



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Services April 2019

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 9th April 2019 in the Community Centre at 7.00pm.

<p>Attended Councillors: S Slater (SS) in the Chair, P Hedge (PH), E O’Connell (EO), S Anderton (SA), H Jones (HJ), Nigel Arch (NA), Ann Birch (AB)</p> <p>Minutes taken by HJ.</p>		<p>18/0099S 1. Apologies for Absence: M Shepherd (MS) was not present. <i>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.</i></p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action By
18/0100S	<p>2. Declaration of Interest None. <i>(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i></p>	
18/0101S	<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of March 2019 meeting ratified at April 2019 Full Town Meeting.</p>	
18/0102S	<p>4. Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC - Front Door – the extra keys have been purchased. • Review Hire Fees – the Committee reviewed the hire fees and were content that they remain at the present levels. • Drains – rubbish/wet wipes are causing blockages. It is requested that notices are put up in the toilets to say: “Please put rubbish and wet wipes in the bins provided. Do not flush as they cause blockages.” 	AN
18/0103S	<p>5. War Memorial</p> <p>Repairs to Solar Lighting – a quote has been requested to repair the solar lighting system, but has not yet been seen by the Committee. As the Services Committee will not meet in May, it was proposed (NA) and seconded (PH) that SS and HJ can authorise repairs to go ahead if an acceptable quote is received between meetings. All agreed.</p>	SS and HJ

18/0104S	<p>6. Grounds Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The last Grounds Maintenance meeting took place with Tivoli on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 1000hrs. All was well and they agreed to trim any excessive growth in the Mortuary Chapel cemetery area, particularly any nettles around the gravestones, and to maintain paths to access the gravestones, prior to being able to conduct a full cut after the primrose flowering was over. The next Grounds Maintenance meeting will take place with Tivoli on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 1000hrs. Matters for discussion are the 6% rise in annual charges, and asking them to add to the contract the troublesome strips of grass fronting the houses in Trinity View Road and Rectory Close. These grass strips are in full view of traffic passing through Tidworth on the A338 and let the town down. Proposed by SA and seconded by NA – agreed unanimously. The grassed area to the north of the Chip Shop in front of Manor Rise needs cutting – doesn't look as if it has been yet this year. Need to establish who owns it and 'remind' them to cut it. 	SS AN
18/0105S	<p>7. Cemetery No issues. EO and AB reported that it was looking very good indeed. A member of the public had commented to AB how tidy and well-kept it was.</p>	
18/0106S	<p>8. Mortuary Chapel No issues.</p>	
18/0107S	<p>9. Play Parks No Issues.</p>	
18/0108S	<p>10. Highway Additional Funding The Committee was happy with the circulated proposal.</p>	
18/0109S	<p>11. Correspondence Just the letter from Tivoli about the 6% costs rise – covered at Ground Maintenance (above).</p>	
18/0110S	<p>12. Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA expressed concern about the proximity of the new pedestrian crossing on the A3026 to Somme Road. As you turn right out of Somme Road, the railings impede your visibility to the right, and you come onto the crossing itself very quickly. AB said the bench on the grass triangle just north of the Oval (the one nearest the bus shelters) was in need of repair. Could the Town Steward be asked to look at this please. 	AN

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HJ mentioned that he had asked the Town Clerk to inform whoever was responsible for the Little Bridge which crossed the winterbourne between the playpark and the pavement beside the A338 (opposite the Post Office) that the mesh infill panels had been vandalised to an such an extent that they now posed a hazard to people using the bridge, and ask them to conduct the necessary repairs. • Pedestrian Crossing on the A338 beside the Post Office - HJ informed the Committee that the response from Wiltshire Highways (WH) to our concerns about the puddles and mudslicks which formed in wet weather between the striped crossing and the pavements was that the matter could not be easily resolved. WH suggested that the Parish Steward be asked to clear the mud and detritus until funding could be allocated to resolve the problem, sometime after the current round of Army Basing roadworks. The Committee expressed their disappointment with this response. 	
18/0111S	<p>13. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Due to the Annual Town Council Meeting taking place on Tuesday 14th May 2019, there will be no Services Meeting in May.</p>	

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.40pm