



**TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2025**

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Tidworth Civic Centre, Wylve Road at 7pm.

<p><b>Attended</b>          Cllr's C Webb (CW) (in the Chair), H Jones (HJ), P Hedge (PH), A White (AW), A Birch (AB), L Coleman (LC), B Pratt (BP), D Wright (DW), C Daborn (CDB), S Musikavanhu (SM), D Kofitia (DK), Cllr Anim (MA)          C Lovell Town Clerk (CL)          C Baxter (CB) Admin          Cllr Pickernell - Wiltshire          WO1 Tomlinson          Ins G Brewster          F Galvin</p>	<p><b>25/013 1. Apologies</b>          C'Ilr Danso, C'Ilr Gregory, C'Ilr Connolly,          Absent          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
25/014	<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b>          (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).          Cllr L Coleman for the Section 137 Menopause Cafe</p>	
25/015	<p><b>3. General Public Questions</b>          WO1 Tomlinson requested a list of all upcoming events for his calendar as would like to be involved as much as possible. He has been made aware of the litter problem around Sidbury Circular Road as well as fly tipping and will investigate ways to resolve this.          Inspector Brewster attended, new to the area as of the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan having spent time in Swindon and Chippenham previously. He is working on youth interventions and antisocial behaviour reported around Wylve Park. He reports that Tesco and Lild have improved their security, but kids are still loitering, so they have been focusing patrols in these areas. Update regarding the Afghan Resettlement Programme, initially there were reports of issues at schools and social media but things seem to have settled, there are no raised tensions and twice weekly meetings in partnership to iron out any issues. Odd report f graffiti but overall stable so far. Reports of Hare Course/Green Laners around seven sisters but an operation to disrupt and disperse was successful.</p>	
25/016	<p><b>4. Minutes of January 2025 meeting</b>          Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 had been circulated.  <b>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by CDB carried.</b>  <b>No matters arising.</b></p>	

25/017	<p><b>5. Wiltshire Councillors Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Pickernell provided the following report:  Wiltshire Council currently discussing budget, they are setting the precept but it is still ongoing as this need to go before cabinet. He mentioned that the police side of the building at the Civic Centre is to be used more for neighbourhood policing. Wiltshire Council have been allocating fines of £500 for fliers on lampposts and fencing that have been placed illegally in sometimes dangers places affecting traffic. He also mentioned that Wiltshire Council's Public Health Team is working with Healthwatch Wiltshire and the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board to assess the current provision of pharmaceutical services across the county and encourages all our residents to complete this survey and share their views. It should take less than ten minutes to complete, and their feedback will be vital in shaping how pharmacies provide support to people in the future. In his absence Cllr Connolly provided a written report which was circulated.</p>	
25/018	<p><b>6. Cllr Webb provided the following report</b></p> <p>There have been multiple flood warnings over the past month, PH has been monitoring the river levels and vulnerable residents and businesses have been notified. There are gel sandbags on standby, rivers continued to be monitored but thankfully riverbanks have not burst as of yet.</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> January She went to Zouch Academy to visit the reception classes and held a mini mayor election. The children were very hyperactive and loved the role play and one little girl loved acting as Mayor and wearing the Mayoral Chain. She noted that the teachers definitely have their hands full but they were amazing.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> January She attended the RBL lifeworks course who provide free employment support for veterans. They had done a 4 day residential employment course including real-life interviews and introductions to forces-friendly employers and after completion of the course she handed out certificates.</p> <p>The Mayor reported that she is going to see the local Brownies group next month to do presentations which she is looking forward to.</p>	
25/019	<p><b>7. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Services</b> PH reported on a meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FM Update</b> – the stools are dangerous in the café due to toppling over when being used.  HJ proposed to buy 2 benches and 8 chairs at a total cost of £3500 + Vat from Elm Furniture, to match existing, seconded by LC, carried.</li> <li>• <b>Grounds Maintenance – Police Side</b>  PH proposed that the Police GM is included with the TTC contract and they will be invoiced accordingly for the period March 25 to end Sept 26, seconded by HJ, carried.</li> </ul>	

- **Monthly Emergency Lighting & Annual Service.**

HJ proposed to pay AJK £1066.50 + Vat, seconded by PH, carried.

- **Fire Extinguishers – Annual Service and Maintenance Quote.**

PH proposed to pay Walker Fire £45 attendance fee plus £10 per unit, fixed for 2025, 2026 and 2027 including Vat, seconded by AW, carried.

- **Tree works from Tree Survey July 2024.**

HJ proposed to pay £1515.73 + Vat to Gavin Jones to carry out works on several trees as recommended as urgent from the Tree Survey carried out in July 2024, seconded by AB, carried.

- **Perham A & B Sound Boards.** Due to the successful acoustic tiles fitted previously. The Committee agreed to purchase 16 more boxes to cover the lower sounds boards only. HJ proposed to pay Amazon £320, seconded by AW, carried.

- PH proposed to pay Gavin Jones to £581.01 + Vat to **remove the moss** along the entrance path to the Cemetery, seconded by HJ, carried. This work has been carried out, as this area had become very dangerous and slippery.

- LHFIC Discussed, the painting of double yellow lines is still to be completed, taking a long time to organise as been waiting 18 months but is being chased.

**Community Engagement** LC reported on a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025, minutes had been circulated and taken as read. **CDB proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by LC, carried.**

- **Community Awards decorations** PH proposed Balloon Arch through Dotty Dot Balloons at £100. Seconded by LC, carried
- Various entertainment options discussed AW Proposed CDB provide complimentary musical entertainment also for Hand Bell Ringers to perform. Donation to be given of up to £100, seconded by LC, carried. CB to buy tea, coffee and nibbles with a budget of £25. Proposed by LC seconded by AW, carried.
- **Budget, entertainment and decorations discussed for the Easter Event** PH proposed 2 face painting artists for the 2 hours through Rosy Cheeks at £60 per hour per artist, totalling £240, Seconded by AW, carried. AW proposed 2 large carrot balloons from Dotty Dot Balloons at £45 per carrot, totalling £90 Seconded by PH, carried. LC proposed £250 for children's entertainment, £150 for easter eggs, Seconded by AW, carried.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Face painters discussed for the Tidworth Town Festival</b> Quote received from Rosy Cheeks at £60 per hour, per artist, totalling £480. CW proposed 2 artists to be booked from 3pm-7pm seconded by BP, carried.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Fair entertainment discussed</b> (Quote received from Rosy Cheeks at £60 per hour, per artist.) Cllrs discussed timing and numbers. PH proposed 2 artists to be booked from 11am-3pm, totalling £480 BP seconded, carried. Quote received from Jollypop entertainment for 2 characters £500 from 11am-3pm. PH proposed booking the grinch and Cinderella at a cost of £500, LC seconded, carried.</li> </ul>	
25/020	<p><b>8. Civic Centre Update</b></p> <p>The majority of the outstanding issues with the civic centre have been rectified including the holes around the lamp posts, the underfloor heating and the cracks in the walls have been repaired, all work completed to a satisfactory level. There is still an ongoing issue with the alarm system which is being investigated but the cause looks to be the wind rattling the doors. The hire fees discussed and it has made £6400 for January alone and looking back over the past 12 months the £37,000 of revenue has been generated which is fantastic news. Cllr HJ added that the Civic Centre started with a vision from Andrew Connolly but the success has been a joint effort with special recognition made to Mark Connolly, CL - the Town Clerk, the Services department and the Facilities manager SS.</p>	
25/021	<p><b>9. Policies for review</b></p> <p>Health and Safety and Fire Evacuation policy and roles had been circulated with no significant changes. PH proposed to adopt the Health and Safety Policy, seconded by HJ, carried.</p>	
25/022	<p><b>10. Boot Inn Shipton – support to change it to a community building</b></p> <p>This was discussed at length by all Cllrs, A unanimous decision could not be made, some thought that on a personal perspective it was a good idea but from a council perspective they could not officially be shown as supporting as Shipton technically falls under Hampshire not Wiltshire and therefore no vote. LC proposed not to officially support due to this conflict, seconded by PH, carried.</p>	
25/023	<p><b>11. Co-Options</b></p> <p>None received</p>	
25/024	<p><b>12. S137 Grants – Menopause Café</b> Application received from Menopause Café requesting £120.00 total to cover costs of room hire in the Civic Centre for a 6-month period. Discussed with no objections or queries PH proposed that TTC award Menopause Café £120.00 to cover 6 months hire fees, seconded by BP, carried.</p> <p>Tidworth Nepalese Community, grant received but Cllrs had queries due to lack of information on grant, they will be contacted and invited to attend next meeting to discuss.</p>	

25/025	<b>Correspondence and Updates</b> None received	
25/026	<b>12. Bills for Payment</b> Bills for payment totalling £108,143.96 had been circulated. <b>HJ proposed Bills for Payment totalling £108,143.96 seconded by PH, carried.</b>	
25/027	<b>13. Date of next meeting</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 working days before the meeting	

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Agreed as a true record.....  ..... C Webb, Chair      Date: 4/3/2023