

TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2026

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylve Road at 7pm.

Attended Cllr's C Webb (CW) (in the chair), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), A Edwards (AE), O Flower (OF), R Mason (RM), K Allen (KA) C Lovell (Town Clerk) Cllr D Lumsden (Wiltshire) WO1 Tomlinson C Jackson (Castledown FM) T Dewey (Church) D Gurung A Burns Hill M Burns B Pratt F Galvin L Sarjent J Covil Jones		26/115 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence Cllr's A Connolly, C Danso, S Sella, D Kofitia 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. Absent M Anim, S Musikavanhu
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
26/116	2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). None	
26/117	3. Public Questions: WO1 reported that troops are now returning from leave so there will be an increase in exercises. T Dewey invited everyone along to Holy Trinity's open day on 5 th September 12pm-4pm. The bells will be rung at 12pm, 2pm and 4pm. F Galvin reported that there is still an issue with the bins on Daunch Close and Sidbury Circular and provided photos, this will be followed up again. He also reported that there is a water leak at properties on Lahore Close, this has been reported to both Veolia and Pinnacle. WO1 advised that this may be due to recent work but he will follow up as will the Town Clerk F Galvin also reported that unlicensed motor bikes are causing a nuisance again, people are encouraged to call 101 to report. J Covil Jones raised the issue of flooding, unfortunately a lot of the issue in areas such as the post office is caused by vehicles not slowing down.	



	The Environment Agency do not dredge the River Bourne but will cut the weeds when needed, the Town Clerk will enquire when the next cut will be.	
26/118	4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th August 2026 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RM, carried. No matters arising.	
26/119	5. Wiltshire Councillors Report: Cllr Lumsden apologised for not being around recently. He is now the Chair of Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG). Cllr Allen reported that there is a pilot scheme for recycling centres to go digital, Amesbury will not be affected by this yet. He also advised that as of 4th September parking fees will be increasing across Wiltshire.	
26/120	6. Mayors Report CW provided the following report: August has been quiet. 10 Aug 2026 Mortuary Chapel 'refresh' completed, ready for the open day on 19th September 2026. 17 Aug 2026 Tidworth and Ludgershall Youth meeting, progress has been made and work has started, the provision of street youth workers is being provided by Young Swindon and Wiltshire. Their first visit to Tidworth has happened and they will be returning fortnightly for a minimum of 10 months. It was previously agreed to be weekly so whilst it is fortnightly TTC's annual contribution will reduce from £2500 to £1250 pa. Tidworth has been made part of a national pilot project so hopefully there will be more funding made available. 25 Aug 2026 Following on from an online survey asking residents for events they would like she attended a teams meeting with South West Food and Drink Festivals. 4th September 2027 has been provisionally booked. Vendors are invited from a 30 mile radius so is an excellent way of supporting local businesses. At the end of her report she said how dismayed she was at the sudden closure of the sixth form at Wellington Academy, she asked Mr Pratt in his capacity as a governor why there was such short notice. He explained that the news was just as much of a shock to him and his fellow governors. His belief is it was due to their not being enough intake of students and that those who were due to start had been found an alternative provision. The way it has been handled is being investigated and encouraged TTC to write to the academy expressing their anger and concerns.	
26/121	7. Committee reports. MINUTES TAKEN AS READ Community Services PH proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2026 were a true and accurate record, seconded by RM, carried Civic Centre External store- Roof to be fitted Mid Aug with completion by the end of the month.	

OF proposed that 250 booklets be purchased from Bulpitt Print, Andover at a cost of £364. Seconded by PH, carried.

PH proposed that 4 new banners be purchased from printedtoday.co.uk at a cost of £200 due to the previous banners becoming worn. Seconded by RM, carried.

OF proposed that 2 x 5ltr hot water dispensers be purchased at a cost of £50 from Amazon. Seconded by AE, carried.

PH proposed a budget of upto £250 be given for a cool box to be purchased for the storage of the cakes. Seconded by RM, carried.

Halloween 2025 Sat 24th October 2026 2pm-4pm

PH proposed that a pack of 5 colour your own Halloween mugs be purchased as prizes for the fancy dress competition at a cost of £14 from Amazon. Seconded by HJ, carried.

PH proposed that a Halloween themed GOBO disc be purchased for use in the outside projector at a cost of £207 from Blachere. Seconded by AE, carried.

Remembrance – 8th Nov 2026 10.30am

PH proposed that a Remembrance themed GOBO disc be purchased for use in the outside projector at a cost of £207 from Blachere. Seconded by RM, carried.

A Christmas Carol Theatre Production – Tuesday 24th November 2026 7pm - 8.30pm

HJ proposed that a budget of upto £200 be given to the WI for ingredients that are needed to bake cakes for the evening, seconded by OL, carried.

Christmas Tree.

Artificial tree to be booked

HJ proposed a budget to be set of up to £1500, seconded by KA , 1 abstention, carried.

Future Events:

- Litter Pick – 12th September 2026 10am – 12pm
- Christmas Fair 5th December 2026, 10am-11am SEND Santa visit, 11am – 3pm Fair
- Community Awards - Date set for the 24th February 2027.
- Food Festival – Provisional 4th September 2027

Tidworth Calendar Competition -Winners per month to receive a complimentary family pass at the end of 2027 calendars to be purchased for each winner and the possibility of having a digital version as well as hard copies to be purchased.

Website – Quotes being obtained for new provider and upgrade.

Request for Big Screen -Mr E Stead approached the Council to ask that a big screen be considered for the opening game of the Euros in 2028. Qualifications take place in March 2028, and the football tournament is from 9th June – 9th July. To be made an agenda item early 2027.

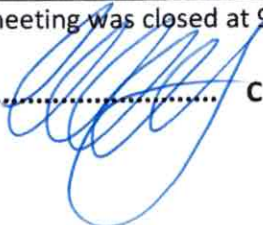
Community Family Passes PH proposed that there be an additional pass purchased for Cholderton Farm at a cost of £300 to allow 2 families to attend on the same day. Seconded by OL, carried.

Café Furniture PH proposed TTC pay Jordan Sutton of Maijay carpet clean £495 To clean the upholstered furniture in the café, seconded by HJ, Carried. Blinds PH proposed TTC pay Andreas Blinds £500+ vat for 2 blinds for Perham room, seconded by AE, carried. Air conditioning RM proposed TTC pay Triton Plumbing £2350 + vat to put an air con unit in the TTC office, seconded PH, carried. PH proposed TTC buy 2 portable air con units at a cost of £649.99 per unit, seconded by KA, carried. Purchase of Extra tables HJ proposed TTC buy 10 new tables for the Civic Centre at a cost of £525 + vat per table, seconded by RM, carried Grounds Maintenance – Due for renewal October 2026 Quotes being obtained. Wiltshire Council - Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) Requests for the Parish Steward – Next visit 15th/16th September. Next LHFIG Meeting – Wednesday 9th September. War Memorial Positioning of the plaque has been agreed and RM proposed TTC pay the sum of £135 for installation, PH seconded, carried. Allotments Communal Shed PH proposed TTC pay £7,213 after approval from Wiltshire Council to build a communal shed at the Humber Lane allotments, seconded by AE, 1 abstention, Carried. Winter Preparations - 20 bags of salt to be ordered from Wiltshire Council to fill all grit bins owned by TTC. Emergency Contact Hub –RM will discuss the ECH at the next TLC meeting after which a meeting will be proposed with all the community representatives to establish a contact trail if the need should arise. Defibrillators – It was agreed to purchase an additional Defibrillator to be situated at Zouch Parade, prices to be investigated. KA has spoken to the owner of Southwest Vape and The Hairdressers and he has agreed to have the defib positioned on their wall with electric connected. Another bleed kit will be donated to sit alongside the Defib. Asset Register - Additional purchases have been added. Community Engagements OF proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th August were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried Following the resignation of Cllr Daborn, Cllr Flower was duly elected as Chair of the Committee. Events Expenditure: Walkie Talkies PH proposed that 6 Motorola Walkie Talkies be purchased at a cost of £245 + VAT, seconded by RM, carried. Mortuary Chapel Open Day 19th September 2026 2pm-4pm	
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	Leadership HJ proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th August 2026 were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried. Under the public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda item will be closed to the public. Due to its confidential nature. Café Lease Proposed by HJ, seconded AE, carried. Projects HJ proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th August 2026 were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried. Future use of Humber Lane field had been discussed. Further negotiations are needed with Wiltshire, the members are also keen to investigate Bio Net Gain (BNG). The unfortunate decision to cull rabbits had to be made due to the destruction being caused to neighbours land under the Pest Act 1954 TTC are obliged to deal with this. RM proposed that Wildlife Solutions are booked for two shoots at a cost of £250.00 per shoot totalling £500.00, seconded by KA, 1 abstention, carried.	
26/122	8. Policies for review – Safeguarding (new) Proposed by AE, seconded by KA, carried. GDPR (new) Proposed by HJ, seconded by OL, carried. Photography (new) Proposed by AE, seconded by KA, 1 abstention, carried.	
26/123	9. Co-Option Two applications had been received: Lee Sarjant John Covil-Jones Both spoke to the members in depth as to their reasons for wanting to join TTC and what they felt they could contribute. All members of the public left the room The Councillors had a brief discussion and a vote took place. John Covil Jones – All in favour. Lee Sarjant – Majority with 1 abstention.	
26/124	10. S137 Grant Castledown Radio – A request for £ xxxx ^{4326.21} had been received and circulated. RM proposed the Castledown Radio are awarded a S137 grant of £ xxxx, seconded by OL, carried. ^{4326.21} Nepalese Community – A request of £1000.00 for contribution to Dashain celebrations had been received and circulated.	

26/125	11. Correspondence and Updates None	
26/126	12. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £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 The quarterly bank reconciliation – April, May June 2026 had been checked by PH and AE.	
26/127	13. Date of next meeting 6 th October 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: 6/10/26