

WILTON TOWN TEAM

Minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2020. 5.30pm Castle Meadows Pavilion

PRESENT:

Dan Kelley (Men's Shed)	Peter Edge (Wilton Town Council)
Maria La Femina (Wilton Wildlife Group)	Carole Slater (Wilton Rotary)
Sarah Ackroyd (Plant Festival)	Sarah Kurslake (Plant Festival)
Gary Nunn (Wilton Lights/Community Centre)	Richard Lord (Alabare)
Mark Bastick (Assistant to Town Clerk)	Phil Matthews (Burnbake Trust)
Revd. Jonathan Greening (Baptist Church)	Christine Matthews (Minutes)

APOLOGIES:

Rose Salmi (Seeds for Success)	Jaki Farrell (Seeds for Success)
Karen Linaker (Wiltshire Council)	Revd. Mark Wood (Parish Church)
Sara Morley (Wilton Neighbourhood Plan)	

ELECTION TO CHAIR

Phil Matthews, (Vice Chair) opened the meeting.

Nominations for a new Chair were invited:

Sara Morley was proposed by Dan Kelley, Seconded by Sarah Ackroyd.

Nominations for a new Vice Chair were invited:

Dan Kelley was nominated by Peter Edge, Seconded by Mark Bastick.

There being no other nominations for each post, the meeting approved this unanimously.

REPORTS FROM LOCAL GROUPS

The idea of the Town Team is to bring together existing groups, share resources, coordinate activities and provide support.

- **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The following report has been received from Sara Morley. There were 526 responses to the Questionnaire and these will be analysed and discussed by the Steering Group over a series of meetings. The first workshop took place in January with the second to be held on 26 February with a final workshop later this spring.

[The outcome of the first workshop is now available to view online.](#)

• PLANT FESTIVAL

Sarah Ackroyd showed the meeting two posters to promote the Plant Festival and the Scarecrow Competition. The Festival Facebook page has now been set up.

- Sunday 10th - Thursday 14th May Flower festival at the Parish Church.
- 14th - 17th there will be a plant-themed art exhibition in Old St Mary's church.

The week's schedule of events will be:

- Sunday 10 May - Guided walk to Grovely.
- Monday 11th - Gardeners' Question Time
- Tuesday 12th - Bee Workshop
- Wed. 13th - Creative Writing Workshop
- Thurs. 14th - Garden Design Workshop. Quiz Evening.
- Friday 15th - Landscape Photography
- Sat. 16th - 11am - 5pm Event on Castle Meadows

Helpers would be welcome for the Saturday. Marquees are being sourced and the pavilion has also been booked. The New Valley News is to publicise the Festival. The May Kiddle Rose Bowl was returned. This was awarded to the most successful entrant overall from all categories at previous flower and produce shows and may be used at either the Plant Festival (or the Carnival if appropriate).

• SHOPPING VILLAGE

It has been reported that the Shopping Village is to arrange an event on VE Day, 8th May, which is to be a Bank Holiday.

• WILTON WILDLIFE

There will be two dates for volunteers to meet to clear scrub a part of ongoing conservation work on downland. These will be on 29 February and 5th March. Likely sites for wildflower meadow planting this autumn are being identified. An area near the Pavilion and the Men's Shed, perhaps with support from the users, is being discussed. Gary Nunn also suggested the possible use of an area within the Community Centre garden. The USA Gardening Group might also join in.

• MEN'S SHED

One more person has joined the Board of Trustees. The Men's Shed is expected to receive Planning Permission by the end of this week. A meeting was held with Rob Gibson to discuss collaboration with Alabare to promote the use of this facility amongst the Veterans. It is also hoped to support the Plant Festival (for example, making planters).

• CARNIVAL

There will be an "Eco" theme for this year's Carnival. The Procession will follow a new route from the Sawmills, down South Street and over the A30 to North Street and Castle Lane. There will be a system of rolling road closures across the junction with West Street and it is hoped that this will not only cut the cost of road closures but also have less impact on through traffic.

- **ROTARY**

Recent changes will mean that there can now be Corporate Membership of Rotary. 115 years of Rotary International will be marked on 23 February. One great achievement in this time has been the work of Rotary to eradicate polio worldwide. On 21 February the Wilton branch will be holding a Cheese and Wine party at Bird & Carter.

- **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

This popular venue has achieved 95% occupancy this year. It is fully safety compliant.

- **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

It has been decided to keep the afternoon/evening market on the day of the Tree Lighting and attract more charity stalls and possibly sideshows. This year the date will be brought forwards to Friday 27th November as the change of day proved popular with young families but this would avoid a clash with the Scouts' Post sorting evening. It is hoped to hire marquees this year and the scheme is to go before the Town Council for approval.

- **TOWN COUNCIL**

The Pavilion has attracted a good number of bookings. Over Easter there will be a four day Football Coaching session. The Flood Barrier was raised following the report of risk by the Environment Agency, but fortunately this proved to be just a precaution. The last meeting of the Flood Committee was cancelled. There are electronic locks for the Minster Street tennis courts and the code will be available to people booking a court. It was felt that a suitable charge be made to offset the cost of the new locks.

- **BURNBAKE TRUST**

The premises in West Street has now closed as the property was substandard and not fit for its use for selling clothing. This facility has now moved to the shop in North Street in a space vacated by the office, which has moved upstairs. The Trust applied again for a grant from Wiltshire Council but it was refused, in spite of Social Services still sending requests for clients to furnish their houses at the minimal cost of £25.

- **WILTON BAPTIST CHURCH / WILTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.**

It will be the 40th Anniversary of the church in April 2021. The heating is to be replaced this month. The room is being used regularly by Cocaine Anonymous and the U3A as well as the weekly 'Oasis' coffee morning. It also hosted the Christmas Day lunch, which has been kindly supported with donations from Wilton Town Council and Wilton Rotary. The turret clock is now working more accurately now the regulator has been attended to.

- **ALABARE**

The charity aims to raise 1.5 million pounds for its work. The Veterans Centre is now half full. The Countryside Unit at Barford St Martin held a Christmas Fair.

- **"SECRET SPITFIRES"**

Peter Edge proposed a showing of this short film this spring in Wilton. A suitable venue and date is to be identified. Proceeds from this event would go to the fund to erect a memorial by Salisbury Rugby Club (one of the sites where Spitfires were manufactured) to mark the city's wartime efforts.

- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5.30pm, Thursday 16 April in the Pavilion (tbc).