

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 22nd October 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Windmill Lane, Northam.

Present: Cllrs Bach (Mayor), Bell, Edwards, Hames, Himan, Hodson, Horrocks, Leather, Lo-Vel, Newman-McKie (Deputy Mayor), Sawyer, Singh and Tait.

In attendance: Guy Langton (Town Clerk & RFO), Rev J Harris, Hon Alderman A Eastman and 6 members of the public.

2510/384 Apologies

Cllr Whittaker submitted her apologies, the reasons for which were approved.
Cllr K O'Rourke (District Councillor) also submitted her apologies.

2510/385 To agree the agenda as published.

It was **resolved** to consider business on the agenda as published.
Proposed Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr Lo-Vel (all in favour)

2510/386 To receive any dispensations and disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

Members were reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed.

2510/387 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that tickets for this year's Civic Dinner, on 13th February 2026, were available to purchase.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Torridge District Council's annual rough sleeper count would take place on the night 12th to 13th November 2025. The detail would be circulated to members.

2510/388 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held 24th September 2025

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Mayor.
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Lo-Vel (all in favour)

2510/389 To receive and adopt the reports of the confirmed minutes and resolutions contained therein from Committees and Sub-Committees

- Finance 10th September 2025
- Planning and Development 11th September 2025
- Environment & Maintenance 30th July 2025

The above listed minutes were received and adopted.

2510/390 Public Participation

One member of the public addressed the Council regarding a section of road/pavement along Atlantic Way, running west from Tadworthy Road to 129 Atlantic Way. The pavement and road along this stretch were very narrow, made narrower by the presence of a telegraph pole, making use of the pavement difficult for mobility scooters, double buggies and parents walking with children. He requested the Council raise the matter with the County Council, requesting that priority be given to traffic travelling in one direction or the other and that plastic bollards be installed.

The remainder wished to speak about the Leisure Centre (Old Schoolhouse), Northam Square.

One member of the public addressed the Council on the same matter, noting the buildings importance to Northam's heritage.

A second member of the public also addressed the Council on the same matter, noting the building's Grade II listed status. He further noted the condition of the building both inside and out, which he considered would require funding to renovate and maintain, should the Council acquire the building.

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A third member of the public addressed the Council on the subject of a committee that had been formed by a group of residents seeking to gather support to save the Leisure Centre (the old schoolhouse / hall in Northam Square).

A fourth member of the public addressed the Council noting his concern that the building was not left to degrade further.

Rev Vidamour left the meeting at this point (6:50pm)

2510/391 To receive a report from Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

The Neighbourhood Team Sargeant provided a report into a week's speed monitoring on Wooda Road, Appledore. Across the seven days, the 85th percentile was 34mph, the Mean 28mph. The SIMPLES algorithm indicated that no enforcement was required.

Speed monitoring would be undertaken along Golf Links Road after the County Council had adopted the new roundabout.

2510/392 To receive a report from the Devon County Councillor

No report had been received.

2510/393 To receive reports from Torridge District Members

Torridge Council members submitted the appended written reports.

No reports were provided at the meeting.

2510/394 To receive an update regarding Local Government Reorganisation

Following the launch of the Devolution White Paper on 16th December 2024, DALC has been working hard to engage with our members on this topic, and to provide support and updates where we can and has published the following:

We will endeavour to keep our members up to date on what we know about devolution as matters in Devon progress. Local government reorganisation (LGR) is being required by government in order to achieve the kind of Devolution deal they want to see. Updates will be circulated in our e-bulletin, and on our website.

At the moment, we have no information about what reorganisation might look like in Devon. The Leaders of Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council are working together to explore the creation of a Mayoral Strategic Authority.

The Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (CCA) – the governance needed for devolved decision-making powers and funding to flow from Whitehall to local decision-makers in Devon and Torbay – is now official.

Following meetings with our member councils in January, steps that DALC are already taking include:

- Working with NALC and other county associations to share knowledge and best practice*
- We have asked NALC to lobby for funding package for local councils to assist with asset transfers*
- We are investigating the legal position around asset transfer*
- We have asked NALC for examples of best practice in terms of devolution*
- We have requested that NALC deliver a briefing for all DALC councils*
- We have worked with Devon County Council to arrange for regular briefings for our members*
- We will continue to engage with district councils wherever possible*

We will continue to keep you updated. We have asked encouraged member councils to carry out asset mapping in their communities. Thanks to all councils that submitted statements to help us build an evidence base, we are very grateful for your assistance in this matter. If you haven't yet sent anything in, we would still be delighted to receive your statements, which all help us build an understanding of our member councils.

Further information was available on the DALC website.

The Town Clerk reported that he had attended a briefing from Devon County Council regarding their proposal for the reorganisation of Devon to be submitted to the Secretary of State, which formed the area covered currently by the County Council into one unitary authority, with neighbourhood area committees overseeing more localised matters.

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2510/395 To consider the action point update

The action points were received as below.

2508/279 Flagpole/mast at the Trinity House Buoy Store – Appledore Quay	The landowner has been contacted and would be written to requesting he repair the flagstaff. Trinity House has confirmed that it has no assets on the Quay in Appledore and has no formal ‘interest’ in the flagpole/mast. ONGOING Action point: The District Council would also be written to, requesting it enforce the matter from a dangerous structure, damaged structure in the conservation area or environmental health basis.
2508/283 Meeting with Northam Lions FC	Cllrs Bach, Edwards and Lo-Vel, with the Town Clerk, met with representatives of Northam Lions FC. A way forward was identified and a revised agreement would be drawn up. ONGOING
2509/342 Conduct surveys at the Leisure Centre, Northam	The Council has commissioned the following: Condition inspection and report Mechanical and Electrical inspection and report Valuation report (RICS ‘Red Book’ compliant) COMPLETE
2509/343 Examiner for the Neighbourhood Plan	TDC advised the Council approved of their recommended examiner. COMPLETE

2510/396 To receive the Clerk’s report

On 29th September 2025 (according to the last available statement balance), the Council’s balances were:

Hinkley & Rugby Building Society general	£107,500.00	interest rate is 1.75%	holding account for expenditure
Cambridge & Counties Bank (31-day)	£96,042.50	interest rate is 3.25%	Earmarked Reserves
Nationwide (Business 95-day saver)	£95,510.75	interest rate is 3.69%	General and Earmarked Reserves
Cambridge Building Society	£5,452.32	interest rate is 1.9%	Tennis Reserves
Coop Bank (current account)	£331,097.64	no interest	
Petty Cash	£102.39		
Total cash in hand (SCRIBE)	£ 635,705.60		

The main bank account was reconciled to **29/09/25** as this is was the latest statement balance available. The bank reconciliation had been signed by the Proper Officer and the Chair.

It was **resolved** to transfer £250,000 to the Council’s Hinkley & Rugby Building Society account.
Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Sawyer (majority in favour)

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Payments

Since 01/09/2025, the Council made 147 payments, totalling £75,283.03.

Since 01/09/2025, the council made 37 payments of £100 or more totalling £72,546.45

Voucher Num	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Cost Code	Description	Minute Ref
621	03.09.2025	£101.16	£20.23	£121.39	Wren Close	Paint	
668	15.09.2025	£131.41	£0.00	£131.41	Expenses	Expenses	2411/375
710	22.09.2025	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00	Training	Training	
604	01.09.2025	£156.45	£31.29	£187.74	Payroll Processing Fees	Payroll	
631	05.09.2025	£161.00	£32.20	£193.20	Truck Maintenance	Tyres	
660	14.09.2025	£171.33	£34.27	£205.60	Fuel	Fuel	
667	15.09.2025	£181.42	£36.28	£217.70	Churchfields Skatepark	Appledore Skate Park	
666	15.09.2025	£184.44	£36.89	£221.33	Maintenance	Electrical work	
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728	29.09.2025	£192.19	£38.44	£230.63	Maintenance	Northam Hall	
700	19.09.2025	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	Newsletters & Communication	The Link	
620	03.09.2025	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	Newsletters & Communication	The Link	2505/03
619	03.09.2025	£245.25	£49.05	£294.30	Website	Computer and software	
643	08.09.2025	£254.22	£50.84	£305.06	Churchfields Skatepark	Appledore Skate Park	
712	23.09.2025	£273.00	£54.60	£327.60	PPE & Workwear	Glasses	
613	01.09.2025	£278.90	£55.78	£334.68	Town Hall - Maintenance	Sink	2506/094
618	03.09.2025	£284.70	£56.94	£341.64	Cloudy IT	IT contract	
678	15.09.2025	£345.00	£0.00	£345.00	VED	Vehicle Tax	
606	01.09.2025	£359.79	£71.96	£431.75	Machinery Maintenance	Mower Repair	
730	29.09.2025	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	Cleaning	Cleaning Northam Hall	
610	01.09.2025	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	Cleaning	Cleaning Northam Hall	
626	03.09.2025	£427.80	£85.56	£513.36	Tools & Equipment	Weed Brushes	
602	01.09.2025	£430.76	£0.00	£430.76	Room Rental	Room rental	
617	03.09.2025	£455.00	£91.00	£546.00	Cleaning	Cleaning CPT	
616	03.09.2025	£714.33	£142.87	£857.20	Machinery Maintenance	Mower Repair	
699	19.09.2025	£720.00	£0.00	£720.00	Hanging baskets & Planters	Yard Rental	2410/315
727	29.09.2025	£880.44	£176.09	£1,056.53	Westward Hol Park	Festoon & Festive Lighting	2508/280
644	08.09.2025	£1,040.80	£208.16	£1,248.96	Tennis summer camps	Tennis Summer Camp	
701	19.09.2025	£1,153.50	£230.70	£1,384.20	IT Purchase, Repair & Maintenance	IT contract	2509/294
637	07.09.2025	£1,322.04	£0.00	£1,322.04	General	Insurance	2405/027
731	29.09.2025	£1,365.00	£273.00	£1,638.00	Audit & Data Protection	Audit Services	
633	05.09.2025	£1,875.00	£375.00	£2,250.00	Burrough Farm	Tree Works	
697	19.09.2025	£2,161.64	£0.00	£2,161.64	Salaries, HMRC and NEST	Pensions	2509/296
614	01.09.2025	£2,902.50	£580.50	£3,483.00	Lords Meadow	Pump Track Hire	2411/443
715	25.09.2025	£8,154.94	£0.00	£8,154.94	Salaries, HMRC and NEST	HMRC PAYE	2508/252
682	18.09.2025	£19,200.00	£0.00	£19,200.00	Salaries, HMRC and NEST	Salaries	2509/290
665	15.09.2025	£24,888.00	£4,977.60	£29,865.60	Large Project Reserve	Northam Hall	2507/170

Receipts: Since 01/09/2025, the Council received 66 payments, totalling £322,168.50.

Tennis courts: The gross volume of sales in September 2025 was £225.00. After fees, the Council has received £210.32. Since 1st April 2025, the Council has received £5159.94 for tennis court memberships and bookings.

Petty Cash: A screen shot of the petty cash cashbook is presented overleaf showing the items on which the Council has spent petty cash to 19th September 2025. (overleaf). The financial regulations seek to maintain a balance of £100 in Petty Cash.

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Petty Cash		2025-26	Name:		Northam TC Petty Cash											
Details					Income			Expenditure						Balance at start of FY		
Date	Trans action	Description	Ref	Scribe	Petty Cash Withdrawal	Carry forward	Total in	VAT	Events	Refresh ments	Maint enance	Office expenses	Total out	£	13.45	
18.8.25	54	Refreshments	PC25-26.52	685			0.00			1.45			1.45		90.60	
4.9.25	55	Maintenance Equipment	PC25-26.53	686			0.00				25.00		25.00		65.60	
5.9.25	56	PC equipment (Keyboard/Mou	PC25-26.54	687			0.00	3.33				16.67	20.00		45.60	
8.9.25	57	Refreshments	PC25-26.55	688			0.00	0.40		1.45		2.00	3.85		41.75	
9.9.25	58	Refreshments	PC25-26.56	689			0.00			3.88			3.88		37.87	
10.9.25	59	Refreshments	PC25-26.57	690			0.00			1.89			1.89		35.98	
11.9.25	60	Cup engraving (WWHo! Tennis)	PC25-26.58	691			0.00					12.00	12.00		23.98	
15.9.25	61	Refreshments	PC25-26.59	692			0.00			1.20			1.20		22.78	
17.9.25	62	Refreshments	PC25-26.60	693			0.00			8.50			8.50		14.28	
18.9.25	63	Refreshments	PC25-26.61	694			0.00			1.89			1.89		12.39	
19.9.25	64	Cash Withdrawal	-		90.00		90.00						0.00		102.39	

2510/397 To receive the 2024-25 audit reports and consider the notice of completion

It was **resolved** to send the annotated observation table to the Internal Auditor.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)

Action point: send the report.

It was **resolved** to publish the notice of completion of audit for at least 30 calendar days annually, to include the 30th September 2025, not ending before 29th October 2025 and include the detail in future versions of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)

2510/398 To receive the Parks & Buildings Manager's report

The Parks & Buildings Manager's report was received.

2510/399 To receive a verbal update from the Pavilion Working Group

The Council heard that the officers were awaiting the report from the Council's surveyor regarding the costs of work at the pavilion.

2510/400 To receive a verbal update regarding the Leisure Centre, Northam Square

The Council heard that the instructed surveyors had visited the building and their reports were awaited.

2510/401 To consider the date for the November meeting of Full Council

It was **resolved** to postpone November's Full Council meeting to the 27th November 2025.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Edwards (majority in favour)

2510/402 To consider the below listed policies recommended by the Review Committee

It was **resolved** to adopt the controlled documents as follows: Complaints Procedure v1.1, Document Retention Policy v0.2, Recruitment Policy v0.4 and Safeguarding Policy v1.1.

Proposed: Cllr Newman-McKie, Seconded: Cllr Lo-Vel (all in favour)

2510/403 To consider vacancies on committees

The vacancies on committees were noted as follows:

Environment & Maintenance	one vacancy
Planning & Development	two vacancies
Review	two vacancies

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Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was **resolved** to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Newman-McKie, Seconded: Cllr Hodson (all in favour)

Hon Alderman Eastman and all members of the public left the meeting at this point (7:10pm)

2510/404 To consider the heads of terms for a lease for the Blue Lights Parish Hall
Draft heads of terms have been enclosed in a confidential report.

Cllr Edwards, a member of the Blue Lights Parish Hall Charity committee, declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote on this item.

It was **resolved** to instruct the Council's legal advisor to draft a lease between the Town Council and Blue Lights Parish Hall Charity (300745) with the below heads of terms at an estimated cost of £2,700.

Proposed: Cllr Tait, Seconded: Cllr Bell (majority in favour, having declared an interest, Cllr Edwards abstained)

Action point: Instruct Tozers LLP.

Lease term	Detail
Parties to the lease	Northam Town Council and Blue Lights Parish Hall (Charity No 300745)
Full description of property	Blue Lights Hall/2 Vernons Lane, Appledore. The land title is DN540129.
Rent and deposit	Annual rent: a nominal (£1) the recharge of the Council's insurance premium for the buildings of Blue Lights Hall/2 Vernons Lane, plus VAT, that being: Recharge £1,482.86 Rent £1 VAT £296.14 Nil deposit.
Term of the lease Excluded from the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954?	12-year lease to automatically renew (continue) on a yearly basis on the same terms as in the lease until reviewed. The lease would be excluded from the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.
Rent review dates Break dates and frequency	The Rent is reviewed every three years, in line with the Council's insurance policy contract. The Council to have limited grounds to terminate the tenancy. The notice period to be 12 months. The Charity to have normal grounds to terminate the tenancy. The notice period to be 6 months.
Agreed rights granted/retained over the property Use of the property Whether assignments or subletting is allowed	The Charity has full operational use. The Council retains the right of access for inspection only. The Charity has full use of the Hall as a community venue for groups/classes etc. The Charity can only sublet the Hall to user groups.
Repairing obligations	The Charity would have full internal and external repair obligations.
Responsibilities for insurance	The Council is responsible for buildings insurance. The Charity is responsible for all other insurances required in the proper operation of the Hall
Costs	Each party is responsible for its own costs.

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Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was **resolved** to readmit members of the press and public to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Bach, Seconded: Cllr Newman-McKie (all in favour)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Signed.....Dated.....

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Northam Town Council 22/10/2025 - District Councillors Reports**Cllr Louis Bach – Combined Mayoral and District Councillor Report**

At the latest TDC confidential members briefing, we heard of the draft LGR proposals from the leader and chief executive. This draft submission and statement were then jointly released and published the following day, which will now be submitted to Government for consideration. No doubt we have all seen the media statements on this, so we now have to wait for the final outcomes.

One matter that was highlighted was in regard to how any changes would possibly affect the position on those currently elected members, the reduction of councillors and possible future boundary changes, but this is a matter for review sometime in the future.

I attended a recent TDC planning meeting, where an application relating to a premises in Westward Ho! was before the committee, with a recommendation to refuse. As ward member I supported this application, giving sound reasons and evidence, which subsequently after due consideration by the committee, the majority of members present voted in favour, subject to some conditions.

Following the joint meeting between members and officers from NTC and TDC, the section 106 funding for public art in Westward Ho! has now been widely advertised and is subject to ongoing public consultation, by way of online surveys. There is still time to complete this survey, if you wish to do so.

I was invited by the chair of the Bideford Blues & Appledore Junior Football Club in Sandymere Road Westward Ho! to take part in the official opening of their new Astro-Turf pitch, costing over £200K. This was paid for with grants from organisations such as the FA, National Lottery, as well as this council. The club has amazing facilities and opportunities for not just the girls and boys, but adults of all ages, including walking football.

The NTC Mayfair Working Group has had its second meeting, where lots of new ideas and performing artists were considered. I do hope that next year's event will be very special. Many thanks to Tina in particular for all her hard work on this.

Along with other ward members for Westward Ho! we welcomed this week the local police engagement officer attendance on the Green / Promenade, to talk to us and members of the public, on any issues that they have concerns about. I requested an officer to attend this full council meeting, which they agreed to do, subject only to availability.

Separate to this, I have recently been in touch with our local community police engagement officer Sergeant Glyn Clark, regarding matters brought to my attention by residents, namely speeding traffic, predominantly along Golf Links Road Westward Ho!

I can confirm that this matter has now been passed to the police traffic monitoring section of Devon & Cornwall Police, where this is being looked into and options are being considered. (I'm not able to give further details about this here...for obvious reasons).

It was a pleasure to attend the very important free defibrillator training that was organised by our Council on the 9th October. Despite the wide publicity that this event received, the numbers attending from our community were disappointing.

My Wife Sheila never fails to surprise me, when I was contacted out of the blue this week by "Active Devon" to say that I had been nominated for an volunteer award for my commitment to the organisation "Torridge Walk & Talk", for supporting and encouraging people in the community to be active for better health and wellbeing...I was presented with a lovely "Certificate of Recognition".

It's always a great honour and privilege, as well as a very enjoyable occasion, when you get to represent our Town as your Honourable Mayor attending other civic engagements around our County.

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On Sunday the 5th October, I joined Cllr Adrian Hobbs Mayor of Lynton & Lynmouth for the Harvest and Civic Thanks-Giving Service, followed on Sunday the 12th October with Cllr Phil Cloake Mayor of Great Torrington for the parade, and civic service. I'm not sure that the Town Band, Cadets and all us lot marching through the Town at 9.30 in the morning was much appreciated, although many lined the streets.

Just a reminder that, the very important yearly service for Remembrance Sunday is on the 9th November 10.00am at St Margarets Church, followed by the procession to the War Memorial for the two minutes silence. Refreshments will be served at Northam Hall following the service.

TDC are once again inviting applications from community spirited volunteers to get involved in the affairs and workings of the council. In particular potential individuals are being encouraged to apply for vacancies as "Independent Persons" for the Standards and External Scrutiny Committees. No previous experience is required as training will be given.

Also, TDC still require applications from elected parish representatives to fill vacant positions on the Standards Committee. All applications should be sent to Staci Dorey Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer at TDC.

Finally ... "Tickets for the Premier Charity Event of Next Year" are now on sale, so please do let Tina know how many tickets you require...before they are all sold out!

I do hope very much that you will be able to attend my fund-raising event on the 13th February next year in aid of the Charity Devon Air Ambulance Trust. As with any fund-raising event, the success really does depend on the numbers attending, so please do try to support this and encourage your families and friends to attend. We need to sell lots of tickets, as we have some great prizes for the auction and raffle, but more are still needed, so please donate prizes if you can.

Cllr Kerry O'Rourke

Please accept my apologies for not attending this meeting, I have a close family funeral to attend in Manchester.

Residents & Councillors Meeting 16th October 2025

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my fellow councillors for attending the meeting, your time, energy and input was fantastic, a profound message to show County, District and Parish councillors share the same passion for Appledore.

Cllr Peter Hames was instrumental to the success of the evening with his hard work helping to advertise and organise the event. My sincere thanks also to our most knowledgeable Town Clerk who worked with us to provide the answers to the residents' questions. We showed our community how effective we can be working together, and I look forward to our next meeting which is proposed for January 2026.

The event was well attended with 46 residents from the Appledore ward. The first item to discuss was the development of a Residents Association, when we asked the residents who would like to be involved there was no immediate uptake, however 17 people did leave their details to be contacted.

The next step will be to invite them to get together, firstly I will create an email chain, once a communication path is formed, I will suggest an informal meet-up for discussion. My intention is to support residents from the sidelines by offering governance and a constitution, once the group is established, I will offer to nurture them until they are sustainable.

There were 22 questions sent in either by email or the online form. I separated them into sections as there was not enough time to answer each one, please find as a separate updated document showing the answers and required actions, written in red ink.

The tree between Morwenna Park and Windsor Rd.

Residents have updated me to advise that the tree has been trimmed back by Westward Housing who own the land.

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Appledore Pride 2026

I was unable to attend the last meeting but have been informed that the event is proposed to take place on 6th June 2026 from 12noon till 5pm. DCC has acknowledged receipt of the event details and will be in touch with the organiser if they have any questions, TDC and NTC have been contacted although I haven't been part of the conversation. The next meeting is on 4th November at St. Mary's Hall 7pm if you wish to attend. To confirm the event requires no road closures.

Unitary Plans

TDC has announced to district councillors that we will learn more on 28th November.

Cllr Jane Whittaker

Early in October rather than attending a Plans Committee of which I am a member I went off to a "Meet the Army' Event at the Barnstaple Hotel. As an Army Brat, my Father went through the ranks and retired as a Lt. Colonel, I felt that I ought to support it. Busy was not the word, I went around the car parks, and there are several, three times before I abandoned my car so as not to be late into the event. Lots of Displays were there to be explored followed by a number of very professional presentations given by various Ranks These were on a whole range of opportunities available to anyone joining or interested in joining the Army. Or indeed just enjoining the skills and training opportunities while still at School whether or not the Amy could be for them. I saw many other Cllrs there and even our past Town Clerk and her husband but only one other colleague from TDC.

The other main event Committee wise was C and R which took place halfway through the month. There the Planning Enforcement Plan was adopted after some discussion, Enforcement always brings with it concerns about whether or not it can be speedily resolved enough to support the concerns of residents who are worried about things happening which they think are not supposed to!

Using HVO in TDC's Operational Fleet was it was decided to be returned to the Climate Change Committee for further information to be gathered. This decision made after lots of discussion about the pros and cons of making a commitment to using HVO here.

Changing the route of the Cycle Path from the one used for many years to a partly new route which will now take it through areas of Victoria Park did worry several Committee Members myself included. I asked about consultation as there are many different users of the Park which it was proposed would pass close to the Children's Centre and alongside the main entrance of the Rugby Club, but there had been none done apparently! Several of my Cllr colleagues thought the plans asked for problems, although none of us did not support cycling or the encouragement of cycling. The decision was agreed by a vote of 6 to 4 with one abstention, so it comes into force.

In addition to that already mentioned there has been a Senior Management Team meeting and a Briefing about the LGR arrangements for TDC.