

**Minutes of the Wilton Town Team meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2015 at
7.30pm in the Council Chamber
(The Town team is a Working Group of the Town Council)**

Present:

Wilts Cllr Peter Edge (Chairman) **Cllr Phil Matthews**, (Mayor of Wilton), **Jonathan Green** (Minster, Baptist Church), **David Parker** (Editor, Valley News), **Catherine Purves** (Town Clerk), **Gary Nunn** (Wilton Carnival etc), **Rev'd Mark Wood** (Rector, St Mary & St Nicholas Church)

Apologies:

Clare Ellard (Wilton Shopping Village), **Cllr Becky Perry** (Town Council) **Stephen Harris** (SWWAB Community Area Manager)

1. **Chairman's welcome and apologies** – Cllr Edge 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 21st May 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record without amendment.
 - b. *Matters arising*- there were none

3. **Updates re current issues**
 - a. *Wilton Town Community diary* – Gary repeated his plea for items of news/interest/information to be sent to him on a regular basis for uploading onto the website, particularly details of events for the Town Diary, which is now completely digital – there is no longer a paper version. Along with publicising the Diary with the Business Directory, it was recommended that notices advertising the Diary on the public noticeboards and in Valley News should be displayed.
 - b. *Welcome to Wilton letter* – Alan Cauldwell of Redrow has indicated that in principle, he is no objection to such a letter being distributed. He is visiting Wilton at the end of June/beginning of July to finalise details.
 - c. *Neighbourhood Plan* – the Town Council is awaiting confirmation of the proposed area the plan should cover. Matters are progressing, albeit slowly.
 - d. *Partial Closure of Lloyds Bank* – comments were made again that it seemed strange to reduce opening hours when the town is expanding, and those present were fearful that people would get into the habit of going to Salisbury. It was felt that remaining open part time for five days a week would be better than being open full time for just three days a week. The Town Council is requested to consider organising a petition, strongly

urging Lloyds to reconsider the Wilton branch's opening times in view of the impending expansion of the Town. It was noted that John Glen MP had not received a reply from Lloyds Bank to his e-mails lobbying on the town's behalf. **Action:** The Town Clerk to refer this to Full Council

- e. *Wilton Station/Parkway* – Cllr Edge advised that there is a need to raise this as a priority within the LEP list of projects, and to this end, Cllr Matthews advised that Wilts Cllr Richard Gamble (who is now the portfolio Holder for Youth, skills and Schools) is also aware of the project, and has offered to try and get Claire Perry MP and junior Transport Minister involved. Cllr Edge agreed to contact Cllr Gamble and keep him informed.
- f. *Wilton Event* – this will take place on Saturday 12th September at Wilton Shopping Village between 10.00am and 4.00pm. If Town Team member organisations wish to take a table, please contact Darren at Wessex Fleet Solutions. Tables cost £50.00 for a whole table, £30.00 for half/shared. It was thought the Town Team should have its own banner, displaying the logos of all the member bodies. **Action:** The Town Clerk to refer this to Full Council.
- g. *The A36/A30 roundabout* - Highways England will be cutting the grass by the end of June under its planned maintenance programme. Its long term future decoration/adornment is still to be decided.

4. **The future of Wiltshire Council's buildings in the parish**

These are the two former records storage buildings at the entrance of Bell Lane from Silver Street, together with the toilet block just off the Market Square. It was felt that if these buildings were made DDA compliant, the Town Council should be proactive in taking these on. **Action:** The Town Clerk to refer this to Full Council.

5. **Tourist/Information Centre**

It was agreed that Old St Mary's Church in the centre of town was the most appropriate venue for this. Sources of funding for a feasibility study need to be identified in the first instance, and it was suggested that VisitWiltshire, the A.O.N.B and English Heritage be approached for further information and guidance. **Action:** The Town Clerk to refer this to Full Council

6. **Brief updates from member bodies**

- i. *Baptist Church* – Jonathan Greening advised there was nothing of any moment to report at present.
- ii. *Wilton & District Business Chamber* – David Parker advised the following:
 - The Wilton, Tisbury and Mere Chambers were organising another joint "Meet the Neighbours" event on 1st July at the

- Pythouse Kitchen Garden Cafe, West hatch, Tisbury.
- He had established that contrary to earlier reports, Wiltshire Council will be funding a £500k upgrade of the CCTV cameras system that covers Salisbury, Wilton and Amesbury, which will then be relocated to Bourne Hill and handed over to Salisbury City Council to run. However, the existing staff will be made redundant, and Wilts Council is looking for volunteers to replace them. Concerns were expressed that Wilton would not be covered.
- iii. *Town Council* – on behalf of the Mayor, Wilts Cllr Peter Edge advised the following:
- The Town Council was looking to renew the floodlighting and uplighters in Old St Mary’s churchyard, and it was hoped that Wilton Rotary would be able to make a contribution again to this.
- iv. *Wilton Parish Church* – the Rev’d Mark Wood advised the following:
- There had been a number of successful and well attended events celebrating the Magna Carta weekend, including a Church Fair, pilgrimage from Old Sarum to the Cathedral and a peal of bells on the 15th June.
 - It is intended to open a second session of the Credit Union, this time in the Wilton & Barford Primary School, starting in September. This would also include some simple and basic financial management lessons for the children.
- v. *Wilton Carnival* – Gary Nunn advised the following:
- The Carnival arrangements were progressing well and on schedule.
- vi. *South West Wilts Area Board* – Wilts Cllr Peter Edge advised the following in Stephen Harris’ 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 Community Youth Officer, Nicola Sage is still off work, but no arrangements for a temporary replacement have been made.
 - £60k of funding has been agreed by the Area Board for funding youth activity in the South West Area, and a suitable provider is currently being identified.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday July 16th at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber