



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL – MARCH 2020



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

<p>Attended C’Ilr’s B Pratt (in the Chair) (BP), S Fell (SF), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), M Connolly (MC), S Anderton (SA), A Birch (AB), E O’Connell (EO), G Paine (GP), D Wright (DW), M Shepherd (MS), N Arch (NA), S Slater (SS)</p> <p>Admin K Mooney (Engagements) A Nicholls (Services)</p> <p>B Rhodes – Castledown FM F Galvin – Resident U Tamang – TNCA D Gurung – TNCA B Long – HCRA Sgt L Thorne – Police L Thorpe – Aster S Durrans – Aster J Wilkes – MoP A Russell - MoP</p>	<p>19/151 1 Apologies Cllrs D Neil, K Kataria, A Connolly, Lt Col N Turner, Absent, Cllr R Gregory</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>
---	---

Item	Agenda Item	Action by
19/152	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). None.</p>	
19/153	<p>3. Public Questions</p> <p>Mr Rhodes gave thanks to the Tidworth Town Council, and the Admin Staff, for their hard work, and responding to current, difficult issues within the town. He commented on the Council Tax rise not being too high, his radio show on Thursdays, and the excellent reaction on FB for the charity CDLS, Cornelia de Lange Syndrome. Views have reached over 23,000 and help can be given by the following link https://uk.gofundme.com/f/hope-for-hasti</p> <p>Mr Long and Mr Wilkes expressed his concern about the temporary lights at Station Road, MC explained that DIO are dealing with it, but the lights will be there for about 3 or 4 weeks.</p> <p>Mr Galvin commented on the sunken graves at the Cemetery. HJ stated that Tivoli will be dealing with them when the weather gets better and the ground more suitable as they might just sink again.</p>	

	<p>Sgt Thorne gave a report on the recent increase of burglaries in the area, and although there is an increased police presence. She emphasised that residents are aware and need to remain vigilant and report any issues straight away.</p> <p>Both Aster representatives gave a brief on their remit of providing homes for the community, rented and shared ownership, and neighbourhood enhancements such as safety. BP asked if they were aware of any high risk areas, their response was “no” and he asked if they would stay for item 5 on the Agenda, Youth Shelter.</p> <p>GP enquired about installing a gas supply to the Beech Hill Estate, as currently they are all electric. Aster responded that this would be part of their “Warm Homes” project and he would need to speak to that department directly. MC added that as part of the Spatial Awareness Group for new homes, land has to be identified, and they would be working with the MoD about this.</p>	
19/154	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of Feb 2020 meeting had been circulated.</p> <p>No matters arising, however the date of the next meeting item 14, serial number 19/136, change to 19/150.</p> <p>GP proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	
19/155	<p>5. A338 Removal of Youth Shelter</p> <p>BP and Sgt Thorne gave an overview of the issues being dealt with at the Youth Shelter by the Playpark along the A338. HJ gave a brief history of how the shelter came about being placed there. Sgt Thorne, Mr Wilkes, and Cllrs all expressed their real concern about the drug use that is happening and the amount of vandalism that is taking place. After a very lengthy debate Cllrs voted to give the shelter a deep clean and review any issues in 3 months. This subject is to be added to the next Services Committee Meeting Agenda.</p>	<p>AN AN</p>
19/156	<p>6. Wiltshire Councillors Report</p> <p>MC confirmed Wiltshire Council increased its Council Tax precept last week by 3.99%, with 2% being for Social Care. The Police precept rose by 4.85%, the Fire Brigade by 2%, and TTC by 4.88%. He stated that Tidworth is the 13th highest precept in Wiltshire but our increase was less than Ludgershall (11.2%), Amesbury(18.5%), Pewsey(25.1%) and Marlborough(5.8%).</p> <p>He stated that all residents will be receiving letters about changes to their recycling collections. Recycling will be on Tuesdays, and household and garden waste on Wednesdays. Only glass and textiles will go in the small black boxes and all other recycling will go in the blue lidded bins.</p> <p>He had not attended the Area Board the previous evening, but had heard that they had considered bids from TTC for the VE Day event and from the Saddle Club to provide rides and events for vulnerable children who might benefit</p>	

	<p>from being with animals. Both applications were successful.</p> <p>MC announced that there would be a meeting for EU Nationals at the Garrison Theatre at 1pm on 11th March, hosted by the German Consul with guest speakers to give advice to EU Nationals post Brexit.</p> <p>The Cost Cutters building on the Zouch Estate has been granted permission to become a community and multi faith building. He also confirmed that new parking next to Zouch Parade will be implemented before the building is used.</p>	
19/157	<p>7. Mayors Report BP declared there was nothing to report.</p>	
19/158	<p>8. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Community Services SA reported on the meeting held on 11th February 2020, minutes had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by MS, carried.</p> <p>Photos of quality artificial flowers were circulated to the Services Committee, but not to Full Town. In the absence of Photos, and all costs the same, EO proposed the flowers shown in picture no 4 (as recommended by the Services Committee) be purchased from The Little Flower Shop, at a cost of £100 including VAT and the hanging, seconded by AB, carried.</p> <p>Community Engagement SS reported on the meeting held on 18th February 2020 and minutes had been circulated. GP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by MC, carried.</p> <p>Easter: PH proposed £600 for two rides provided by Walls Funfair, seconded by GP, abstain AB, carried.</p> <p>Leadership SF reported on the meeting held on 25th February 2020, minutes had been circulated. Much discussion took place. The Town Clerk at item 8 on the minutes, was not on the Agenda, Item 9 Tidworth Times was on the Agenda but not minuted. HJ queried whether an A4 page of minutes fully reflected the 2 hour meeting that was held. BP assured him that it did. The minutes were not be ratified at this meeting.</p> 	<p>AN</p> <p>KM</p>
19/159	<p>9. S137 Requests BP read out the following grants requested and previously circulated by the Admin Office: 1st Tidworth Rainbows – MC proposed £432 grant be accepted, seconded by DW, carried</p> <p>AN, KM and BP agreed that all grants need to go through the Admin Office, in the</p>	Town Clerk

	first instance.	
19/160	<p>10. Civic Centre Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Projects meeting to discuss the Civic Centre will take place on Tuesday 31st March 2020. 	BP/AC/DW/MC/MS Town Clerk
19/161	<p>11. Civic Regalia – quotes for repairs</p> <p>Deferred</p>	Town Clerk
19/162	<p>12. Correspondences</p> <p>A comprehensive report which had been submitted from the Flood Warden (Cllr Connolly) was discussed, and actions will be put on the Agenda for the next Services Meeting on Tuesday 10th March 2020</p>	AN
19/163	<p>13. Bills for Payment</p> <p>February 2020: Bills of £16,863.77 were circulated and discussed. SA proposed that £16,863.77 of bills to be paid for February 2020, seconded by MS, and carried</p> <p>March 2020: Bills of £20,785.29 were circulated and discussed. PH proposed that £20,785.29 of bills to be paid for March 202, seconded by MS, and carried.</p>	Town Clerk
19/164	<p>14. Date of next meeting</p> <p>7th April 2020 @ 7pm</p>	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 8.30pm.

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