

**Minutes of the Town Team meeting held on 19th February 2015 at 7.30pm
in the Council Chamber**

Present

David von Zeffman, Chairman (President of the Wilton & District Business Chamber), **David Parker** (Editor, Valley News), **Cllr Phil Mathews** (Mayor of Wilton), **Mark Pountain** (Chairman Wilton Community Land Trust), **Wilts Cllr Peter Edge**, **PCSO Jenny Moss** (Wilton NPT), **Jon Moulard** (Wilton Rotary), **Johnathan Greening** (Minister, Wilton Baptist Church), **Catherine Purves** (Town Clerk), **Rev'd Mark Wood** (Rector, St Mary & St Nicholas Church), **Alan Caldwell** (Our Enterprise), **Lucy Ludlow** (Redrow Salisbury sales agent), **Claire Oakley** (Remarkable, marketing agency for Redrow) together with nine members of the public comprised Town Councillors, and Business Chamber members.

1. Chairman's Welcome and apologies

David von Zeffman warmly welcomed all the meeting. Apologies were noted from **David Corp** (Wilton Shopping Village), **Gary Nunn** (Wilton Carnival), **Stephen Harris** (South West Wilts Community Area Manager)

2. An update on progress at the Wilton Hill/Erskine Park development,

and a subsequent discussion on the presentation of the existing Wilton community to prospective new residents.

Alan Caldwell of Our Enterprise gave a comprehensive update on these matters. Please see the appendix to these minutes for details.

3. Approval of minutes and matters arising.

- a. *Minutes* - the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January were approved and signed as a correct record without amendment by David von Zeffman
- b. *Matters arising* – there were none that were not covered by the agenda.

4. Wilton Town Community Website

The website is live, and will be publically launched in the Valley News in March, but it does need “tweaking”, so please look at it – www.wiltontown.co.uk – and send your comments to the Town Clerk. It will be reviewed in six months.

5. Brief Updates from Member Bodies

- a. *Wilton Rotary* – Jon Moulard advised the following:
 - The Wilton Rotary Club has given a brief presentation to the Business Chamber about what the organisation does, with a view to the two organisations working more closely together for their mutual benefit and support. They will not be forming a third party fund raising organisation, as it is not felt appropriate for Wilton.
- b. *Community Land Trust* - Mark Pountain advised the following:
 - The CLT has delivered on three of its recent four environmental projects.

- It is focusing on exploring the development of a Town Co-Ordinator/Manager role. It is likely that the CLT will be the employing body, as the Town Council cannot receive capital funding for revenue expenditure.
 - It continues to develop its business plan, and it hopes to receive further funding to enable it to support more small projects during the year.
- c. *Wilton Shopping Village* – in David Corp’s absence, David von Zeffman advised the following:
- Roger Tubb, the Shopping Village Manager is retiring at the end of March, and DvZ would like grateful thanks to be formally recorded for all Roger’s efforts to integrate with the Town and to host community events. They have much been much appreciated.
- d. *Town Council* – Cllr Phil Matthews advised the following:
- The Town Council had passed a resolution supporting the development of an additional primary school in Wilton on the back of the Wilton Hill/Erskine Park development. Sites were being explored, possibly behind the Diocesan Centre on The Avenue, possibly a split site across Burcombe Lane.
 - The Town Council was also exploring a possible site for the skateboard park, and Alan Cauldwell undertook to take back to Redrow a request for the park to be sited on Erskine Park, next to the A36.
 - The Town Council had objected strongly to a planning application for the conversion of a local restaurant/take away into flats.
 - The Town Council had signed a tenancy at will with Wiltshire Council in connection with the building at the Hollows, to enable youth activities to be delivered to the youth of Wilton and the surrounding area. A more formal lease will be entered into with the Thistledown Trust, once Wilts Council has completed on the sale of the site to the Trust.
- e. *St Mary & St Nicholas Church* – the Rev’d Mark Wood advised the following:
- He had been appointed as Rural Dean of Chalke, and would now have the oversight of 29 additional parishes. This was a strategic role, and would give a better idea of what was happening across a large area of south Wiltshire and Dorset.
- f. *Wilton Baptist Church* – Johnathan Greening advised the following:
- There was very little to report, but he was keen that the Baptist Church should be able to contribute to the new residents’ Welcome Pack.

- g. *Wilton Neighbourhood Policing Team* – PCSO Jenny Moss advised the following:
- She had been made aware of concerns about the speed at which the minibus drivers from the Wilton Park School drive along The Hollows, and would be investigating this accordingly.
- h. *Area Board* – in his absence, Stephen Harris had submitted a report on the following:
- Help was needed for the Magna Carta 800th anniversary pageant.
 - Sponsorship packages are available for the Cycle Wiltshire event on 9/10 May.
 - There is a Dementia Awareness presentation at the Wilton Business Chamber breakfast meeting on Tuesday 10th March.
 - More information can be found through the community newsletter.
- i. *Wilton & District Business Chamber* – David von Zeffman advised the following:
- The site visit to Reeves the Baker in place of the monthly Breakfast Meeting had proved very successful, and a site visit to another member's venue would be arranged for later in the year.
 - The Area Board funding will expire at the end of March, but the Chamber is looking for match funding to bridge the gap until a sufficient level of independent funding is achieved.
 - It has been agreed that one of the conditions of taking out a licence to occupy one of the units at the new enterprise Hub on Erskine Park will be to become a member of the Business Chamber.
 - The VIP speaker at the March Breakfast Meeting will be the Mayor of Wilton, and a BBQ for members and guest is to be held at The Swan @ Stoford on Friday 26th June.

6. Any Other Business

- a. *AGM* - will be held on Thursday 19th March.
- b. *Wilton Station* – this item will be marked on for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm