

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL August 2026

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th Aug 2026 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wyllye Road at 7pm.

Attended Cllr's C Webb (CW) (in the chair), H Jones (HJ) C Danso (CD), P Hedge (PH), A Edwards (AE), O Flower (OF), R Mason (RM) S Sela (SS) A Connolly (AC) M Amin (AM) K Allen (KA) L Carpenter (Admin) F Galvin L Sarjent		26/102 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence S. Musikavanhu Kevin King – Tidworth Leisure Centre (TLC) Insp Brewster 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.
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
26/103	2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). None	
26/104	3. Public Questions: F Galvin expressed concerns regarding the household rubbish building up in the bins of empty quarters on Zouch estate. KA will speak to Wiltshire about getting these bins emptied and stored away so they can't be refilled. Mr Galvin was happy to contact Pinnacle and CW will chase this matter up with the GSM. Mr Galvin also raised the issue of trials bikes in the open areas around Tidworth causing damage. This will be raised with the GSM and Range Ops. Mr Galvin informed the TTC that the Police will not be prosecuting the gentleman who was causing a nuisance at the Civic Centre on 7 th July due to insufficient evidence and no harm having been done. Mr Galvin brought to TTCs attention the problem of the overgrown hedges in a property on Pennings Rd which are causing a nuisance. CW will photograph the issue and TTC will investigate finding the landlord to request the garden is maintained.	

26/105	4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th July 2026 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by OF, carried. No matters arising.	
26/106	5. Wiltshire Councillors Report: No report available.	
26/107	6. Mayors Report CW provided the following report: July was an exceptionally busy month, helped by some very warm weather. I would like to welcome Cllr Andrew Connolly back to Tidworth Town Council. Andrew, a former councillor and previous Chair of the Council, was elected unopposed to represent Tidworth South East and Perham Down following the recent vacancy. As no by-election was required, the Town Council avoided an estimated £9,200 election cost, although administration costs of under £2,000 will still be incurred. Our community litter pick on 4 July was a great success, with around 75 volunteers of all ages collecting approximately 60 bags of litter. Encouragingly, participants reported that the town was noticeably cleaner than on previous litter picks. On 13 July I appeared on BBC Radio Wiltshire to promote Tidworth, followed by a further interview on 22 July to publicise the Tidworth Festival. Wiltshire Council has highlighted a significant increase in Code of Conduct complaints against councillors, with parish councillors accounting for 55% of cases during the first quarter of the year. In response, Wiltshire has written to Angela Rayner MP calling for reforms to strengthen the Councillor Standards Regime, including powers to suspend councillors found to have committed serious breaches of the Code of Conduct. The majority of July was dedicated to preparations for the Tidworth Festival, including planning, site meetings, publicity, equipment collection, site marking, signage and event setup. The event itself required a very early start and a great deal of work both before and after the festival to set up, dismantle and return hired equipment. Although security and marshals were in place, the festival's success depended on the dedication of our staff and volunteers. My sincere thanks go to Carol, our Engagements Officer, AJ, our events Manager, and Councillors Colin, Paul, Robin and Olena, together with Fred Galvin, for their outstanding commitment and hard work. Special thanks also go to Wally at Low-Cost Rentals for his invaluable assistance with the generator, and to Linzi and Tommo for allowing us to store it at the Garrison	
26/108	7. Committee reports. MINUTES TAKEN AS READ Community Services HJ proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried Civic Centre & FM Update FM Update - BH reported that the Plumber had been out to the urinals and discovered the u-bends were full of limescale. Removal of the panels behind the urinals to enable repairs need suction handles which BH will purchase. No other issues reported. External store- The build has been delayed due to weather conditions and supplier issues. The build should be completed by mid-August.	

TTC have decided to keep costs down they will not put flooring in the store and painting of the interior to keep down any dust will be completed by the FM. Water Boiler – HJ proposed we pay Nisbets £95.98 for a 20ltr water boiler to replace the broken one, SS seconded, Carried. Bouncy Castle for the use of Hirers – The purchase of a bouncy castle was discussed. Café Furniture - Quotes are being obtained to clean the soft furnishings in the café. Air conditioning – Due to increasingly hot summers TTC have discussed rolling out the air conditioning throughout the Civic Centre. Grounds maintenance – The paddock adjacent to the allotments on Humber lane has been cut. Wiltshire council – Local Highways & footpaths Improvement group (LHFIG) – No New requests Parish steward - next visit 15th 16th August. War Memorial – No Issues. TTC took a vote to see if they wanted to keep the circular piece of stone masonry, which was found in a resident's garage, with the inscription for the upcoming war memorial built in 2019. River Bourne Corridor Update. The area is very dry and could become a fire risk. TTC decided putting up a "no Barbeques or fires" sign would have the opposite effect. It will be monitored. Skatepark - Graffiti has been cleared ready for the festival. It was discussed that moving forward graffiti will only be cleared if offensive or very large. Warden Reports: Connolly Way – Nothing reported Shepperd Street – PH proposed that TTC pay Kompan £640.60 + vat to replace the broken 'you and me swing' with a cradle swing SS seconded, carried. Beech Hill Road – The painting of the play equipment has been completed. Zouch Farm Road – Nothing reported Thompson Road – Nothing reported George VI Rd – The play equipment will be painted September. Civic Centre – Nothing reported Cemetery – Update – No Issues. Mortuary Chapel – Work has commenced on painting the Chapel. Christmas Lights – Nothing to report Allotments – Communal Shed - TTC decided to find out how many tenants would like/use a communal shed before going ahead with the build. Community Engagements OF proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July were a true and accurate record, seconded by KA, carried Recent Event Feedback Litter Pick. Tesco Armed Forces Day. Thanks were given to the volunteers who attended and ran the stand Litter Pick – 12th September 2026 10am – 12pm	
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	Mortuary Chapel Open Day 19th September 2026 2pm-4pm Mortuary chapel Information booklets need to be updated. RM proposed that the budget be increased to upto £250 due to the potential high number of visitors on the day. Seconded by KA, carried. A Christmas Carol' Theatre Production – Tuesday 24th November 2026 7pm - 8.30pm Community Family Passes Passes are extremely popular within the community and are currently in profit Parish Magazine Input suggestions asked to be emailed through to CB for future issues. Staffing HJ proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July were a true and accurate record, seconded by RM, carried. Election of Chair – Cllr Daborn had been elected as Chair of the Staffing Committee. Cover for Town Clerk Absence Under the public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda item will be closed to the public. Due to its confidential nature. Proposed by HJ, seconded AE, carried.	
26/109	Policies for review – Safeguarding (new) GDPR (new) Press and Media Amendments needed will be made before ratification at the next Full Town Meeting on 1st Sept 2026 It was agreed that a separate policy would be written to cover the photography at events.	
26/110	8. Co-Option An application was received from Mrs T Smith Turner but was subsequently withdrawn.	
26/111	9. S137 Grant None received	
26/112	12. Correspondence and Updates Mrs Hedge has expressed concern that Wiltshire town council have no walking group co-ordinator at present. CW has contacted Wiltshire regarding this and will give an update at the next meeting.	
26/113	13. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £198,697.85 had been circulated. PH proposed Bills for Payment totalling, £198,697.85 be paid, seconded by AE, carried. https://tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council/minutes-agendas-and-finance/monthly-expenditure-and-finance	
26/114	14. Date of next meeting 01 September 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 9.00pm.

Agreed as a true record.....



C Webb, Chair

Date: 2/9/26