



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MARCH 2018



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2018 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

<p>Attended C’Ilr’s B Pratt (in the Chair), S Anderton (SA), N Arch (NA), A Birch (AB), A Connolly (AC), A Dawson (AD), Susan Fell (SF), P Hedge (PH), Humphrey Jones (HJ), E O’Connell (EO), S Slater (SS), D Wright (DW) C Lovell Town Clerk, A McIntyre Admin, T Thornton, F Galvin, M Jarvis – Holy Trinity Church</p>		<p>1 Apologies C’Ilr M Connolly, C’Ilr Brook, C’Ilr Gregory</p> <p>HJ proposed that the apologies are accepted, seconded by AB, carried.</p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
2	<p>Declaration of Interest None</p>	
3	<p>Public Questions: M Jarvis thanked the members for continuing to grant the grass cutting at the church yard.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of January 2018 meeting had been circulated. No matters arising</p> <p>HJ proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AC, carried.</p>	
5/6	<p>Wiltshire Councillor/Mayors Report</p> <p>In his absence C’Ilr Connolly provided the following report which was circulated in the report it stated:</p> <p>He had attended the over 60s Club in early February, along with the High Sheriff of Wiltshire and BP in his dementia champion role. Groups like this are important for older residents to maintain friendships and make friends.</p> <p>On 16th February, he had a tour of Julia’s House with John Glen MP. It was very informative and they do a wonderful job in supporting children with serious illnesses as well as respite for parents and siblings of the children concerned. The breakdown rate of families with children with serious illnesses is very high and so the respite is vital to help these families. In Wiltshire there are some 50 families receiving support from Julia’s House.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council raised its precept by 5.99% at its meeting on 20th February. This being 2.99% for the general precept and 3% for adult social services. The Council also agreed to submit to the Boundaries Commission that from 2021, it should have 99 members,</p>	

	<p>an increase of one, and that all should be single member wards. This may lead to an increase of one member to either Amesbury or Tidworth Area Boards (Tidworth and Ludgershall will be well over the average number but the rural seat well under). This could mean boundary changes for Tidworth Area Board. The Working Party will need to engage with Cllr Richard Clewer, the Chair of the Wiltshire Boundaries Working Group to ensure the Council is consulted on any proposed changes to the TAB boundaries and o make its own suggestions. The Liberal Democrats tried to reduce the Council’s recommendations down to 86. This would have meant the end of Pewsey Area Board.</p>	
7	<p>Committee Reports Community Services SS Reported on a meeting held on 13th February 2018. EO proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record, seconded by NA, carried. No major issues, HJ reported that there was still a mud slick at the Post Office crossing, this has now been addressed. Admin have been asked to get some prices for street signs. There are still problems with the church group who use the Community Centre, Leadership will deal with this. There is an internment plot at the Cemetery which is not in keeping with the rules. The Clerk will try to contact the family. The gate at the Cemetery will be painted when weather allows. Clerk to speak to company who carry out Play park inspections to see if the repairs are something they are able to do or if they can be carried out in house. SS will endeavour to get a map of the Ashdown Estate.</p> <p>Community Engagement SF reported on a meeting held on 20th February 2018. DW proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AC, carried. Easter is in hand, the members are happy with the poster so the event can now be advertised. Planning for Tidworth In Bloom (TiB) and the photography competition is coming along, closing dates for entries need to be confirmed. Booking form for pitches at the Town Festival was agreed, Admin will now advertise. Template for issue 24 of Tidworth Times is now ready and waiting for articles to be submitted. The members would like to gauge interest for CB’s suggested Community Recognition Awards, if there is enough interest a working group is to be formed. BP is hosting an afternoon tea at Wellington Academy on 26th March to re-launch the Memory Café and to find out what people would like from the group.</p>	
8	<p>S137 Application – Armed Forces Day A grant request of £2700.00 had been received from the Armed Forces Day Committee and had been circulated. Leadership have recommended to full Town Council the grant is awarded. AC proposed that a S137 grant of £2700.00 is awarded to Armed Forces Day, seconded by NA, carried.</p>	
9	<p>Business Between Meetings None to report</p>	
10	<p>Correspondence – Newsletters and reports available for inspection.</p>	

	A thank you letter from Castledown FM for the grant they were awarded was read.	
11	Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £7299.54 had been circulated. HJ proposed Bills for payment of £7299.54 be paid, seconded by PH, carried.	
12	Date of next meeting 3rd April 2018 @ 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 7.20pm

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