

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MARCH 2026

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 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), R Mason, A Edwards (AE), S Sella (SS), Cllr C Danzo (CD), Cllr D Kofitia (DK) Cllr Allen – Tidworth North and West Cllr Lumsden East/Ludgershall West WO1 Tomlinson Kevin King – Tidworth Leisure Centre (TLC) F Galvin 2 members of the WI Gemma Edwards from the Military Wives Choir. Brian Pratt. Mr and Mrs Slaymaker and 3 children.</p>	<p>26/025 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence Cllr Daborn, Cllr Flower Police Absent – Cllr Anim, S Musikvanhu (SM)</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>	
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
26/026	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). None</p>	
26/027	<p>3. Public Questions: Before public questions were taken, we were very happy to welcome the Slaymaker family who have been litter picking in their local area. The children were presented with certificates and medals by The Mayor. GSM had nothing to report. Kevin King reported that the BFRS event at the TLC went well. The splash pool maintenance has been completed and overall, the TLC is very well attended.</p>	
26/028	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 03 February 2026 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ carried. No matters arising.</p>	
26/0029	<p>5. Wiltshire Councillors Report: Cllr Lumsden and Cllr Allen reported that they attended the Wiltshire Council Budget meeting for 2026/2027. The Liberal Democrats won the vote and have</p>	

	<p>proposed 3 weekly general refuse collections with the addition of a weekly food waste bin collection. This was proposed to be in place by April 2027. There are plans to increase Council tax by 4.99% under the new budget.</p> <p>Cllr Lumsden reported that Wiltshire parking charges have been revised and will be payable from 7am to 7pm and will include Sundays.</p> <p>Cllr Allen reported that Wiltshire are looking to close some recycling centres, but these are not in our local area. He also reported that the change to 3 weekly refuse collection may not go ahead.</p> <p>Fly tipping is on the rise and Wiltshire Council is working hard to keep on top of this.</p> <p>There is to be a meeting the week of 9th -13th of April of the Community Safety group.</p> <p>The youth project meeting at Wellington Academy proved promising, the youths expressed their opinions on what activities they would like, the possibilities are being investigated. More meetings are planned.</p> <p>HJ asked about traffic at school times on Wylve Rd and reported that the LHFIFG are looking into a one-way system being implemented for 1hr in the morning and again the same at 3pm. There are trials going ahead in other areas.</p> <p>SEND – Cllr Allen reported that there are plans for Wiltshire Council to open more places for these children so we can keep them in the Wiltshire Area while they move through the Education System.</p>	
26/030	<p>6. Mayors Report</p> <p>Cllr Webb reported the following:</p> <p>5th February 2026 saw the handover of the Allotments site on Humber Lane from the contractors to Tidworth town council.</p> <p>An official opening of the allotments and handover to tenants will happen on 20th March</p> <p>9th February she showed our prospective new rector, Rev. Harland, around the Civic Centre.</p> <p>The mayor reminded the councillors that no council member can act alone or speak on behalf of the council without first being formally granted the authority to do so by the council, as stated in The Good Councillors Guide 2024. 'The Mayor reminded members of Tidworth Town Council's Standing Orders and Policies which they are expected to comply with especially insofar as they relate to correspondence and liaising with outside organisations. AE said "I can write to anyone as a Ward Councillor"; and went on to say, "I will not ask permission; I don't need it".</p> <p>AE was invited to discuss the issues but declined saying "I will not attend any meeting" but then went on to say that he did intend to comply with the Council's Standing Orders and Policies'.</p> <p>11th February she was invited along with Cllr Mason to a Burns Night event at the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess by the GSM.</p>	

	<p>26th February both she and Cllr Mason attended a remote course on Data Protection for Councillors.</p> <p>23rd February she, Cllr C Daborn and The Engagements Officer Carol Baxter met with our events Manager AJ, via zoom, to progress plans for this year's Tidworth Town Festival this year.</p> <p>6th March she visited Treetops Nursery and presented certificates to the children she had shown around the Mortuary Chapel in January.</p>	
26/031	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 10th February 2026, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. RM proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ carried.</p> <p>Civic Centre & FM Update</p> <p>The sound boards installation in Tedworth hall, for wall protection, has been completed.</p> <p>Stage – RM proposed that TCC pay £5358 for a new folding stage, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>TCC Crest flag - DK proposed TCC pay £96 for a TCC Crest flag, Seconded by AE.</p> <p>Emergency lighting – RM proposed TCC pay the sum of 1132.50 to AJK for monthly checks and annual service, seconded by SS, carried</p> <p>Projector socket – HJ proposed TCC pay AJK £135.40 for the installation of an appropriate socket for the wall mounted projector, seconded by AE, carried</p> <p>Playpark – Area to be seeded when the weather allows.</p> <p>Requests for the Parish Steward – Visits are on hold whilst pothole work is being carried out.</p> <p>Highways - Next LHFIG Meeting – Friday 13th May</p> <p>All other matters were reported on at the previous Full Town Council, including large potholes, and their temporary fixes, not being good enough.</p> <p>War Memorial – SS proposed we pay MLBS Landscape the sum of £309.59 for the installation and weatherproofing of the new plaque, seconded by HJ</p> <p>River Bourne Corridor - HJ proposed we pay Gavin Jones the sum of £1,123.90 for maintaining the walkways April2026-October2026, seconded by RM, carried</p> <p>Skatepark – No issues</p> <p>Playparks – HJ proposed we pay Gavin Jones the sum of £946.38 for the grass maintenance at Shepperd St and Connolly Way for 2026, seconded by AE</p> <p>Cemetery – PH proposed we pay Gavin Jones £150.66 for levelling and back filling of graves, Seconded by SS</p> <p>Mortuary Chapel – Repairs have started.</p> <p>Community Engagement CW reported on a meeting held on 17th February 2026, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. RM proposed that they were a true and accurate record,</p>	

	<p>seconded by SS, carried.</p> <p>Litter Pick – Saturday 21st March 2026 10am - 12pm H’s Ices has kindly confirmed and will provide free ice-cream to all litter pickers on the day. CB has invited Local groups and businesses.</p> <p>DK proposed the purchase of 100 disposable cups at a cost of £10, seconded by SS, carried.</p> <p>Tidworth Town Festival – Saturday 25th July 2026 12noon-10pm</p> <p>DK proposed we pay Rosie Cheeks Face Painting £600 for the full timings of the festival, seconded by AE, carried</p> <p>Mortuary Chapel Open Day - Saturday 26th September 2026 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Remembrance – Sunday 8th November 2026</p> <p>Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December 2026</p> <p>RM proposed we pay Rosie Cheeks Face Painting £480 for the duration of the party, seconded by DK, carried</p> <p>RM proposed that we pay Reindeer for Hire £1525 for 2 Reindeer, PH seconded, carried</p> <p>The National Trust have sent 100 family passes which can be used at any National Trust site. These have been sent complimentary to TTC.</p> <p>Leadership - HJ reported on a meeting held on 18th February 2026, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. Under the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 the above agenda items below will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature.</p> <p>Civic Centre managements Café lease Allotments</p> <p>CW proposed this was a true and accurate record seconded by RM, carried.</p> <p>HJ Reported on a meeting held on 25th February 2026, minutes had been circulated. Under the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 the above agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature.</p> <p>HJ proposed this was a true and accurate record seconded by PH, carried</p>	
26/032	<p>8. Co-Option None received</p>	
26/033	<p>9. S137 Grant</p> <p>Tidworth and District WI - An application for the sum of £1100.00 had been received to cover the room hire fee costs and the purchase of a card payment machine.</p> <p>PH proposed that the WI receive a S137 grant of £1100, seconded by SS, Carried</p> <p>Tidworth Military Wives Choir - An application for the sum of £250 had been received to cover the cost of purchasing formal black dresses for members who hadn’t got these items.</p> <p>AE proposed that Tidworth Military Wives Choir be paid £250 for the purchase of formal dresses, seconded by RM, carried.</p>	

26/034	<p>10. Correspondence and Updates</p> <p>HJ reported that SDH will be opening an Urgent Treatment Centre this year to take the pressure off the ED. This will be for Minor Injuries and Diseases.</p> <p>PH reported that The Community Fridge Project have £5000 to spend but are still looking for a suitable 24 hr Location. We don't have the facility for this at the Civic Centre. DK has said he will investigate a place or charity that could accommodate this.</p> <p>HJ & PH attended the Health and Wellbeing meeting which they reported was poorly attended.</p> <p>AE Reported on a meeting he had with Will Oulton regarding the Valour Programme. RM Objected to this report as he felt AE represented TTC without prior agreement from the members. AE disagreed with this. Having previously covered councillors representing TCC in her report, the Chair reiterated that no councillor should act independently and then moved the meeting on.</p>	
26/035	<p>11. Bills for Payment</p> <p>Bills for payment totalling £38,270.99 had been circulated. HJ proposed Bills for Payment totalling, £38,270.99 be paid, seconded by SS, carried.</p> <p>https://tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/minutes-agendas-and-finance/monthly-expenditure-and-finance</p>	
26/036	<p>12. Date of next meeting</p> <p>07 April 2026</p> <p>Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Agreed as a true record..... *H. A. Jones* pp C Webb, Chair

Date: *7th April 2026* *H. A. JONES*
VICE CHAIR