

**Minutes of the Wilton Town Team meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2015 at
7.30pm in the Council Chamber
(The Town Team is a Working Group of the Town Council)**

Present:

Cllr Phil Matthews, (Mayor of Wilton), **Jonathan Greening** (Minster, Baptist Church), **David Parker** (Vice Chairman and Editor, Valley News), **Mark Pountain** (Wilton Community Land Trust)

Apologies:

Wilts Cllr Peter Edge (Chairman) **David Corp & Clare Ellard** (Wilton Shopping Village), **Stephen Harris** (SWWAB Community Area Manager) **Catherine Purves** (Town Clerk), **Gary Nunn** (Wilton Carnival etc), **Rev'd Mark Wood** (Rector, St Mary & St Nicholas Church), **PC Ian Pendliham and PCSO Jenny Moss** (Wilton NPT), **Stephen Harris** (Community Area Manager)

David Parker in the chair

1. **Chairman's welcome and apologies** – David welcomed all to the meeting. The apologies received were as noted above.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising not covered in the agenda**
 - a. *Minutes* – the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th June 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record without amendment.
 - b. *Matters arising*- the grass on the A36/A30 junction roundabout had been cut by Highways England at the end of June. The Magna Carta celebrations and Wilton Carnival event were both considered to have been a great success.

3. **Updates re current issues**
 - a. *Wilton Town Community diary* – Gary Nunn had confirmed he would now arrange for notices advertising the Diary on the public noticeboards and in Valley News to be displayed.
 - b. *Welcome to Wilton letter* – This will be discussed with Alan Cauldwell of Redrow, who is visiting Wilton on Tuesday 21st July.
 - c. *Neighbourhood Plan* – nothing further to report at present. The Town Team will be advised of progress.
 - d. *Partial Closure of Lloyds Bank* – The Town Council had agreed to a petition being organised, strongly urging Lloyds to reconsider the Wilton branch's opening times in view of the impending expansion of the Town. It was understood that John Glen MP wished this success. David Parker agreed to draw up the wording for the Clerk to progress matters in due

course.

- e. *Wilton Station/Parkway* – Cllr Matthews advised he would contact Cllr Edge for any updates about the funding for the feasibility study. David Parker reported on his attendance at Wiltshire Council's pre-consultation evening on the bus service subsidy.
- f. *Wilton Event* – Cllr Matthews confirmed that the Town Council had agreed to the purchase of a Town Team banner, and that Town Council would be taking a half table at the Event. Gary Nunn would be asked to advise on suppliers and wording
- g. *The transfer of Wiltshire Council assets to the Town Council* – Cllr Matthews reported that the transfer of the Sheep Fair Field would be considered at the next Area Board meeting, and that the Town Council was exploring the possibility of taking on the public toilets, two redundant storage buildings and two play areas as well. Those present supported the idea of the Town Council taking on further assets, and hoped that it would progress matters. It was agreed that the Town Team would meet at 7.00pm outside the two buildings at the junction of Bell Lane and Silver Street, prior to the next meeting. Cllr Matthews will also ask Cllr Edge if anything could be done about the derelict building on North Street, which was such an eyesore.
- h. *Possible tourist/information centre* – Mark Pountain supported the idea of researching funding for a feasibility study into the project.

4. Brief updates from member bodies

- i. *Baptist Church* – Jonathan Greening advised that Charlotte High, a Wiltshire Council Health Trainer was visiting once a month.
- ii. *Wilton & District Business Chamber* – David Parker advised the following:
 - The Wilton in Bloom had been very successful again this year.
 - Arrangements for the Wilton Event were proceeding well, with nearly three quarters of the stands now booked. Baroness Neville-Rolfe (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills) would be attending.
- iii. *Town Council* – Cllr Matthews advised that a consultation exercise had been carried out at Wilton Carnival asking for opinions on the facilities, and in which priority the Town Council should provide. The results were currently being analysed.
- iv. *Wilton Community Land Trust* – Mark Pountain advised he and a colleague had had a very useful meeting with John Glen MP about the proposed legislation on the right to buy for Housing Association members, as the WCLT had raised concerns about the loss of social housing. The AGM had recently been held, and the WCLT is to

support energy assessments, and an environmental project. It will also review and confirm its priorities, and undertook to improve its public communications

- v. *Wilton Parish Church* – the Rev'd Mark Wood had advised the following in his absence:
- The Church was already preparing for celebrations marking The Queen's 90th Birthday next year, and was thinking along the lines of a street party, and a Royal Thanksgiving Service over the weekend of June 12th.
- vi. *South West Wilts Area Board* – Stephen Harris had advised the following in his absence:
- There will be a photo exhibition of the Magna Carta celebrations in Salisbury at the next Area Board meeting to be held on Wednesday 29th July in Wilton Community Centre.
 - The role of Community Area Manager was changing to one of Community Enabling Manager, and he would explain this further at the next meeting.
 - Wiltshire Council's Big Pledge scheme was still open if anyone wished to sign up for activities that would improve either themselves or their communities.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 17th firstly at 7.00pm at the disused buildings on the corner of Bell Lane & Silver Street, followed by the main meeting at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber

Could all organisations please attend, or send a deputy. If this is not possible, please send a report updating the Town Team of your organisation's recent activity to the Town Clerk. Thank you.