for painting Tedworth Hall• Following on for the suggestion of a dado rail around Tedworth Hall to prevent damage from chairs and tables, two quotes had been received,

	<p>one including painting, one without. It has been suggested that tiles similar to the sound boards would be a less expensive option. These may not give the depth required to prevent damage but is an option to be considered along with a dado rail. Samples will be requested as will revised quotes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request had been received regarding fixing the mobile projector onto the wall in Tedworth Hall. It is not technically possible to install onto the wall or the ceiling. However the Committee would like to get a larger projector. CDB has offered to look into options. Now that the walls have been painted FM has said in his opinion that the wall provides good coverage. However the option of a screen will still be looked into. • Playpark – Completed, area to be seeded when the weather allows. A picket type fence to border the area has been suggested. There were mixed feeling regarding the safety and maintenance of this. CL will discuss with Gavin Jones and Elite. • Flags – A much less expensive flag has been resourced however it was agreed that a red background was not appropriate. Quotes for a light blue background to be requested. • National Service Veterans Alliance Plaque – TTC are in possession of the plaque, arrangements will be made for it to be erected in the new year and an unveiling arranged. • Benches – One of the café benches had broken. Upon investigation HJ discovered that some of the legs only had 2 bolts. He has fixed these and contacted the supplier to advise them of this and request spare parts. 	CB CDB CL CB CB
25/227S	<p>6. Grounds Maintenance</p> <p>Quotation for maintenance of the three trees at Hampshire Cross to be requested.</p>	Gavin Jones/CL
25/228S	<p>7. Wiltshire Council - Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LFIG)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requests for the Parish Steward – Next Visit 10th December 2025 2. Next LFIG 7th January 2026 - Footpath Repairs/Improvements 3. “Waiting restrictions” requests. None 4. Traffic Survey Requests None <p>PH has requested that the option of turning the right-hand lane approaching south at the Hampshire Cross traffic lights is made into a ‘right hand turn’ only option, he is concerned about the risk as cars merge from both lanes when moving forward.</p> <p>Cllr Allen will look at remedies for the flooding which happens approximately every six months in this area between Lidl and the turning onto Station Road.</p>	Cllr Allen

	<p>The huge pothole on the A338 near the chip shop/Ram has had several temporary repairs but is in such a state that a more permanent resolution is needed urgently, increasingly cars are being damaged.</p> <p>Cllr Allen continues to put pressure on for this to be actioned.</p>	Cllr Allen
25/229S	<p>8. War Memorial</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
25/230S	<p>9. River Bourne Corridor Update.</p> <p>No water in swales yet.</p>	
25/231S	<p>10. Skatepark</p> <p>Some of the graffiti has been removed and the contractor is due to return and finish. Sadly more has appeared and it seems it will continue to do so as the Police are unable to take action.</p> <p>It is costly to continue to clean every time this happens, but all are in agreement that the offensive and explicit graffiti needs to be at the least covered up.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this is not a quick fix as any substance used to cover up would alter the surface and render it unsafe.</p> <p>Another option is for it to be an Artwork Community project and although in principle this would be fantastic it does not resolve the problem seeing how disrespectful the current graffiti is the opinion is that this would also be destroyed.</p> <p>Finding a solution will continue to be a priority.</p>	CB/Gavin Jones
25/232S	<p>11. Playparks</p> <p>Elite Playpark Quarterly Inspections due in January 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warden Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connolly Way Shepperd Street Beech Hill Road Zouch Farm Road Thompson Road <p>No issues.</p>	
25/233S	<p>12. Cemetery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report • Mortuary Chapel -Three companies have been contacted for a quote to repair the bell tower. One has been received; RM is meeting with another company to discuss so hopefully another quotation will be received shortly. 	

25/234S	<p>13. Christmas Lights Additional sockets to be installed in due course. Christmas lights are looking spectacular however most were in agreement that the tree didn't have the wow factor it had last year so will be reviewed for 2026.</p>	Committee
25/235S	<p>14. Winter Preparations CL to contact Gavin Jones regarding currently sandbag stock.</p>	CL
25/236S	<p>15. Emergency Contact Hub – Community Resilience. • No updates.</p>	
25/237S	<p>16. Defibrillator Civic Centre – no issues Spar Pennings Road – no issues Poppies Perham Down – no issues</p>	
25/238S	<p>17. Asset Register • No updates.</p>	
25/239S	<p>18. Training DK expressed an interest in the Mental Health First Aid course; he will be booked onto it if there are spaces still available.</p>	
25/240S	<p>19. Budget An EGM will be called to set the budget for 2026/27</p>	
25/241S	<p>20. Correspondence/Updates None.</p>	
25/242S	<p>21. Date of Next Meeting • The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th January 2026. All agenda items to the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the Meeting</p>	All

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