



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL APRIL 2023



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall at 7pm.

<p>Attended Cllr M Connolly (MC) – in the Chair, Cllrs H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), C Webb (CW), L Coleman (LC), A Birch (AB), M Anim (MA), S Musikavanhu (SM) C Lovell – Town Clerk SSgt Gage- Garrison Andy Cook Dan Ahern Beth Ahern F Galvin</p>	<p>23/054 1. Apologies Cllr D Wright, Cllr R Gregory, Cllr J Powell Cllr Pickernell (Wiltshire) Police 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. Absent Cllr D Kofitia, Cllr C Danso, Cllr C Moore</p>	
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
23/055	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</p>	
23/056	<p>3. Public Questions: SSgt Gage tendered apologies on behalf of WO1 Clarke. He advised that things were fairly quiet due to it being a leave period. The Princess of Wales had recently visited troops who were training Ukrainian soldiers on Salisbury Plain. The garrison will be organising a celebration of the Nepalese new year on 14th April 2023. Mr Cook came along to the meeting to raise his concerns about the rumoured closure of the Royal Mail Sorting Office in Tidworth and the plans to move the service to Andover. He mentioned the recent strikes and although it is partly to do with wages it is also about terms and conditions and the planned changes to delivery times therefore affecting working hours. If the sorting office were to close most of the staff would be unable to move to Andover and the already stretched delivery service would be compromised with potentially not having a daily delivery. This could have serious consequences as the sorting office covers ALL garrison mail and not only that for people to collect parcels for some it would mean up to a 3 hour bus journey.</p>	

	<p>All were in agreement that it is not practical or acceptable for the sorting office to close and move to Andover.</p> <p>MC has already spoken with the Garrison Commander who has echoed this.</p> <p>MC will make contact with the local MP Danny Kruger MBE and Kit Malthouse who is the MP covering Shipton Bellinger.</p> <p>Mr Galvin asked for an update on the litter issue in the hedges on the Kennet Road path leading to the paths.</p> <p>MC advised that he had previously arranged for Aspire to clean up therefore assumed it was their responsibility. LC will follow this up.</p> <p>Mr Galvin said that he was impressed with the Civic Centre build.</p> <p>Mr Ahern asked if Garrison could be contacted about the dangerous, dis-used building at the Humber Lane entrance of the Polo pitches as children are climbing in there.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>LC</p> <p>CL</p>
23/057	<p>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th March 2023, had been circulated.</p> <p>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ, carried.</p> <p>No Matters arising</p>	
23/058	<p>5/6. Wiltshire Councillors /Mayors Report</p> <p>MC reported the following:</p> <p>He was interviewed by BBC South Today/Points West about the poor performance of the Activ8 bus service over the past few months.</p> <p>He has approached by the new owner of the old Ashdown Children’s Centre site. There is an application for a change of use that both TTC and himself objected to. The owner said he would provide additional parking but he cannot do this for a change of use application as you cannot change the outside. However, highways have now removed their objection following further information from the applicant and the application will be recommended for approval.</p> <p>The substantive bid that the LHFIG submitted to WC for an informal crossing point at the Ashdown estate roundabout was successful. The cost is over £40K, of which TTC and LHFIG will contribute £9K, which includes the design costs paid so far. The news has been well received on the Ashdown estate Facebook page.</p> <p>He has been chasing the maintenance money from Persimmon for the River Bourne Corridor via Wiltshire Council.</p>	

23/059	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on the meeting held on 14th March 2023. As the meeting was not quorate no official business was conducted and only notes could be circulated.</p> <p>Traffic Surveys have yet to be carried out for: Pennings Road Windmill Drive Perham Down to Station Road</p> <p>Results of the surveys will be discussed once known.</p> <p>Requests for Waiting Restrictions</p> <p>The Mayor has received a request for “no waiting at any time” on Pennings Road at the junction of the Hill Top estate. This is the second request for this area due to a van parking just before the junction and limiting visibility for traffic wanting to get onto the A338, and those on the A338 not being able to see those cars exiting.</p> <p>It was suggested that a request for double yellow lines should be submitted to the LHFIG.</p> <p>It was also recommended that a request should be submitted for the continuation of yellow lines opposite the Tesco Junction on Station Road.</p> <p>A request was received for a new footpath on Wylve Road, from the Clarendon Nursery School gate to the road.</p> <p>LHFIG have been asked to get permission from the MoD to carry out this work, as it is their land.</p> <p>A heavy-duty bin has been installed, near the most northerly bridge on the River Bourne corridor.</p> <p>PH suggested a sign should be placed on each swale site, warning members of the public of the flood risk and to stay on the pathways.</p> <p>No major issues to report on the playparks, cemetery or Mortuary Chapel.</p> <p>Community Engagement- CW reported on the meeting held on 21st March 2023, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. LC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by MC, carried.</p> <p>The Committee would like to organise two virtual treasure hunts in the summer holidays and at Halloween.</p> <p>PH proposed the cost of £2,000+vat for two virtual treasure hunts, one for summer holidays and one for Halloween, seconded by LC, carried.</p> <p>Plans for the Coronation are coming along well.</p> <p>The following costs were recommended for approval: HJ proposed the cost of £262.80 for the licence of Paddington movie, seconded by LC, carried.</p> <p>CW proposed the cost of £2,000.00 +vat for the Tiger parachute display team, seconded by LC, carried.</p> <p>MC proposed a budget of no more than £250.00 for a balloon arch, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>Due to not be able to have a festival this year a cinema event has been planned for 26th August 2023.</p>	
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	<p>CW proposed a cost of £3,525.60 for GoCinemas to provide a screen and 2 movies for Cinema event on 26th August 2023, seconded by CD, carried.</p> <p>The date of Mortuary Chapel Open day will be September 23rd.</p> <p>AB proposed a cost of £410.00 for catering by Nannie Nellies, seconded by SM, carried.</p> <p>LC proposed the purchase of an electric generator for cost of up to £500.00, seconded CW, carried.</p> <p>It is confirmed the Bugler has been booked for Remembrance Day.</p> <p>Andy from GoCinemas will provide the PA system, at no charge.</p> <p>The TLC has been booked for the 2nd of December for the Christmas Event.</p> <p>LC proposed the cost of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formula kiddie ride - £550.00 • Balloons ride - £650.00 • Trampoline play centre - £650.00 <p>Seconded by CW, carried.</p> <p>CW proposed the cost of £1425.00 for reindeer2hire, seconded by MA, carried.</p> <p>CW proposed the cost of £309+vat for a Santa, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>Community Projects – MC reported on the meeting held on 28th March 2023, minutes had been circulated and taken as read.</p> <p>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by LC, carried.</p> <p>Civic Centre- The build is coming along well.</p> <p>Neilcott have advised that they are now 11 weeks behind schedule but have an action plan to pull it back and are still working to a completion date of 19th October 2023.</p> <p>A site visit has been arranged for Councillors on 25th April 2023 @ 2pm.</p> <p>Following on from a Projects Board meeting the contamination costs taken into consideration may be higher than already calculated however it is hoped that the weather will be dry and this will reduce the cost of removal.</p> <p>Date for the Café presentations is set for 17th May 2023.</p> <p>Next Facilities Management meeting is on 19th April 2023. CL advised that contact has been made with various local companies asking if they would be interested in tendering.</p> <p>LC reported that herself and CL has met with Andrew Brown regarding furniture and fittings. Four companies have been contacted and the Working group will meet 17th April 2023.</p> <p>Skate Park and allotments separate agenda items.</p>	
23/060	<p>8. Co-Options None received</p>	
23/061	<p>9. S137 Requests None received</p>	
23/062	<p>10. Hedge Row Planting Beth and Dan Ahern attended on behalf of the Tidworth Area Environment Group (TAEG). They have been contacted by some residents in Tidworth who have</p>	

	<p>asked for hedgerow plants to create a hedge along the common boundary on the Manor Rise Estate. The land is managed/owned by Remus. The residents have agreed that they will take on any maintenance.</p> <p>Remus will grant permission for the hedge on two counts:</p> <p>1 - TTC support the idea</p> <p>2 - Any TAEG volunteers are insured</p> <p>The members fully support the proposal to plant the hedgerow on the condition TTC will not be responsible for any ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>Proposed by HJ, seconded by SM, carried.</p>	
23/063	<p>11. Allotments</p> <p>Planning decision is expected early next week.</p>	
23/064	<p>12. Skate Park</p> <p>Work to commence on 2nd May 2023.</p> <p>Expected timescale 8-10 weeks. RoSPA inspection will be carried out on day of completion so it will be opened straight away.</p>	
23/065	<p>13. Correspondence and Updates</p> <p>CW reported that she had attended the Area Board meeting on 20th March 2023. She confirmed that TTC had been awarded a grant of £400.00 for the Coronation celebrations. The next meeting will be held at Tedworth Equestrian Centre on 10th July 2023.</p> <p>CL reported that herself and Cllr Gregory had attended the Youth Consultation meeting. The aspiration is to employ a Youth Street worker, there will hopefully be funding available from the Area Board, however TTC and LTC will probably be approached for financial contribution.</p> <p>All were in agreement that this will be a benefit to the community and will await further information.</p>	
23/066	<p>14. Bills for Payment</p> <p>Bills for payment totalling £845,792.02 had been circulated. PH proposed Bills for Payment totalling £563,832.54 be paid, seconded by SM, carried.</p>	
23/067	<p>15. Date of next meeting</p> <p>2nd May 2023 following on from the Annual Town Meeting which will commence @ 6pm</p> <p>Agenda Items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before the meeting.</p>	ALL

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

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

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