



TIDWORTH TOWN COUNCIL JULY 2019



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 in the main hall of the Community Centre at 7pm

<p><b>Attended</b> C’Ilr’s B Pratt (in the Chair) (BP) S Anderton (SA), A Birch (AB), A Connolly (AC), Susan Fell (SF), Rupert Gregory (RG), P Hedge (PH), H Jones (HJ), E O’Connell (EO). George Paine (GP), A Sharlott (AS), Mike Shepherd (MS), David Wright (DW) C Lovell Town Clerk, Lt Col N Turner, Aaron, Mr F Galvin, Sheila Wills , Vicky Long</p>		<p><b>19/037 1 Apologies</b> C’Ilr N Arch (Work), C’Ilr S Slater (family) 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. <b>MC proposed that the apologies are accepted, seconded by SA, carried.</b></p>
Item	Agenda Item	Action by
19/038	<p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b> (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). SF – Bills for payment (Expenses), AS -Bills for payment (IT Support)</p>	
19/039	<p><b>3. Public Questions:</b>  Lt Col Turner reported that Army re-basing is running smoothly, despite there being a few road work issues.  Mr Galvin advised that work will be commencing at the Sydenhams site on Station Road in the next week and this will no doubt cause travel issues on Station Road.  He asked if TTC could lean on whoever was responsible for cutting the over grown grass next to the chip shop, opposite the Ram. The Clerk reported that there were ownership issues. AS said that it was possibly to do with the Tidworth Residents Association and that she had a map which she will pass on.</p>	
19/040	<p><b>4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b>  Minutes of June 2019 meeting had been circulated along with the Extra ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019. <b>GP proposed they were a true and accurate record, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p>	
19/041	<p><b>5. DIO Update</b> None this month</p>	
19/042	<p><b>6. Wiltshire Councillor</b> MC reported that as a part of Army Re-Basing he had recently attended a tour of Ludgershall, Bulford and Larkhill he commented that the new houses were nice and modern. Armed Forces Day had been a huge success with an estimated footfall of 2.5k. He advised that the footpath for the Riverbourne estate link road is now open, there are delays in opening the road due to lighting and signage issues. The Planning department are also involved in the enforcement of the removal of the bund.</p>	

	<p>Wiltshire Council will be investing in in the Avon Bank, they help people who struggle to open a bank account. #He advised there will be 9 branches opening across the county. He told the members that the Final Boundary Review had received complaints and there is to be a consultation ending on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019.</p> <p>He ended his report by informing the members that Phillip Whitehead is likely to be elected as the new leader of Wiltshire Council, he has previously been the Highways and Budget cabinet member.</p>	
19/043	<p><b>7. Mayors Report</b></p> <p>BP said that June had been a busy month. He had visited the Youth Café there were about 15-20 young people engaging in the activities on offer.</p> <p>He had attended the ‘High Sheriff of Wiltshire’s Summer reception over at his residence it was a good event and it was interesting talking to other Mayors and finding out how other councils operate. Also present were representatives from several charities one of them being One, ‘Pause’, works across Wiltshire helping women who are at risk of becoming pregnant but also at risk of having those children removed from their care. He has asked that they come and present to TTC.</p> <p>He informed the members that he had attended a meeting with the manager, deputy manager of a local nursery together with (PCSO) Luke Hosken, (PCSO) Dan Catrick and (PCSO) Phillipa Brewer. This was after concerns were raised around the piece of land next to the nursery. It is being littered and some cannabis smoking is occurring. The police officers were able to give some individual security advice to the nursery. View the CCTV and ensure that regular patrols were taking place around the area. It has also been requested the Wiltshire Sparkle Team clean up the area</p> <p>He has also attended, along with others, Major General James Swift’s, Cocktail Reception and Beating Retreat. The function was to celebrate the support which the many local organisations in our community provide to our military personnel and families. He said he was very proud to represent Tidworth Town Council.</p> <p>Along with SF he recently attended a meeting with the Tidworth Nepalese Community Leaders there were also representatives from the wider Tidworth Community. Very productive meeting and finding new ways to work with all members of our community. He informed everyone that he took great pleasure in opening Tidworth Armed Forces Day. He even took part in the Tigers Motor Cycle Display.</p> <p>He had also attended a dinner at the Salisbury Armed Forces event and on the following day Trowbridge’s Armed Forces and Veterans Day, both great events.</p> <p>He ended his report by telling the members he had most recently shown support on the previous Sunday morning to some welsh soldiers who were cycling to raise money for the Royal British Legion.</p>	
19/044	<p><b>8. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Services</b></p> <p>HJ reported on a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, minutes had been circulated.</p> <p><b>PH proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AB, carried.</b></p> <p>HJ will now represent Services on the Policy and Staffing committee and MS will sit on Projects.</p> <p>The manhole cover at the Community Centre has been replaced.</p> <p>The committee recommend that the overnight hire fee for the use of the field be increased from £45.00 per night to £75.00 per night.</p> <p><b>Proposed by AC, seconded by RG, carried.</b></p> <p>Repairs have been made to the solar lighting at the War Memorial. The internal batteries need fully charging before it is known if it has worked.</p> <p>There are no grounds maintenance issues. The overgrown grass by the chip shop should be</p>	

	<p>cut soon.  Members are encouraged to give feedback on any job requests they have put in to the Sparkle Team.  The budget was circulated.  There are still concerns about rubbish around the Pharmacy and nursery.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement</b>  In SS absence the Clerk reported on a meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, minutes had been circulated.  <b>GP proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by MC, carried.</b>  AJ Mayhew had attended the meeting to give a festival update. Paid litter picking is already in the agreed budget and the members agree that this should happen.  AS will represent Engagements on the Policies and Staffing committee and DW will sit on Projects.  It was agreed that a ‘fun bus would be booked for the Christmas event instead of the usual ride. A photographer will be attending the event at a cost of £200.00 she will take photographs of children, at their parents request, and people will be asked to make a donation to cover the cost. SS and his wife will do refreshments.  SS will be providing entertainment at the Halloween event.  Prizes were confirmed for Tidworth in Bloom competition as:  1<sup>st</sup> place £50.00 gift voucher for Rosebourne garden centre per category  2<sup>nd</sup> place £25.00 gift voucher for Rosebourne garden centre per category  Cup to 1<sup>st</sup> place Garden.  <b>Proposed by DW, seconded by MS, 1 abstention.</b>  The deadline for edition 31 of Tidworth Times is 30/08/2019 and will be delivered to residents the week commencing 23/09/2019.  The closing date for comments on the Riverbourne playpark planning application is 01/07/2019.  Traffic and engagement on Social Media continue to grow.  The budget was circulated.</p> <p><b>Leadership</b>  SF reported on a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019, minutes had been circulated.  <b>MC proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by AC carried.</b>  Following on from a meeting with the website provider the members agreed that they would wait for a proposal from Honeystone before moving forward with emails.  The Clerk is to source an independent IT expert to discuss ALL IT and website issues.  BP has written a draft Mission Statement. This will be discussed at the ‘Blue Sky’ meeting planned for later in the year.  The Clerk had obtained quotes for an additional licence for the accounts software so that it is not just restricted to her PC.  Home Farm was discussed and the recommendation will be discussed as an agenda item at full town.</p>	
19/045	<p><b>9. Home Farm – Leadership recommendation.</b>  AC read the following statement:  On 5th May 2017 Tidworth Town Council, under a section 106 agreement, acquired 8.35 acres of arable farmland adjacent to Home Farm in Humber Lane, Tidworth. The Council’s original plan was to develop this land to extend much needed sporting facilities for football and rugby. In addition, £30,000 of developer contribution was received to help fund some of the works required. Tidworth Town Council already owns football pitches very close to Home Farm and Councillor Mark Connolly has attempted to negotiate a land swap with DIO so that the sporting facilities maybe consolidated. This land swop was 8.35 acres for 5.5 acres. Unfortunately, there was no appetite from</p>	

	<p>DIO or Garrison to improve sporting facilities in this manner. We must also realise that to develop the land in the way being proposed by the Council that this will require a significant investment that would run into many hundreds of thousands of pounds. The Council is aware of significant resistance to the development of sporting facilities on the land from occupiers of the neighbouring residential properties, and they have made numerous representations to the Council about their concerns. I proposed to The Leadership Committee, and they agreed, that faced with the cost, neighbour resistance, the land being remote and there being no prospect of developing without a struggle, sadly, and with a very heavy heart, it was time sell. On 13th June 2019, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk and myself met with Sophie Clotworthy from Woolley and Wallis, specialist agricultural land estate agents. Upon her advice, and the report will be made available to all councillors, that the land should be sold in two plots, one of 3.94 acres and the other of 4.41 acres – priced at £60,000 and 65,000 respectively – a total income of £125,000, excluding marketing &amp; estate agents fees. Councillors should also be aware of an overage on the land, which will further reduce the proceeds. I therefore propose that Tidworth Town Council sell the land adjacent to Home Farm in the manner, and as advised, by Woolley and Wallace.</p> <p><b>Tidworth Town Council resolved to employ Woolley and Wallace to market the Home Farm field at the market value of £125,000.00, proposed by AC, seconded by BP, carried. 2 abstentions.</b></p> <p>A brief discussion followed regrading allotments as it had been suggested that this land could've been used for this. However, upon investigation it would not be suitable. It is suggested that proceeds from the sale could be used towards the provision of allotments if suitable land becomes available. MC reminded the members that as part of the S106 agreement is for funds to be used for sporting facilities so they should be mindful of this.</p>	
19/046	<p><b>10. Policies Review</b> Investment – The Investment policy had been circulated amongst the Policies and Staffing Committee. They made that following recommendation: Liquidity of Investments – be changed from three months to six months.</p> <p><b>Proposed by MC, seconded by GP, carried.</b></p>	
19/047	<p><b>11. Business Between Meetings</b> None</p>	
19/048	<p><b>12. Correspondence – Newsletters and reports available for inspection.</b></p>	
19/049	<p><b>13. Bills for Payment</b> Bills for payment totalling £14,210.24 had been circulated. <b>SA proposed Bills for payment of £14,210.24 be paid, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p>	
19/050	<p><b>14. Date of next meeting</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 @ 7pm</b></p>	<p>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 8.15pm.

Agreed as a true record..... **Brian Pratt, Chairman**