



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL DECEMBER 2024



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylde Road at 7pm.

Attended Cllr's C Webb (CW) (in the Chair), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), A White (AW), A Birch (AB), (CD), L Coleman (LC), B Pratt (BP), M Anim (MA) C Lovell Town Clerk (CL) Cllr M Connolly – Wiltshire Cllr A Pickernell – Wiltshire F Galvin A Bryan – Community Support Craft Group		24/160 1. Apologies C'Ilr Daborn, C'Ilr Gregory, C'Ilr Musikavanhu, C'Ilr Wright, Police, Garrison Absent Cllr D Kofitia, Cll'r Danso 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.
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
24/161	2. Declaration of Interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).	
24/162	3. General Public Questions None	
24/163	4. Minutes of November 2024 meeting Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5 th November 2024 had been circulated. PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by HJ carried. No matters arising.	
24/164	5. Wiltshire Councillors Report Cllr Connolly provided the following report: Wiltshire Council has been awarded nearly £7m from the Department for Transport (DfT) to invest in the county's bus services for 2025 and 2026. Wiltshire Council's Cabinet agreed to move forward with consultation on the emerging Local Transport Plan. The consultation on the plan began on 28 November and run until 24 January 2025. People will be able to find out more and ask questions at webinars that will be held on Monday 13 January at 6pm There will also be an online survey available from Thursday 28 November that people can complete to share their views.	

	<p>Wiltshire Council’s Cabinet has agreed its future approach to collecting recycling when its current contracts to carry out this service come to an end in 2026.</p> <p>Cabinet has agreed that Wiltshire Council adopt ‘Three Stream’ recycling collections during the next contract period. This means from 2027 it is anticipated that residents would be asked to present recycling in one wheeled bin or weighted reusable sack for paper and cardboard, a second wheeled bin or weighted reusable sack for mixed plastics, cans, cartons, and bagged flexible plastics, and a box for glass. Currently, most Wiltshire residents already use a blue-lidded wheeled bin for mixed recycling and have a box for the collection of glass.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council has officially submitted its Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The examination process will assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements and if it meets the statutory test of soundness. The Local Plan outlines the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure, and employment land growth to 2038. Once adopted, it will become the key document against which all planning applications in Wiltshire are assessed, making it the most significant place-shaping tool for the county.</p> <p>www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan</p> <p>Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils have revised their Expression of Interest in devolution, committing to a Mayoral Combined Authority for the Heart of Wessex region.</p> <p>This is not a merger of the three councils, all three will remain separate local authorities.</p> <p>C’Ilr Pickernell provided the following report: Wiltshire are still waiting to find out what financial support is available from government for Flooding. People claiming pension credits are encouraged to claim winter fuel allowance.</p>	
24/165	<p>6. Mayors Report</p> <p>During November 2024 Cllr Webb had attended the following</p> <p>8th Nov – Zouch Academy Remembrance Service</p> <p>10th Nov – Wellington Academy Remembrance Service</p> <p>13th Nov – A meeting with Police and Army to discuss anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>19th Nov – Ask the Leader at the Civic Centre, unfortunately this was poorly attended.</p> <p>30th Nov – Castledown FM</p> <p>1st Dec – Holy Trinity Carol Service.</p> <p>She now attends a weekly Op Lazurite briefing.</p>	
24/167	<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>Community Services PH reported on a meeting held on 12th November 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. HJ proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AB, carried.</p>	

CLlr Kofitia to represent Community Services at Projects.
Taxi Rank Conversion to Short Term Parking this will be discussed formally at the next LHFIG on 26th Feb.
However, it does have a separate order for the taxi spaces within the overall legal order and therefore to do this it would involve an amendment (TRO cost of £3100) alongside the implementation costs.
The Committee fully support the Taxi Rank being changed to short term parking and that there may be a cost involved.

River Bourne Corridor

The fencing on both sides of the river's southern bridge, has been vandalised.
HJ proposed that TTC pay Graham Smith £75.00 to carry out the repair, seconded by PH, carried.

Civic Centre Extra Chairs & Tables – Function Halls

Quotes for extra chairs for when Tedworth Hall, Perham A & B are in use at the same time, have been received from the original suppliers.

PH proposed that 30 chairs are ordered from Elm at a cost of £281.00 each, seconded by HJ, carried.

PH proposed that 6 tables are ordered from Amazon at a cost of no more than £40.00 each, seconded by HJ, carried.

Playparks -Elite Playpark Quarterly Inspections carried out 5th November 2024
Shepperd Street -HJ had re-laid the raised turf but it has since been lifted and thrown around. Advice to be sought from Gavin Jones.

Matting to be replaced at the bottom of the slide this is required for health and safety.

All other issues to be added to the Winter Repair schedule.

Community Engagement LC reported on a meeting held on 19th November 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. Cl'r Pratt to be added to the attendnace **LC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by BP, carried.**

Christmas – 7th December 2024

PH proposed to pay £213.90 for an inflatable gingerbread arch for the Christmas grotto and £78.99 for an additional inflatable, seconded by MA, carried.

PH proposed to pay up to £250 for extras Christmas requirements, seconded by LC, carried, with one against.

Community Awards 2025 -Wednesday 19 February, 6.30pm to 8pm.

Easter 2025 -Date will be 12 April for the TTC Easter event.

Ideas are welcome, but it was agreed there will not be a disco.

VE Day 8th May 2025 -A discussion took place regarding the hire of the Caledonian Pipers, and all agreed to defer this to the New Year.

VJ Day 15th August 2025

Tidworth Times -Volunteers were asked to contribute pieces for the Tidworth Times, will be due for publication in February 2025.

Litter Picks -The next litter pick will be during half term in February.

Leadership HJ reported on a meeting held on 29th November 2024, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. **CW proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.**

	<p>Budget -Each committee had made their recommendation for 2025/26, and Leadership budget and Reserves had been reviewed. The accountant has made a different recommendation to the requested amount due to high reserves. Deferred.</p> <p>Premises Licence – LC proposed that TTC should apply for a full Premises Licence, seconded by PH, carried.</p> <p>Personnel Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items will be closed to the public due to its confidential nature. Recruitment Additional hours Facilities Management</p> <p>CW proposed that this part of the meeting is closed to the public, seconded by PH, carried.</p>	
24/168	<p>8. Co-options Mr Ahern had given his apologies – deferred.</p>	
24/169	<p>9. S137 Requests A request of £1000.00 had been received via AWS in conjunction with Rethink. This is for the supply of craft equipment and workshops for a community craft group.</p> <p>LC proposed that TTC award a S137 grant of £1000.00 to the Community Craft Group, seconded by BP, carried.</p>	
24/170	<p>10. Precept 2025/2026 As above this has been deferred.</p>	
24/171	<p>11. Correspondence and Updates Neighbourhood Policing Team report had been circulated.</p>	
24/172	<p>12. Bills for Payment Bills for payment totalling £89,319.70 had been circulated.</p> <p>PH proposed Bills for Payment totalling £89,319.70 seconded by AB, carried.</p>	
24/173	<p>13. Date of next meeting 7th January 2024 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 8.20pm.

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