



**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Community Services Meeting**  
**January 2026**

Minutes from the Community Services Committee meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm.**

<b>Attended:</b> Councillors: P Hedge (PH) – Chair, H Jones (HJ), R Mason (RM), D Kofitia (DK), S Sela(SS)  Cllr C Daborn Cllr O Flower Cllr Webb Cllr K Allen (KA) – Wiltshire Cllr Steve Slater – Facilities Mgr (FM) C Lovell – Town Clerk		26/001S <b>1. Apologies:</b> Cllr A Edwards <b>Absent:</b> <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
26/002S	<b>2. Declaration of Interest.</b> <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>	
26/003S	<b>3. Minutes from the Meeting held in December 2025</b> were ratified at the January 2026 Full Town Council meeting.	
26/004S	<b>4. Civic Centre &amp; FM Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Dado board</b> in Tedworth Hall - <b>FM</b> to install.</li> <li>● <b>Ceiling Tiles</b> to be repositioned by FM.</li> <li>● <b>PAT Testing</b> – HJ Proposed to pay AJK Ltd £4.25 + Vat per item for at least 37, seconded by PH, carried.</li> <li>● <b>Mobile projector for Tedworth Hall</b> – CDB to research and update at the next meeting. LC to get quotes for a wall mounted screen.</li> <li>● <b>New Stage</b> – LC to investigate weight bearing statistics and accessibility for the folding stages.</li> <li>● <b>Playpark</b> – Area to be seeded when the weather allows. A surrounding fence was rejected by the Committee.</li> <li>● <b>TTC Crest Flag</b> – LC to investigate the availability of a flag with a Wiltshire</li> </ul>	    FM  FM  LC  CDB  LC  LC  LC/FM

	<p>Green background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>National Service Veterans Alliance Plaque</b> – TTC are in possession of the plaque, arrangements will be made for it to be erected in the new year and an unveiling arranged.</li> <li>● <b>Benches</b> – HJ to give an update at the next meeting. <i>Afternote “HJ and SS have checked them all and no further faults were found.”</i></li> <li>● <b>Fire Extinguishers</b> – LC to check with Walker Fire regarding the next Service date.</li> </ul>	<p>LC</p> <p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>
26/005S	<p><b>5. Grounds Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Quotes for maintenance of the three trees at Hampshire Cross not received yet.</li> </ul>	<p>LC</p>
26/006S	<p><b>6. Wiltshire Council - Local Highways &amp; Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Requests for the Parish Steward</b> – Visits are on hold whilst pothole work is being carried out.</li> <li><b>2. Next LHFIG Meeting</b> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li><b>3. “Waiting restrictions” requests.</b> None</li> <li><b>4. Traffic Survey Requests.</b> None</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PH’s request that the option of turning the right-hand lane approaching south at the Hampshire Cross traffic lights to be made into a ‘right hand turn only’ needs updating.</li> <li>● All other matters were reported on at the previous Full Town Council, including large potholes, and their temporary fixes, not being good enough.</li> </ul>	<p>Clr Allen</p>
26/007S	<p><b>7. War Memorial</b> Still awaiting quotes for the installation of a new plaque.</p>	
26/008S	<p><b>8. River Bourne Corridor Update.</b> PH reported no issues.</p>	
26/009S	<p><b>9. Skatepark</b> No further issues.</p>	

26/010S	<p><b>10. Playparks</b>  <b>Elite Playpark Quarterly Inspections due in February 2026.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Warden Reports:</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Connolly Way</b> – HJ to inspect why the maintenance gates are not locked.  <i>Afternote: HJ locked them on the way home from the meeting.  (Padlock was closed but had only gone through one of the gate loops)</i></p> <p><b>Shepperd Street</b></p> <p><b>Beech Hill Road</b> – Bin is full.</p> <p><b>Zouch Farm Road</b></p> <p><b>Thompson Road</b></p>	
26/011S	<p><b>11. Cemetery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● KA stated the footpath is showing wear and tear. This is to be monitored by Gavin Jones.  PH reported that some headstones are larger than the stipulated size in the Terms and Conditions (Ts&amp;Cs). PH proposed to amend the Ts&amp;Cs to read “headstones to measure no more than 30 inches”.</li> <li>● <b>Mortuary Chapel</b> – A start date for the repair of the bell has yet to be determined.  <i>Afternote: Start is 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.</i></li> </ul>	<p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>
26/012S	<p><b>12. Christmas Lights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LC to hasten Epsilon regarding the installation of the extra lamp post sockets.</li> </ul>	LC
26/013S	<p><b>13. Winter Preparations</b>  LC to hasten grit bin replenishment.</p>	LC
26/014S	<p><b>14. Emergency Contact Hub – Community Resilience.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates.</li> </ul>	
26/015S	<p><b>15. Defibrillator</b></p> <p><b>Civic Centre</b> – no issues  <b>Spar Pennings Road</b> – no issues  <b>Poppies Perham Down</b> – no issues</p>	
26/016S	<p><b>16. Asset Register</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates.</li> </ul>	
26/017S	<p><b>17. Training</b>  None</p>	

26/018S	<b>18. Budget</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget will be circulated by the Town Clerk in due course.</li> </ul>	TC
26/019S	<b>19. Correspondence/Updates</b> The faulty amenities light on Dowse Lane is being looked at by Facilities Management at Wiltshire Council. (Case No 00460501 – now closed)	
26/020S	<b>20. Date of Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.</li> </ul> <b>All agenda items to the Town Clerk 7 working days prior to the Meeting</b>	All

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