



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL JANUARY 2023



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall at 7pm.

| <p><b>Attended</b><br/>                 Cllr M Connolly (in the Chair) (MC), Cllr's H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), C Webb (CW), L Coleman (LC), M Anim (MA), J Powell (JP), C Moore (CM), R Gregory (RG)<br/>                 Cllr Pickernell - Wiltshire<br/>                 C Lovell – Town Clerk<br/>                 WO1 Clarke- Garrison<br/>                 F Galvin</p> |   | <p><b>23/001 1. Apologies</b><br/>                 Cllr Wright, Cllr Musikavanhu, Cllr Birch, Cllr Ahern.<br/>                 Police<br/>                 Absent: Cllr Kofitia, Cllr Danso<br/>                 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> |
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| Item  | Agenda Item   | Action by   |
| 23/002  | <p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b><br/>                 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</p>   |   |
| 23/003  | <p><b>3. Public Questions:</b><br/>                 WO1 Clarke advised that due to strikes a lot of the soldiers have been deployed to support services, mainly border control. This has meant being away from their families over the Christmas period.<br/>                 Condition of housing has been in the press recently and the Tidworth area is not as bad as some others, but housing is being looked at as there are some issues. There are also discussions regarding infrastructure and what there is for the soldiers 'to do' as there will be a new unit arriving in 2025.<br/>                 Mr Galvin asked why Aster were selling off social housing when there is such a huge demand. It was explained to him that sometimes this is due to the cost of repair being too high, it was also explained that as a company TTC cannot tell them what to do but can speak to them, MC will make contact and raise the concerns.<br/>                 He also mentioned the broken fence on Ludgershall Road, it is on Highways list for repairs and will be done when finances allow.</p> |   |
| 23/004  | <p><b>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b></p>   |   |

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|        | <p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, had been circulated.</p> <p>CM advised that she had been left off the attendance list.</p> <p><b>HJ proposed that with the addition of CM they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p><b>No Matters arising</b></p>  |  |
| 23/005 | <p><b>6. Wiltshire Councillors Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Pickernell advised that there is a brief note regarding Flood Warnings. CL informed the members that TTC's Flood Warden had been in touch and there are no concerns at the moment.</p> <p>He will be attending a Police Crime Panel meeting to appoint a new Chief Constable, there is a preferred candidate.</p> <p>He advised the Wiltshire have announced that towns and Parishes will need to finance local elections. Further information to be released.</p> <p>Streetscene have been tasked with making temporary repairs to potholes which have been causing major issues.</p> <p>There is a small grant scheme of up to £10k for community groups.</p>   |  |
| 23/006 | <p><b>7. Mayors Report</b></p> <p>MC reminded everyone of the road closures this month for the A338 and Meerut Road. The A338 is for patching works prior to resurfacing next spring. This will be to the South of the Town. Meerut Road will be closed during the period 27 Jan to 2 Feb for the footpath to be resurfaced. Closure will be between 7AM and 6PM each day. Bulford road will be closed at night from 26 to 30 Jan between 7PM and 6AM.</p> <p>He attended the annual Christmas Show-Off Dance event at the Wellington Academy last month, which was the biggest and best he has seen, having attended at least four previously.</p>   |  |
| 23/007 | <p><b>7. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Services</b> PH reported on the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. <b>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</b></p> <p>The following Traffic Survey Requests have been submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pennings Road</li> <li>Windmill Drive</li> <li>Perham Down to Station Road</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to delay the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device until traffic surveys have been carried out.</p> <p>A second bench has been ordered and should be place in the New Year.</p> <p><b>HJ proposed to pay £79.97 plus carriage for a second bench, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p>The Winter Program of repairs has been compiled. For the safety of the Parks the parts have already been paid for, so that they can be ordered by Elite without any delay. The cost for the parts was £1470. <b>PH proposed that £1470 and the remaining payment of £2640.00 inc Vat to carry out the work be paid, seconded by HJ, carried.</b></p> |  |

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|        | One of the tombs at the Mortuary Chapel is broken which could be dangerous the Committee will take a look to see what can be done to make it safe.   |  |
| 23/008 | <b>8. Introduction to Biodiversity</b><br><b>Due to Cllr Aherns absence this has been deferred.</b>  |  |
| 23/009 | <b>9. Co-Options</b><br>None received  |  |
| 23/010 | <b>10. S137 Requests</b><br>The following requests was received.<br>Tidworth Armed Forces Day - £2000.00<br><b>CM proposed that Tidworth Armed Forces Day are awarded £2000.00, seconded by PH, carried, 1 Abstention.</b><br>Warm Spaces Holy Trinity Church – A request for £520.00 was received to cover the cost of sessions already held.<br>It was agreed that as this was a retrospective request it would e granted.<br>However, it has not been well attended and it is thought the money could be used in a better way or the facility should be re-branded or advertised differently.<br><b>HJ proposed that Holy Trinity Church are paid £520.00 to cover the costs of Warm Spaces, seconded by PH, carried.</b>   |  |
| 23/011 | <b>11. Internal Audit</b><br>The internal audit had been received and circulated with no recommendations. The points raised were discussed and all were in agreement for the Clerk to respond accordingly.   |  |
| 23/012 | <b>12. Civic Centre</b><br>MC provided the following report:<br>Due to both the issues of Webb Yates reported on in previous months, and the poor weather, the build is up to six weeks behind schedule. Neilcott could not do all of the<br>_concrete base due to the rain and then freezing conditions in early to mid-December. The base is now in, and the steel frame is making good progress.<br>The Project Manager provided the draft Facilities Management expression of interest document in early December, which Leadership and the Police agreed. It was placed online before Christmas and two potential providers have expressed an interest so far, but it is expected there will be more interest after the Festive break.<br>Expenditure so far had been circulated. |  |
| 23/013 | <b>13. Allotments</b><br>MC provided the following report:<br>The public consultation stage finishes on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022. Highways have commented and have not raised any objections but have put in place a number of conditions and a couple of informatives.<br>There are a number of comments supporting the application and one against so far.  |  |

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| 23/014 | <p><b>14. Skate Park</b><br/> MC provided the following report:<br/> Himself and CL had met with DIO and Maverick on site today to discuss access. Disappointingly and surprisingly, the Noise Impact Assessment came back stating that the noise levels were too high, and mitigation would be required. This is surprising as a NIA was done about 10 years ago, which stated the ambient background noise of the road meant no mitigation would be required for a skatepark. Maverick will make contact as they are also perplexed by this. MC will contact the Environment Agency to confirm there will be no issues with the River Bourne.</p> |            |
| 23/015 | <p><b>15. Policies for Review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equality and Diversity<br/> <b>CM proposed that the policy be adopted, seconded by PH, carried.</b></li> <li>• Equal Opportunities<br/> <b>CM proposed that the policy be adopted, seconded by LC, carried.</b></li> <li>• <b>Bio-Diversity</b> – deferred until Bio-diversity presentation</li> </ul>   |            |
| 23/016 | <p><b>16. Correspondence and Updates</b><br/> CM took the opportunity to thank TTC for the grant awarded to the Ukrainian Support Group. They have not met over the Christmas period but will be meeting soon. Several guests have taken English as a foreign language course and the group has proven to be invaluable.</p>  |            |
| 23/017 | <p><b>17. Bills for Payment</b><br/> Bills for payment totalling £210,848.11 had been circulated. <b>PH proposed Bills for Payment totalling £210,848.11 be paid, seconded by CW, carried. It was noted that the bench cost £127.99.</b></p>  |            |
| 23/018 | <p><b>18. Date of next meeting</b><br/> <b>7<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm</b><br/> <b>Agenda Items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.</b></p>   | <b>ALL</b> |

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

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

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