TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OCTOBER 2026

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

Attended Cllr's C Webb (CW) (in the chair), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), A Edwards (AE), S. Musikavanha, R Mason (RM), L Sarjant (LS) C Danso (CD) J Covil Jones (JCJ) A.Connolly(AC) Cllr D Lumsden (Wiltshire) WO1 Tomlinson F Galvin L Dore M. Thebe J. Boot Ian Thirlwell R. Gregory	**26/128 1. Consideration of Apologies for Absence** Cllr's O Flower and K Allen 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, D. Kofitia S. Sela**

Item	Agenda Item	Action by
26/129	**2. Declaration of Interest** (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). None	
26/130	**3. Public Questions:** L Dore asked how TTC are moving forward with the flooding issues. It was explained that TTC would contact Gavin Jones to clear and cut back the riverbed between Plassey Rd and Lidl. TTC also informed the meeting that PH is the flood warden and has undertaken training. PH will be informed by Wiltshire Council of flood alerts. F Galvin informed TTC that the bins on Zouch estate have been emptied but not put away in the bin store. Although anti-social behaviour had calmed over the summer period it seems that the Leisure Centre and Tesco store are having incidents again. J Booth from Tesco informed TTC that Organised Crime Gangs are shop lifting in the area but as calls to the police from tidworth go through to Hampshire they do not arrive in time. D Lumsden said the Safety and Security Group will be up and running again. He will also contact BT to make sure that calls from Tidworth transfer through to Wiltshire Police.	

26/131	**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 1st September 2026 had been circulated. **PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.** No matters arising.	
26/132	**5. Wiltshire Councillors Report:** D. Lumsden has taken over at the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group (LHFIG). ANPR has been approved to stop the weight limit being breached on Ludgershall corner. He will engage with haulage companies direct. D. Lumsden will attend the Tidworth Remembrance Parade this year along side K.Allen, both being representatives of Wiltshire council.	
26/133	**6. Mayors Report** **CW provided the following report: Mayor's Report – September 2026** September has been a busy month, with the return to school and a full diary of community events and civic engagements. She was delighted to support Holy Trinity Church's Open Day on 5 September, where bell ringing was demonstrated and new people encouraged to get involved. There have now been fortnightly Friday evening practices established, with the hope of resuming regular Sunday service ringing. The Mortuary Chapel Open Day on 19 September was a wonderful success, welcoming around 110 visitors—twice as many as in previous years. The highlight was the blessing of our newly blessed 15th-century bell, which Mrs Polly Nicholson, Deputy Lieutenant representing His Majesty the King, had the honour of chiming first. Many visitors also enjoyed having a go themselves. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helped prepare for and support the event. Earlier in the month, TTC welcomed Reverend Dan Harland for a tour of the Mortuary Chapel, which he greatly admired. TTC were also able to promote our Act of Remembrance, taking place on 8 November. She was pleased to support our Nepalese community with their fundraising efforts for those affected by the devastating floods in Nepal. She was touched to receive a letter of thanks from the Tidworth Nepalese Community Association for the support shown by herself and the Council. Finally, on 26 September, she had the pleasure of opening the Commonwealth Awards Leavers to Leaders' Summit at the Civic Centre and presenting awards to some very deserving recipients. It was lovely to see the event return for a second year, with even greater attendance than last year, making it another great success.	
26/134	**7. Committee reports.** **MINUTES TAKEN AS READ** **Community Services** **PH proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2026 were a true and accurate record, seconded by RM, carried** **Civic Centre & FM update**	

FM reported no issues arising.
External store – This now complete and racking will be installed once painting is complete.
Café Furniture Clean will take place on the 10th November.
Leaflet display – PH proposed TTC buy a wall mounted card holder at a cost of £28.84 + vat to keep the reception area tidier, Seconded by RM, carried.

Grounds Maintenance – Only one quote had been received, due to the contract renewal date being 1st October the committee agreed that Leadership would approve to be reported at October Full Town.
Wiltshire Council - Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)
Requests for the Parish Steward – Next visit 15th/16th October.
War Memorial.
Riverbourne Corridor – Environment agency to be contacted to ascertain when they are planning on cutting the riverbed before winter sets in.
The broken bars on the bridge need repairing again.
Winter Preparations - Salt/grit to be collected from Wiltshire Council by KA on 15th October. Grit bins will then be filled.
Emergency Contact Hub – It was discussed that a representative for the hub from TTC will be the one of the Council key holders.

Defibrillators – PH proposed TTC pay Defib Shop £945 + vat for a defibrillator to put at Zouch Parade, seconded by LS, carried. PH proposed TTC pay defib shop £495 +vat for a defib cabinet, seconded by RM, carried. LC has applied for a free defibrillator from the British heart foundation.

Training – BH and LC have completed Legionella Awareness Training.

Community Engagements
LS proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried
Litter pick – This was not as well attended as on other occasions with only 25 residents taking part.
Mortuary Chapel Open day – This was a success with the newly refurbished bell being rung.
Halloween Party – LS proposed a budget of up to £250 for the purchase of sweets, snacks and drinks, seconded by AC, carried.
Remembrance - PH proposed that 350 order of services be purchased from Bulpitt Print Andover at a budget of up to £200. Seconded by RM, carried.
Preparations are ongoing with and meeting will be held with representatives from TTC and the Garrison.
Future events:

- A Christmas Carol Theatre Production 24th Nov - All arrangements are complete.
- Christmas Fayre 5th Dec 2026
- Community Awards 24th February 2027
- Food festival 4th September 2027

	Christmas Tree - PH proposed a budget to be set of up to £575 for the purchase of a pre-lit Christmas tree, storage, decorations and inflatable. Seconded by JCJ, carried. **Leadership** **PH proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2026 were a true and accurate record, seconded by JH, 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 CW, seconded PH, carried.** **Town Clerk LGPS Figures 2026/2027** **Proposed by CW, seconded by HJ, carried** **Grounds maintenance –** It was agreed that the quote of 70776.04 + VAT from Nuture would be accepted as the alternative quote was received too late and was considerably higher. Proposed by PH, seconded by CW, carried.	
26/135	**8. S137 Grants A request of £816.60 from the Tid N Bul Badminton Group was received and circulated. JCJ proposed that Tid n Bul Badminton be awarded a S137 grant of £816.60, seconded by AE, carried.**	
26/136	**9. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)** – Return submitted but the Audit has not been completed.	
26/137	**10. Correspondence and Updates** A thank you letter was received from Castledown radio for the Grant issued.	
26/138	**11. Bills for Payment** Bills for payment totalling had been circulated. **RM proposed Bills for Payment totalling £60,603.74 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.	
26/139	**12. Date of next meeting** 2nd November 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 8.10pm.

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

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