



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

<p>Attended Cllr's M Connolly (in the Chair) B O'Connell, S Anderton, D Wright, P Hedge, N Arch, S Slater, S Fell, R Gregory, B Pratt, A Dawson, A Birch Maj P Kelly – Chief of Staff, Laura Kitchener Pain (Tesco), D Stevenson (War Memorial Committee), F Galvin, C Brook, G Gonthier, A Henshaw, S Whyley G Hopper – Admin Support</p>	<p>1 Apologies C'Ilr H Jones, Rev Copeland, T Pickernell Absent: AD proposed that the apologies were accepted, seconded by DW, carried</p>	
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
2	<p>Declaration of Interest MC and BP Travel claim Bills for Payment.</p>	
3	<p>Public Questions:</p> <p>Mr Galvin raised several issues, there has been fly tipping, mainly builders rubbish at the back of Wellington Academy. Maj Kelly will investigate. The top of the path at the back of Zouch Academy has been blocked. Wiltshire Council has confirmed this is not a right of way so although not convenient is ok to be there.</p> <p>Laura Kitchener Pain reported that Tesco will be holding a Community Day on 20th August 2017. All proceeds will be donated to charity.</p> <p>Riverbourne Estate</p> <p>Several concerned residents of the new Riverbourne Estate attended and raised the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council are taking over parcels of land from Persimmon Homes not conducive to the agreed landscape Planning Proposal. • Persimmon Homes are breaking every condition granted and it seems Wiltshire Council is not enforcing them. • The site is in a disgraceful state. Well below the standards depicted on the purchase of the property. • Wiltshire Council are fully aware that Persimmon Homes have not got the correct EA licences (U1, T5) to allow them to dispose builders rubble on site, but Wiltshire Council are again failing to enforce. The site is like a land fill, which was originally green belt. • The embankment transferred to the owners of Habberfield has affected enjoyment of the properties. The variation passed has left the owners with a 2.5m embankment. The embankment was never detailed on the S106. <p>They feel very strongly that the planning process seems to be a waste of time and</p>	

	<p>appears to be a paper exercise. Although these are issues the Town Council do not have the power to resolve the members feel as though they should support the residents and give them guidance. It is recommended that a public meeting for the residents is arranged, once this has taken place the Town Council will be more informed and can help them move forward.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of June 2017 meeting had been circulated. BP proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SA, carried.</p>	
5	<p>Co-Options</p> <p>Three applications have been received. M Gabriello (MG) F Galvin (FG) C Brook (CB)</p> <p>FG's letter was read. The members were given the opportunity to ask him any questions, there were none. However, a Councillor did make an inappropriate comment and the Chairman immediately stated the comment was inappropriate and told the Councillor to apologise, which he duly did.</p> <p>CB's letter was read. Again, the members were given the opportunity to ask questions. There were none.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that MG had emailed to confirm that she still wished to be co-opted, she had been invited to the meeting but was not in attendance and no apologies had been given. The members of the public were asked to leave the room.</p> <p>There was a short discussion between the members followed by a vote. F Galvin - 8 against 5 abstained M Gabriello - all against (13) C Brook - all in favour (13)</p> <p>Members of the public were invited back into the room and CB was invited to sit at the table.</p> <p>MC was concerned that the Council had several members who were also volunteers at Castledown FM and that this may be seen from the outside as having an undue influence on financial decisions concerning the station. He suggested that should such applications be considered, such members should declare an interest and leave the meeting. Members agreed that this was a sensible, though not a legal requirement.</p>	
6/7	<p>Wiltshire Councillor/Mayor Report</p> <p>MC reported the Towns first Civic Church Service had taken place on 25th June 2017, seven Councillors and the Clerk were in attendance, it was a good event and it is hoped to build on it in future years. He took the opportunity to inform the members that Rev Copeland was leaving to take on a full-time chaplaincy post in a school in Nottinghamshire. He wished her well and will be attending her last service on 6th August 2017. He also attended Trowbridge's Armed Forces Day and said that it was a wonderful event. However, several members of the public had complained that Tidworth does not hold such an event. He suggested a committee of volunteers be sought and the Council could support them.</p> <p>Other events recently attended were a charity event at the Royal British Legion to raise funds for a terminally ill mother to take her children to Disney Land, Castledown Summer ball at the Clarendon Club and the Cubs Litter pick organised by Tesco.</p> <p>He reported that he has received a letter from Highways England stating that due to bridge works on the A303 taking place from the end of July to January 2018. Traffic will be diverted into Tidworth for up to four weekends during September and October. The diversion will be West bound traffic from Andover will be diverted through Ludgershall</p>	

	<p>onto the A3026 to the Ram junction and then down the A338 and East bound in the opposite direction. This will cause havoc.</p> <p>A consultation on the joint foot/cycle path on part of the Perham to Tidworth route is now underway. The Services Committee will consider this next week. It is hoped that work will commence in September and will last 12 weeks.</p>	
8	<p>Committee Reports Community Services SS reported on a meeting held on 13th June 2017 EO proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate copy, seconded by AB, carried.</p> <p>Community Centre, Grounds Maintenance, Cemetery and Mortuary Chapel had all been discussed with no major issues. They are aware that grass cutting at the Chapel is dictated by the primroses being in flower but have asked if next year the nettles could be cut earlier.</p> <p>They discussed the playparks and that they were looking a bit drab and tired, the committee recommended that the Town Steward painted them at a cost of no more than £450.00. BP proposed that no more than £450.00 is spent on materials to paint George VI and Beech Hill playparks, seconded by SA, carried.</p> <p>A request for double yellow lines had been requested from a resident of Trinity View Road. The members would like to look into other options before making a decision.</p> <p>Community Engagement AD reported on a meeting held on 20th June 2017 SF proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RG, carried. AJ Mayhew had attended the meeting to give an update on the festival. There will be a final Volunteer/staff brief at 11.30am on the day. St Mary's is looking like a promising location for Wiltshire Wildlife's Community Garden. Several designs and quotes have been received for the Riverbourne View playpark. The Clerk has suggested a consultation evening at the Wellington Primary School. The members would also like to do an online survey, this will cost no more than £30.00. SA proposed that no more than £30.00 is spent on an online survey, seconded by NA, carried.</p> <p>Despite efforts Keep Tidworth tidy has not been well attended so the members agreed that July's KTT will be the last one for a while. The Clerk will publicise that the equipment is available for members of the public to use.</p>	
9	<p>Civic Centre AC gave a brief update on the Civic Centre. In the past potential strategic partners had been dismissive of the project, however progress has been made and he has been talking with three possible partners. Due to commercial confidentiality he cannot divulge any further information however he is excited that there are people with the relevant skill set who want to be involved. He should be able to give a clearer picture by the end of the year.</p>	
10	<p>Business Between Meetings War Memorial – There had been some debate as to whether the Northern Ireland conflict 1968-2007 should be on the Conflicts stone. DW said he felt very strongly that it should, EO was in agreement. MC proposed that Northern Ireland 1968-2007 be on the list of conflicts, seconded by SA, 9 in favour, 2 abstained, carried.</p> <p>Perham Footpath – There has been complaints regarding the footpath from Kennet Road to Perham being overgrown. Last year the Council paid for it to be cut as a goodwill gesture. Although in the process, it is not yet adopted so the Leadership Committee have recommended that it is cut again this year. BP proposed that the Perham Footpath is cut at a cost of £250.00, seconded by SS,</p>	

	carried. The Clerk will chase User Evidence Statements as this will speed up the adoption.	
11	Correspondence – Newsletters and reports available for inspection. Police report had been circulated.	
12	Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £9374.48 had been circulated. SS proposed Bills for payment of £9374.48 be paid, seconded by AC, carried.	
	Date of next meeting 1st August 2017 @ 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 8.20pm

Agreed as a true record..... Mark Connolly, Chairman