



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL AUGUST 2019



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2019 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

<p><b>Attended</b> C’Ilr’s B Pratt (in the Chair) (BP) S Anderton (SA), A Birch (AB), A Connolly (AC), Susan Fell (SF), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), George Paine (GP), A Sharlott (AS), Nigel Arch (NA), Steve Slater (SS)</p> <p>A Nicholls &amp; K Mooney - TTC Admin, Lt Col N Turner, (MoD), Chrissie Williams (Castle Practice), Kirti Kataria (Post Office), Dominique (EP Tax), Sgt Lucy Thorne (Police) Members of Public: Aaron Russell, Nigel Land, Steve Fell, Roger Green</p>	<p><b>19/051 1 Apologies</b> C’Ilr M Sheppard (Family), C’Ilr R Gregory (Holiday), Cllr D Wright (Work), Cllr B O’Connell (Holiday)</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><b>GP proposed that the apologies are accepted, seconded by AB, carried.</b></p>	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Action by</p>
<p>19/052</p>	<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b> (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). BP – Bills for payment (Expenses), AS -Bills for payment (IT Support)</p>	
<p>19/053</p>	<p><b>3. Public Questions:</b></p> <p>Lt Col Turner reported that Army re-basing is running smoothly, despite there being a few road work issues. He thanked the Council for attending the meeting with the visiting Estonian Delegation.</p> <p>Sgt Lucy Thorne gave a full report which was available at the meeting. She stated that all forms of crime are down, but urged members of the public to keep reporting any issues. Patrols around known areas will continue.</p> <p>Steve Fell asked if there could be something to deter the young people crowding around the top of Station Road. Sgt Thorne confirmed that Traffic Control and the Firearms Division have responded to disperse crowds in this area, but she stressed that there were no known fire arms’ issues, they were just the available units to attend site at the time.</p> <p>AC asked if there was a known increase in burglaries in our area. Sgt Thorne stated that there was no increase in commercial burglaries but there was an increase in house burglaries. She also explained that all members of the public should go on the police website <a href="http://www.police.uk">http://www.police.uk</a> and take a look at what residents can do to prevent such crimes, and take part in “Game of Homes” where you can test your own home defences.</p> <p>Steve Fell stated that he agreed with the complaint correspondence sent to the Council surrounding the Tidworth Festival. BP explained that the correspondence will be dealt with in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct.</p>	

19/054	<p><b>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b></p> <p>Minutes of July 2019 meeting had been circulated. <b>GP proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</b></p>	
19/055	<p><b>5. DIO Update</b></p> <p>None this month</p>	
19/056	<p><b>6. Wiltshire Councillor</b></p> <p>MC reported that he had had a site visit at the Home Farm field with the Highways Engineer that supports CATG, to look at access arrangements for the site. Access is possible via the Bulford Road site, whether it would be paddocks or a sports facility. If paddocks then very little engineering works would be required as access would be minimal. If a sports facility then access would need to be at the Northern end towards the Golf Club. Visibility splays would need to be good either side so there would need to be engineering works to provide this and possibly trees/hedgerow removed but replaced elsewhere on site.</p> <p>Humber Lane would not cause too many issues if access arrangements can be resolved with legal advice. Two trees may need to be taken down to provide a good access for a sports facility and as the trees are set back from the road, visibility should be reasonable leaving the site.</p> <p>CATG agreed to review the approach to the Riverbourne Fields roundabout on the A338 from the Cemetery following the most recent accident at the site. However, this will be after the link road has opened so that highway engineers can see traffic movements and how it behaves when all routes are open. The link road is now open.</p> <p>Persimmon intend to put in a planning application for the large bund they have created next to the link road, this is following his complaint to Enforcement that this has been built without permission.</p> <p>MC read out the figures from Parking Services for the number of times they have visited Tidworth from 1 Jun 18 to 31 May 19 as well as the number of tickets issued.</p> <p>Army Basing delays: A licence from the EA has been applied and contract being let for the Ram junction works, which will hopefully now commence towards the end of September.</p> <p>Flood management issues have caused delays to the large roundabout at the A338/St Andrews Road/Ordnance Road roundabout in Tidworth. Some of the works may be commenced after the Ram junction works are complete. Then this would possibly cease to undertake the A338/Station Road/Lahore Road junction works, before going back to finish the large roundabout.</p> <p>The A303 junction improvement near Cholderton will commence on 26 August and will run for seven weeks. This will be night time works between 7PM and 7AM.</p>	
19/057	<p><b>7. Mayors Report</b></p> <p>After all of the events attended in June BP reported that it was a slight change of pace. The first event for him to attend, as Mayor of Tidworth was the Mayor's Welcoming Service, held at Holy Trinity church in Tidworth. This followed on the tradition started by MC when he became Mayor. He said it was really nice to see so many faces in the pews at the service and he thanked his family, Col. Nick Turner, and also for organizing the event Carly (Town Clerk), Rev'd Tim and Tina (church warden).</p> <p>He had the pleasure of an informal meeting with John Fogerty who is the Operations</p>	

	<p>Director of Aspire Defense. He stated it was really interesting to hear how much work, and the complexity of the work, Aspire do for the military. They have a 50 year multi-billion pound contract to deliver, to include the Army's entire infrastructure including weapons.</p> <p>BP reported that he had also attended, along with Mayor of Ludgershall, an awards ceremony at Wellington Academy, this was to celebrate the achievements of all the young people on their work experience placements. Some of the places they worked included Stonehenge Vets, Boswell's Café and Lloyds Bank, and it had been a pleasure to meet the young people and hand their Certificates of Achievement to them.</p> <p>An Estonian delegation of dignitaries and visitors came to visit Tidworth to find out more about the work that is involved around civilian and military integration. They were Mr Rico Tell, Mayor of Tapa, Mr Andrus Freienthal, Deputy Mayor of Tapa, Mr Kusti Salm, Head of Defence and Ms Tuuli Vors, MoD Environmental and Planning Advisor.</p> <p>Colonel Jamie Balls and Colonel Nick Turner invited himself and the Town Clerk along to Garrison HQ for a tour around the inside the military camp and an informal lunch. This was a fantastic opportunity to forge closer relationships with key military personnel who can only be of massive benefit to the local community, both military and civilian. He was surprised to see just how big the camp is and how much goes on there.</p> <p>He spoke about the event of the year, on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, where the whole community came together for 'Tidworth Town Festival'. A day for families, old and young alike to come and enjoy themselves at an event that is free of charge. He said it was without a doubt that this year's festival has been one of the most successful yet and he would like to thank Carly, Susan Fell and the Engagement committee for all the immense amount of work that goes into making the event happen. He stated as always with these complex events, there are always 'lessons learnt', so that each year we can make the festival even better than the year before. A resolution was made for this to be discussed under Part 2 at the end of the meeting. <b>BP proposed the Part 2 meeting to take place, seconded by MC, carried.</b></p> <p>He completed his report by mentioning the big surprise for our community which was the Cross Plains GP surgery closing at very short notice. Affecting something like 1000 patients in Tidworth and Ludgershall. MC as Wiltshire Councilor, has worked very hard to seek reassurances from the CCG.</p>	
19/058	<p><b>8. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Services</b></p> <p>SA reported on the meeting held on 09 July 2019, minutes had been circulated.  <b>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</b></p> <p>There are still concerns about rubbish around the Pharmacy and nursery, but as soon as it is cleared up, it returns overnight. It is hoped that once Sydenhams are in place; the area will become more respectable.</p> <p>It was recommended that the Community Centre Hall should be redecorated; quotes for paint will be put forward at the next Services meeting, which will be recommended at the next Full Town Council Meeting in September. Volunteers to paint will also be sought. The next Services Meeting will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The budget was circulated.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <p>SS reported on a meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019, minutes had been circulated.</p>	AN

	<p><b>GP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AS, carried.</b></p> <p>Mortuary Chapel Open Day: It was agreed Nannie Nellies would be used for refreshments.</p> <p><b>MC proposed the new hire for 50 people from Nannie Nellies at a cost of £202.00, GP seconded, carried.</b></p> <p><b>SS proposed the flowers to be provided by The Little Flower Shop Tidworth for £160.00, MC seconded, Carried</b></p> <p>Christmas Lights: GP proposed these be given to the Community Service Committee to maintain the 3 year contract, MC seconded, Carried.</p> <p>BP stated that there is a neighbourhood policing event to be held in Tidworth Garrison Theatre on 13<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm which is open to the public.</p> <p>The budget was circulated.</p> <p><b>Leadership</b></p> <p>SF reported on a meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, minutes had been circulated.</p> <p><b>AC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AS carried. PH Abstained.</b></p> <p>AC proposed that solicitors, DAC Beechcroft from Bristol be approached to undertake the everyday legal requirements of the Council and our association with Star Legal be discontinued. SS seconded, carried.</p> <p>SF reported that work with Connor HR was continuing supporting the Clerk and generally advising the Council on staffing matters. This project had almost been concluded as all the project hours have now been used. The Council and Staff have found significant benefit from their support and guidance.</p> <p>SF explained that Connor had proposed an extension to the current contract to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Coaching &amp; Mentoring for the Clerk</li> <li>b) Blue Sky Thinking Event: <i>preparation, facilitation, post-event, data collection &amp; report writing.</i></li> <li>c) Senior Leadership Team Support (Leadership Committee)</li> <li>d) An Engagement Strategy Project.</li> </ul> <p>Total project hours = 65.5 hrs @ £140 per hour Total project cost = £9170.00</p> <p>The report was circulated to all Councillors. AS suggested removing the Blue Sky Thinking, as it was considered unnecessary, and will make the quote cheaper. A new quote is to be sought but an amount <b>up to £9170 was proposed by BP, seconded by SS carried.</b></p> <p>Tidworth Festival: The date for next year's event will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July. An email of complaint was received, and Steve Fell stood in agreement with it. Individual aspects of the complaint are being dealt with and lessons will be learnt for next year. This will make way for an even better event next year.</p> <p>Home Farm: A Member of Public asked why the land is being marketed as grazing land. AC stated that the Land is for sale, and once sold, the purpose of it can be discussed. It is an open sale, so until whoever buys it, it is not known what the purpose of the land will be.</p>	<p>KM KM</p> <p>AC</p> <p>SF</p>
19/059	<p><b>9. Guest</b> – Castle Practice Manager, Chrissie Williams gave a very detailed account of the effects of the recent closure of Cross Plains Surgery in Tidworth on the Castle Practice. She said two thousand patients have come across from the surgery and there is still room for more. This will also include new residents moving into the area affected by the Re-Basing programme. Castle Practice will have 2 new fully trained GPs starting in September and November, 3 more clinical staff, and 2 health care assistants. The ratio between GP's and patients should actually improve, even though they continue to take on more patients. Space is a problem, so some re-shuffling is necessary both in Tidworth and Ludgershall surgeries. Lt Col Nic Turner confirmed that Military personnel and their families are still able to register with the Medical Centres.</p>	

19/060	<b>10. Policies Review</b> Document and Data Retention Document, there were no questions. <b>Proposed by HJ, seconded by NA, carried.</b>	
19/061	<b>11. Business Between Meetings</b> None	
19/062	<b>12. Bills for Payment</b>  Bills for payment totalling £19021.25 had been circulated. <b>AC proposed Bills for payment £19021.25 be paid, seconded by GP, SA abstained, carried.</b>  AC asked for what period the bill for A Dean covered. AN stated she would find out and in future annotate this detail on the Bills cover sheet.	
19/063	<b>13. Date of next meeting</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 @ 7pm	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 8.40pm.

Agreed as a true record..... **Brian Pratt, Chairman**