

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL JANUARY 2026

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylve Road at 7pm.

<p>Attended Cllr's C Webb (CW) in the chair, H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), S Musikvanhu (SM), R Mason (RM), C Danso (CD), A Edwards (AE), S Sella (SS) C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) Cllr Allen – Tidworth North and West Cllr Lumsden East/Ludgershall West WO1 Tomlinson F Galvin</p>	<p>26/001 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence Cllr Daborn, Cllr Kofitia, Cllr Danso. Police Absent – Cllr Flower, Cllr Anim</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Action by</p>
<p>26/002</p>	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). None</p>	
<p>26/003</p>	<p>3. Public Questions: The GSM advised that there were some major events happening between 21st Jan – 9th February which will mean an increase in traffic. He has advised people to be vigilant as there have been numerous nondomestic break ins.</p>	
<p>26/004</p>	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2 December 2025 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SM carried. No matters arising.</p>	
<p>26/005</p>	<p>5. Wiltshire Councillors Report: Cllr Allen reported that progress was being made with the youth project at Wellington Academy and a committee has now been formed. The first Stand Easy Veteran meeting is to be held at the Ram Public House on 17th January 2026. He is in discussions with the Tesco Community Champion regarding the</p>	

	organisation of Armed Forces Day.	
26/006	<p>6. Mayor's Report</p> <p>Cllr Webb provided the following report: She wished everyone a happy New Year. The ever-popular Christmas Fair was on Saturday 6 th December. It was hard work for the Community Engagements Officer and volunteers but was worth it for the positive feedback. Thanks to the volunteer Santa and his team of elves. On the 8th December she was invited to 1st Tidworth brownies where she presented the award for the Mortuary Chapel colouring competition to Lilianne Callendar. 10th December she was invited together with all the other local parishes to a meeting of the Tidworth Area Community Safety Group. Unfortunately, this meeting was very poorly attended. It was agreed to change the name of the group to Tidworth Area Community Safety and Security Group and agreed to meet quarterly with the next meeting scheduled for the 15th April. On 11th December herself and Cllr Mason were invited by the Lord Lieutenant to the County of Wiltshire Carol Services in Devizes. The service was interesting because it was one of eleven across the country which were running alongside the Princess of Wales Carol Service in London. 16th December along with the Town Clerk she had a meeting with Assistant Inspector Caroline Ralph from the police hub to have a debrief following the Christmas Fair. It seems that the police did experience some obstruction from people accessing and leaving the car park so measures will be put in place. 17th December saw the Santa Sleigh ride run by Stonehenge Chamber. It was very successful. Thanks to the Stonehenge Chamber for making it possible. On the same evening she watched the Christmas Showcase when the young people overcame numerous technical difficulties to deliver a production which was much enjoyed. On 18th December she took Santa to Wellington Lions School, that evening she also attended the Military Wives Choir Christmas concert. 7th January along with Cllr Mason, Cllr Jones, Cllr Hedge and the Town Clerk she was honoured to represent Tidworth Town Council at the funeral at St. James Ludgershall of Janet White who sadly passed away before Christmas. Janet was a former Tidworth Town Clerk for a period in excess of 30 years and was highly respected. The Allotments Committee have met and elected their officers.</p>	
26/007	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 9th December 2025, minutes had been circulated. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RM carried.</p> <p>Allotments -Donna West attended to provide an update on the Allotments Committee which has recently been formed. They had agreed that</p>	

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.

Civic Centre & FM Update - 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. It has been suggested that tiles similar to the sound boards would be a less expensive option.
 Samples will be requested as will revised quotes.

Playpark – Completed.

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.

Grounds Maintenance - Quotation for maintenance of the three trees at Hampshire Cross to be requested.

Wiltshire Council - Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)
 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.
 Cllr Allen will look at remedies for the flooding which happens approximately every six months in this area between Lidls and the turning onto Station Road. The huge pothole on the A338 near the chip shop/Ram has had several temporary repairs but is in such a state that that a more permanent resolution is needed urgently, increasingly cars are being damaged.
 Cllr Allen continues to put pressure on for this to be actioned.

Playparks
 Elite Playpark Quarterly Inspections due in January 2026.
 No issues

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.

Christmas Lights
 Additional sockets to be installed in due course.

Winter Preparations - CL to contact Gavin Jones regarding currently sandbag stock.

Community Engagement CW reported on a meeting held 16th December 2025, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. **SM proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.**

Recent Event Feedback
Freedom of the Town - Positive feedback was noted.

	<p>Christmas Fair -Overall, a great event which was well enjoyed by the public with extremely positive feedback.</p> <p>Litter Pick - High-viz for children purchased.</p> <p>Easter Party – Saturday 28th March 2026</p> <p>CW proposed a budget of up to £500 for a children’s entertainer, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>PH proposed a budget of up to £250 for costs involving easter eggs, chocolates and little teddy gifts, seconded by CW, carried.</p> <p>CW proposed to invite Rosie Cheeks facepainting back, last year’s costs were £60 per hour per artists at 2 artists for 2 hours, seconded by SM, carried.</p> <p>Extra Ordinary General Meeting - CW reported on a meeting held on 16th December 2025, minutes had been circulated. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RM carried.</p> <p>Budget for the financial year 2026-2027 - The proposed budget papers recommending the budget for 2026/2027 be £755,850. This will include the use of earmarked reserves.</p> <p>HJ proposed the budget for 2026/2027 be £755,850 seconded by PH, carried. The allotment fees had not been included in the income so PH circulated rates charged by neighbouring councils.</p> <p>PH proposed that the allotment fees be £80.00 per annum for a full plot, seconded by CW, carried</p> <p>Precept 2026/2027 - Due to prudent forecasting and the Civic Centre income being greater than predicted the recommendation is that there will be no rise in the precept demand for 2026/2027.</p> <p>PH proposed that the precept for 2026/2027 be £577,200, seconded by CW, carried.</p> <p>Mortuary Chapel Bell Repair - Three quotations had been requested, two had responded and been circulated.</p> <p>CW proposed that O’Shea Engineering carry out the work and to cover any unexpected costs a budget not to exceed £5,500 be agreed for the repair of the Mortuary Chapel bell, seconded by RM, carried.</p>	
26/008	<p>8. Co-Option None received</p>	
26/009	<p>9. S137 Grant Kick Start – An application for the sum of £540.00 had been received to cover the hire fee costs of mental health workshops.</p> <p>CW proposed that Kick Start receive a S137 grant of £540.00, seconded by AE, carried.</p>	
26/010	<p>10. Correspondence and Updates No reports</p>	
26/011	<p>11. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £59,798.00 had been circulated. HJ proposed Bills for Payment totalling £59,798.00 be paid, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>https://tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/minutes-agendas-and-finance/monthly-expenditure-and-finance</p>	

26/012	12. Date of next meeting 3 rd February 2026 Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.	
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There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

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

Date: 3/2/26

