



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MARCH 2021

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 virtually on Google Meet at 7pm

<p>Attended C’Ilr’s M Connolly (in the Chair), A Allen (AA), S Anderton (SA), A Birch (AB), A Russell (AR), D Kofita (DK), R Gregory (RG), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), K Kirti (KK), E Stead (ES), Carole Webb (CW) D Wright (DW) joined 7.30pm due to work commitments C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) K Mooney, A Nicholls (Admin) Lt Col N Turner Rev Laundon J Stretton B Rhodes D Ahern Alina</p>		<p>20/122 1 Apologies Police</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 Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.</p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
20/140	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</p>	
20/141	<p>3. Public Questions: Lt Col Turner said it was business as usual where COVID restrictions allow, he informed the members that the arrival of the new Garrison Commander has been delayed to May 2021. He provided an update on the Ash die back scheme – 79% felling complete, 74% stump grinding complete, 44% of Eco kill complete. Rev Laundon thank TTC for their previous contribution towards the cutting of grass at the churchyard however they have now sourced this service themselves. He thanked MC for his contribution to the community magazine but said he would like to see more Tidworth news being provided. B Rhodes reported that CDFM listenership continues to increase, especially the listen again service. Holy Trinity Church continue to broadcast their Sunday Service. There are plans for a hustings broadcast. As a resident he raised the issue of the precept, although he commended MC for voting against the Wiltshire Council (WC) council tax rise of 4.99% he asked how TCC could justify a 9% precept rise under current circumstances. MC explained and compared the figures. WC element is £75.60 a year, TTC £14.77, he also said that the residents will be getting ‘something for their money’ when the much-needed Civic Centre is built. Although he appreciated the reasoning B Rhodes was not happy with the rise.</p>	
20/142	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2nd February 2021 had been circulated. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by ES carried. No matters arising. Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 23rd February 2021 had been circulated. ES proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH carried. No matters arising.</p>	

20/143	<p>5/6. Wiltshire Councillors Report/Mayors Report</p> <p>MC reported that Wiltshire Council (WC) voted for the 4.99% increase to Council Tax. He did not vote for it as he couldn't support a £76.00 increase for a Band D property with so many low paid people in the area and public sector staff with another pay freeze. This is the second year he has not voted with the administration on the budget.</p> <p>He understands people may question why he has spearheaded TTC's 9% increase however he explained that the 5% increase for WC is two and a half times more than the Police, Fire Brigade and TTC combined.</p> <p>He advised there will be night closures on Pennings Road from the Ram junction to Leckford Cross for highway repairs from 9 March 2021 to 13 March 2021. This is in preparation for surface dressing later in the year, like the A3026 from the Ram junction to Wellington Academy.</p> <p>HJ noted that the link road is starting to lift. MC advised that the phase 1 roads had now been adopted and that WC have a list of remedial works that must be completed before adopting the link road and the Ludgershall Road roundabout.</p> <p>He has called in the MOD application for the car park and Esso field sports pitch. Whilst the car park is something vitally needed, he said it should not be at the expense of a 6m high fence on three sides of the rugby pitch, with two 20m stretches behind the posts of a 10m high fence. The car park also has a proposed 4m high fence.</p> <p>He has spoken to the planning officer to see if MOD will take out the sports pitch fence and reduce the security fence for the car park, to the same height as the fences for the Garrison Theatre and the camp fence that runs along the Esso field. He has also approached MOD and Aspire with similar comments. If these are accepted by the applicant, he will withdraw his objection.</p> <p>As Mayor He update the members on the following TTC matters:</p> <p>Phase 2 play area – The transfer documents and deed of variation are in the process of being signed. The consultation period for the planning application ended last week. Tidworth Area Board granted £5K to go towards the additional inclusive play equipment.</p> <p>The legal team have advised that putting the extra more inclusive equipment and changing the fencing lines will be permitted development. CL has made contact with the contractor to confirm the cost of the play park and there will be a six week lead in for the commencement of work.</p> <p>Humber Lane pitches – the draft lease has been prepared and commented on by Leadership. It has now been passed to TTFC for comment.</p>	
20/144	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a virtual meeting held on 9th February 2021, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. AB proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH carried.</p> <p>A quote for grass cutting at Holy Trinity had been accepted, however the church have now sourced a supplier themselves.</p> <p>Community Centre hire fees were discussed and it was agreed they remain the same.</p>	

	<p>PH proposed that the Community Centre hire fees remain at £8.00 per hour for private hire (£50.00 deposit daytime booking, £100.00 booking) and £15.00 for businesses, seconded by ES, carried.</p> <p>Cemetery fees were also discussed and it was again agreed that they should remain the same. PH proposed that the Cemetery fees remain at Burial £180.00, internment of ashes £80.00, addition of headstone £60.00, name plate £60.00, ceramic photo £20.00 Burial for under 16 is £60.00, and there is no charge for infants under 12 months, seconded by HJ.</p> <p>The parts for repair to the spinning bowl in Thompson Way park have been ordered.</p> <p>Community Engagement AA reported on a virtual meeting held on 16th February 2021, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. There were no questions. MC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AA, carried.</p> <p>All is in place for an Easter Egg hunt.</p> <p>It has been agreed to not have a festival this year, however to provide the residents with something to look forward to the Committee plan on organising two open air cinemas in July and August 2021 with the possibility of adding a market.</p> <p>RG and KM are working on the next edition of Tidworth Times.</p> <p>Social media continues to be strong.</p>	
20/145	<p>8. Local Plan</p> <p>MC had previously circulated notes arising from a meeting himself and HJ had with Ludgershall Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>He asked for any questions or comments.</p> <p>CW said she fully supported his suggestions and they were ‘well versed’.</p> <p>He asked the members to consider the following recommendations as TTC’s response:</p> <p>Housing – TTC does not support the five sites put forward for Tidworth. None are considered viable for access and sustainability reasons. The two sites to the North of Tidworth (3110 & 3111) will need access directly onto the A338, which will make the viability of site 3110 untenable as there would need to be a buffer between it and the tank track to the North of the site. Site 3111 would back directly onto the Salisbury Plain Training Area and would again need direct access onto the A338 as no other access via the existing road network in Tidworth would be viable. It would also be too close to Sidbury Hill, an ancient hill fort. The report rightly discounts site 3038 but inexplicably seems to support sites 3036 and 3037, which are not sustainable as they are outside the limits of development and are remote from the town. They would also have a material and negative impact on listed military buildings next to the Bulford Road.</p> <p>TTC believes, therefore, that the only viable sites for housing in the Tidworth Community Area are in Ludgershall. We support the use of sites 2065 and 2066. However, only part of site 2065 should be utilised for housing, this being the land to the East of Somme Road (i.e. the Ludgershall side of the road). Somme Road should be the barrier to any further development taking place as there should remain a buffer between Tidworth and Ludgershall. The land to the West of Somme Road next to the A3026 should remain open countryside.</p> <p>Possible sites for Tidworth for the next review of the Local Plan should be the fields</p>	

	<p>either side of the A338 to the North of the tank track and before the military and civilian cemeteries.</p> <p>Castledown Business Park – TTC believes the use of the site should not be restricted for employment/business but extended for retail and leisure too. It should not be allocated as a site for housing at any time.</p> <p>TTC believes that the proposed 5 hectares of land (as yet not identified) for employment will not be required until Castledown Business Park is filled. A 5-hectare site should be identified in the next review of the Local Plan.</p> <p>All were in agreement</p> <p>Proposed by MC, seconded by ES, carried.</p>	
20/146	<p>9. Civic Centre</p> <p>ES had met briefly the previous evening with the Project Manager and Architect, all being well the Planning Application will be submitted 19th March 2021. Police Funding has now been approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p>	
20/147	<p>10. Section 137 Grant</p> <p>None had been received for circulation.</p>	
20/148	<p>11. Correspondence and Updates Committees and Representation</p> <p>MC advised that CW had joined Policies and Procedures.</p> <p>The members are in agreement that AA will represent Engagement on Projects and DK has volunteered to represent TTC at the Neighbourhood Policing Team meetings.</p>	
20/149	<p>12. Bills for Payment</p> <p>Bills for payment totalling £72,301.08 had been circulated. PH proposed Bills for Payment totalling £72,301.08 be paid, seconded by HJ carried.</p>	
20/150	<p>13. Co-Option</p> <p>Dan Ahern had expressed an interest in re-joining TTC now that circumstances had changed and he is able to commit again.</p> <p>Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting and a vote took place.</p> <p>MC proposed Dan Ahern be co-opted onto TTC, seconded by AA, carried, 1 abstention.</p>	
20/151	<p>14. Date of next meeting</p> <p>6th April 2021 @ 7pm</p>	<p>Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting</p>

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

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