



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OCTOBER 2024



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylve Road at 7pm.

<p>Attended Cllr's C Webb (CW) (in the Chair), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), R Gregory (RG), A White (AW), A Birch (AB), B Pratt (BP), C Danso (CD), C Daborn (CDB), S Musikavanhu (SM), D Kofitia (DK), M Anim (MA) C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) Cllr M Connolly – Wiltshire Cllr A Pickernell - Wiltshire WO1 Holdsworth Tid 'n'Bul Garrison Tina Edwards - Holy Trinity Church M Tembo – Families Ministries Church F Galvin D Ahern B Dean V Long</p>	<p>24/131 1. Apologies Cllr D Wright, Cllr L Coleman Chief Insp Lee 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
24/132	<p>2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</p>	
24/133	<p>3. General Public Questions WO1 Holdsworth informed the members that garrison was very quiet at the moment. Mr Galvin apologised for not opening St Mary's Church on 21st September he had a personal emergency to attend to. He advised that the current occupant from the welfare hub was leaving so they are recruiting. Tina advised that although there is not a permanent vicar services are still going ahead. They intend on having a service at Holy Trinity on Remembrance Sunday. Mr Ahern asked when the councils Biodiversity policy would be next reviewed, the Town Clerk asked if he could provide some guidance which he is more than happy to do. He also asked what was happening to the agreed provision of a Youth Street Worker for Tidworth and Ludgershall, CW explained that although there was</p>	

	<p>funding unfortunately finding someone to deliver the service had been unsuccessful, it is an agenda item at next week's Area Board meeting. He also passed on a letter expressing his interest in the leasing the Humber Lane field should it become available.</p> <p>Mrs Long thanked the council for the time she had been able to graze the Humber Lane field which led her on to asking what the future planned use will be.</p> <p>CW explained that due to planning restrictions it is more than likely to be turned into a wilding for the whole community. TTC are still awaiting contact from Wiltshires planning department to find out exactly what the requirements will be. She also asked how the land will be accessed by the public, this will be through the allotments to prevent vehicle access. Maintenance in the meantime was also discussed the Town Clerk will seek advice.</p>	Town Clerk
24/134	<p>4. Minutes of September 2024 meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd September 2024 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>	
24/135	<p>5. Wiltshire Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Connolly provided the following report:</p> <p>The application for the old police station has been approved to convert it into two residential properties.</p> <p>Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils will submit expressions of interest in devolution, in response to a request from government, seeking to unlock greater powers and resources for the area.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council is inviting people to attend interactive budget drop-in sessions and share their views on what the council should prioritise its money on in 2025/26.</p> <p>The interactive drop-in sessions are taking place on:</p> <p>Monday 7 October, 3.30pm - 6.30pm at Salisbury Library</p> <p>Thursday 10 October, 3.30pm - 6.30pm at Chippenham Library</p> <p>Monday 14 October, 3.30pm - 6.30pm at Trowbridge Library, County Hall.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council updated the significant progress so far towards its carbon neutral by 2030 pledge. Some of the highlights are:</p> <p>The council has reduced its Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 20,991 tCO₂e or 88% since 2014 when it first started to measure and report its greenhouse gas emissions. The council's emissions are now down to 2,767 tCO₂e, which means that we have surpassed the target for 2023/24 which was 3,000 tonnes CO₂e.</p> <p>The council intends to switch all lighter vehicles to electric, as well as reducing number of vehicles and mileage where business need allows. Emissions from fleet vehicles decreased from 557 tonnes in 2022/23 to 431 tonnes in 2023/24, as 87 fossil fuel vehicles have now been replaced by</p>	

	<p>ultra-low emissions across the council's fleet. On council property there are presently 117 workplace charge points, and an additional 60 public charge points, an increase of 87 from 2022/23.</p> <p>The council has now completed its rooftop solar programme for council premises. The total installed solar panel capacity by the end of 2023/24 was 3,313 kWp (peak output) and the total electricity generated was 2,639,271 kWh, which is a 50% increase from the previous year. The avoided costs for the council of using this self-generated electricity in 2023/24 was nearly £650K despite electricity usage increasing.</p> <p>23 new electric buses will be coming to Salisbury following a successful bid to the Department for Transport's ZEBRA scheme for £3.4m, matched by £1m from Wiltshire Council's Salisbury Transport Strategy budget and £7m investment from Go South Coast buses.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council has secured real estate company Savills to market City Hall on the council's behalf on a long lease.</p> <p>The road surfacing in several roads on the Zouch estate, Ashdown Terrace and Bourne Road are due to take place from 27 Oct to 5 Nov – depending on the weather.</p> <p>Finally, the WC Cabinet is considering the Local Plan next Tuesday at which it will recommend to Full Council, that the Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing and Local Communities for an independent planning inspectorate to review it. The changes in planning suggested by the new Government have just been consulted on but its timelines are out of kilter with the Local Plan which needs to proceed on its present course. The Plan does not provide site allocations of housing for Tidworth but does include the area East of Empress Way, Ludgershall to the A342 Hampshire border.</p> <p>Cllr Pickernell provided the following report: He had recently attended the Police and Crime Commissioner Committee meeting and the focus was on Antisocial Behaviour. There is to be a public meeting at the Memorial Hall, Ludgershall 3rd October to discuss the Castledown planning application. He currently sits on the Health and wellbeing select committee and the committee for the Local Plan.</p>	
24/136	<p>6. Mayors Report</p> <p>Cllr Webb started her report by informing the members that Cllr Lillywhite and Cllr T Jones had both resigned from the council. She also announced that K Mooney had tendered her resignation and would be leaving employment at the end of the month.</p> <p>She had attended the Op Lazurite briefing on 12th September, Inspector Lee had reported that statistically there had not been any increase in crime. The Mortuary Chapel open day on 21st September had been well attended and thanked Cllr Birch for hosting. Cllr Birch had also organised a</p>	

	<p>competition for the Brownies to design a stained glass window. Thanks was also given to all of the volunteers.</p> <p>On 23rd September herself and Cllr Jones attended the opening of the new sixth form at Wellington Academy.</p> <p>On 28th September she had the honour of attending the Nepalese community's Dashain celebration. They presented her with a Kukri which she showed to the members.</p>	
24/137	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 10th September 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. DK proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by SM, carried.</p> <p>Licensing Applications</p> <p>New Licence Variation – Himalayan Oasis, Station Road</p> <p>New Licence Application – Ezra's Diner, Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylde Road</p> <p>Objections or concerns need to be registered directly with Wiltshire Council as an individual Councillor, or member of the public.</p> <p>Grounds Maintenance</p> <p>Sidbury Circular Bus Shelter</p> <p>A pane of glass was discovered broken on a bus shelter opposite the junction with Coronation Road/Gason Hill Road.</p> <p>PH proposed to pay Glen Wilson Shelters Ltd, £327.87 to replace the pane, seconded by BP, carried.</p> <p>Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)</p> <p>Next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd October 2024</p> <p>Requests for the Parish Steward – Next Visit 16 & 17 September 2024</p> <p>Overhanging tree on Pennings Road. It is an Aster property who have been informed and are in the process of dealing with the issue.</p> <p>War Memorial</p> <p>The "temporary" wooden fencing is to be removed, by the Facilities Manager</p> <p>River Bourne Corridor</p> <p>HJ proposed to pay £501.95 + Vat to Signs Express to install 4 new flood warning signs, using the previous signage that were there, seconded by AW, carried</p> <p>The fencing on both sides of the river's southern bridge, has been vandalised.</p> <p>Civic Centre Update.</p> <p>PH proposed to pay Gavin Jones £176.68+Vat to trim the riverbank, seconded by CDM, carried.</p> <p>Riverbank Fencing.</p> <p>Quotes have been received to provide fencing along the riverbank, but it is unclear as to what type of fencing is required. AN to revisit contractors to quote for a 1.2m wooden post and rail fence all along the riverbank. All agreed. There have been some issues regarding the cleaning of the Civic Centre and the current arrangement is being reviewed.</p> <p>Skatepark</p> <p>Barrier – in hand with WC.</p> <p>Playparks</p>	

Shepperd Street – SM proposed to pay £287.78+Vat to Gavin Jones to back fill trip hazards, seconded by AW, carried.

Zouch Farm Road – PH proposed to pay Wicksteed £66.07+Vat for a new crotch mechanism to repair the swing, seconded by HJ, carried.

Thompson Road – SM proposed to pay Gavin Jones £168.24+Vat to cut back the encroaching shrubs and prune to 0.50 meters, seconded by DK, carried.

Cemetery

Plot Maintenance

PH proposed to pay £89.76+Vat to Gavin Jones to remove edgings and stones from a plot, reform the border and fill with matching bark, seconded by SM, carried.

Defibrillator

Defib training took place on Tuesday 27th August 2025.

Winter Preparations

Collection of road signs, tabards, salt etc from Wiltshire is taking place on 10th October.

PAT testing & Legionella Training

PH proposed to pay “High Speed Learning” ROSPA approved, PAT testing and Legionella Training, £79 +Vat, seconded by DK, carried. This training is for the Facilities Manager to complete.

Community Engagement CW reported on a meeting held on 10th September 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. **AW proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by CDB, carried.**

Event Follow up –

Open Air Cinema – 24th August 2024 Volunteers thanked for their time and efforts.

Litter pick 31st August 2024 Good attendance, 40 bags of rubbish collected.

KM to order heavy duty clear bags for future litter picks.

Mortuary Chapel – 21st September 2024 2-4pm Despite the weather approximately 60 people attended.

Halloween – 26th October 2024

AW proposed a budget of £80.00 for decorations and goody bags, seconded by CDB, carried. 1 against.

CDB proposed a cost of £12.99 for a large spider & web, seconded by AW, carried. 1 against.

Remembrance – 10th November 2024 – 10.30am

Christmas – 7th December 2024

AW proposed a cost of £2041.60 to Urban Planters to decorate the Civic Centre, seconded by CDB, carried. 1 against.

VE Day 2025 – Thursday 8th May 2025

VJ Day – Friday 15th August 2025

Event Insurance Renewal

RG proposed the renewal of the event insurance for £112.48, seconded by AW, carried.

24/138	8. Co-options None received	
24/139	9. S137 Requests None received	
24/140	10. Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR) The external auditor had failed to get the final report in by the deadline of 30 th September. The notice of Public Rights has been placed on the website and noticeboard. <i>The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI2015/234)</i>	
24/141	11. Policies for Review Finance and Management Risk Register. Had been circulated. HJ proposed that the reviewed policies are adopted, seconded by BP, carried. <i>Financial Regulations 17</i>	
24/142	12. Correspondence and Updates Neighbourhood Policing Team report had been circulated.	
24/143	13. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £91,445.14 had been circulated. AW proposed Bills for Payment totalling £91,445.14 seconded by SM, carried. It was noted that the grant of £70,000 which had been agreed June 2022 for Tidworth Town Football Club's clubhouse had been paid.	
24/144	14. Date of next meeting 5th November 2024 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 8.15pm.

Agreed as a true record..... C Webb, Chair

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