

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2026

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 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, A Edwards (AE), S Sella (SS), C Daborn (CDB) C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) Cllr Allen – Tidworth North and West Cllr Lumsden East/Ludgershall West WO1 Tomlinson Caroline – Tidworth Leisure Centre (TLC) F Galvin</p>	<p>26/013 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence Cllr Flower Police Absent – Cllr Anim, Cllr Danso</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>26/014</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>26/015</p>	<p>3. Public Questions: WO1 Tomlinson reported on the success of the recent County Lines briefing. He mentioned the recent oil spillage into the river, clean up had been delayed due to the issue being reported incorrectly. Caroline reported that overall membership at the TLC had increased by 2% but the swimming membership had decreased by 5%. Fortunately there have been no recent issues with anti social behaviour. RM added that there is a major refurbishment due to take place in the gym and that there are to be repairs carried out in the swimming pool resulting in closures.</p>	
<p>26/016</p>	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 13th January 2026 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SS carried, 1 abstention. No matters arising.</p>	



26/0017	<p>5. Wiltshire Councillors Report: Cllr Lumsden and Cllr Allen reported the Wiltshire Council will be meeting on 24th February 2026 for 2026/27 budget setting. Both will be in attendance. Cllr Allen further reported that he has raised the issue regarding insecure empty military housing. He is in constant contact with highways regarding potholes. The youth project meeting at Wellington Academy proved promising, the youth expressed their opinions on what activities they would like, the possibilities are being investigated.</p>	
26/018	<p>6. Mayors Report Cllr Webb reported the following: The new Community Services Officer, Lesley Carpenter was welcomed and has settled in well. 19th January she welcomed a group of children from Tree Tops Nursey at the Mortuary Chapel. 26th January she spent the morning at Radio Wiltshire reporting on previous and future events. 29th January she attended the British Forces Resettlement Services Careers Fair, the event was extremely well attended by serving personnel, vetrans and their families. 2nd Feb Both herself and Cllr Jones represented TTC at the Area Board. There was talk of funds being withdrawn for the invaluable Link Scheme, Cllr Jones has written a strongly worded letter on behalf of TTC opposing this. There has since been a U-turn on this decision since.</p>	
26/019	<p>7. Committee Reports Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 20th January 2026, minutes had been circulated. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RM carried. Civic Centre & FM Update PAT Testing – HJ Proposed to pay AJK Ltd £4.25 + Vat per item for at least 37, seconded by PH, carried. Playpark – Area to be seeded when the weather allows. A surrounding fence was rejected by the Committee. Requests for the Parish Steward – Visits are on hold whilst pothole work is being carried out. Highways - Next LHFIG Meeting – Friday 13th May All other matters were reported on at the previous Full Town Council, including large potholes, and their temporary fixes, not being good enough. War Memorial - Still awaiting quotes for the installation of a new plaque. River Bourne Corridor – No issues Skatepark – No issues Playparks - Elite Playpark Quarterly Inspections due in February 2026. Cemetery - The footpath is showing wear and tear. This is to be monitored by Gavin Jones.</p>	



PH reported that some headstones are larger than the stipulated size in the Terms and Conditions (Ts&Cs). Therefore it was agreed to amend the Ts&Cs to read "headstones to measure no more than 30 inches".

Mortuary Chapel - Start date for the repair of the bell is 23rd February 2026.

Community Engagement CDB reported on a meeting held on 27th January 2026, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. **SM proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by CW, carried.**

Litter Pick – Saturday 21st March 2026 10am - 12pm

Easter Bunny around Tidworth – Easter Weekend

Operated by the Stonehenge Chamber and their volunteers they would like to add Tidworth to their route.

Easter Party – Saturday 4th April 2026 2pm - 4pm

CW proposed a budget of up to £100 for additional craft supplies, seconded by CDB, carried.

CDB proposed a budget of up to £200 for Easter decorations, seconded by CW, carried.

CDB proposed to purchase an Easter themed GOBO disc from Blachere Illuminations at a cost of £195 +VAT + postage. Seconded by HJ, carried.

Cllrs noted that at the previous Halloween party there were several mums and crawling babies on the floor and they felt floor mats would be beneficial for comfort.

CW proposed to purchase padded click together floor mats at a budget of up to £100, seconded by PH, carried.

Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25th July 2026 12pm-10pm

Mortuary Chapel Open Day - Saturday 26th September 2026 2pm - 4pm

Halloween Party - Saturday 31st October 2026

CDB proposed that TTC Disco Dion if available at a budget of up to £275, seconded by PH, carried.

Remembrance – Sunday 8th November 2026

Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December 2026

Photographer Quotes - Nathan Read has provided quotes for 2026 events, Cllrs discussed that he did an excellent job for the 2025 events attended and would like to book him again. **CW proposed to book Nathan Read**

Photography for the Easter Party, 2 hours at a cost of £130. Remembrance, 1.5hrs at a cost of £100. Halloween, 2 hours at a cost of £130. Christmas Fair, 4 hours at a cost of £250. Seconded by RM, Carried

Community Family Passes.

CW proposed to renew the Clown About Pass in May at a cost of £350.

Repurchase 4 Kingdoms Pass at a cost of £500 and to buy additional passes for The Army Flying Museum at a cost of £600. PH proposed that in addition to the ones mentioned Bowood House & Gardens Pass be also purchased at a cost of £660. Seconded by CDB, Carried.

The National Trust have sent 100 family passes which can be used at any National Trust site. These have been sent complementary to TTC.

CDB Proposed in order to keep them in line with the other passes, an admin

	<p>fee of £5 to be charged in total when distributing, this money will be then be re-invested to purchase additional passes to benefit the community, seconded by RM, carried.</p> <p>NHS Venue Development Team have been in touch, and they are very keen to have Blood Donation sessions at the Civic Centre. On-site assessment has taken place and so far it looks very promising for the future.</p> <p>Staffing - HJ reported on a meeting held on 20th January 2026, minutes had been circulated. CDB proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH carried.</p> <p>Recruitment -Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the above agenda item will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature. Proposed by AE, seconded by CW, carried.</p> <p>Leadership - HJ reported on a meeting held on 20th January 2026, minutes had been circulated. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH carried.</p> <p>Recruitment -Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the above agenda item will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature. Proposed by AE, seconded by CW, carried.</p>	
26/020	8. Co-Option None received	
26/021	9. S137 Grant None received	
26/022	10. Correspondence and Updates	
26/023	11. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £115,202.31 had been circulated. SM proposed Bills for Payment totalling be paid, £115,202.31 seconded by RM, carried. https://tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/minutes-agendas-and-finance/monthly-expenditure-and-finance	
26/012	12. Date of next meeting 3 rd March 2026 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 8.30pm.

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

Date: 3/3/26