

**MINUTES of a MEETING of WILTON TOWN COUNCIL held in Wilton Town Council Chamber
on TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present Cllr Andy Kinsey *Mayor of Wilton*
Cllr Alan Crossley *Deputy Mayor of Wilton*
Cllr Charlotte Blackman
Cllr Alex Boyd
Cllr Claire Forbes
Cllr Teresa Taylor
Cllr Maria La Femina

In Attendance Mrs C Churchill, *Town Clerk*
Also Present, Adrian Boyd, John Cutland, Rachel Ashton-Brown.
via ZOOM; Paula Johnston, Susan Robinson, John Harris.

Cllr Kinsey, Mayor of Wilton, in the chair to open the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

7:00pm

001/23 Apologies

- (i) Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs Hayes, Moore and Page.

Resolved: Approve the apologies.

Proposed: Cllr Taylor

Seconded: Cllr Crossley

All in favour

002/23 Minutes

- (i) To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6th December 2022

Resolved: Approve the Minutes.

Proposed: Cllr Crossley

Seconded: Cllr Boyd

All in favour

7.01pm

003/23 Standing Orders were suspended

Community Engagement

John Cutland wished everyone a Happy New Year

Will continue to persist with getting the Wilton Health Centre re-opened as a Doctors surgery.

Will also continue to chase the resurfacing of Shaftesbury Road.

Rachel Ashton Brown

Raised an issue with some dogs off leads, particularly at the top of The Hollows when dogs approach members of the public. She read out some statistics of injuries and deaths caused by out of control dogs and suggested that the Council could support and promote responsible dog training.

Cllr Taylor wished to make an apology to Ms Ashton Brown for incorrectly stating she had been out in her role as Flood Warden without a Hi Viz top. This was not the case and she wished to apologise.

Paula Johnston

In January 2022, at the Environment and Amenities Committee meeting it was agreed to purchase 5 new notice boards but none have appeared. Where are they?

In February 2021, Wilton Town Council agreed to restore some of the artwork in the Chamber but this has not happened. Why not?

Community Engagement - Response

Wilton Health Centre will go on the Policy and Resources agenda.

Shaftesbury Road will also go on the Policy and Resources agenda.

The matter about dogs will go on the Environment and Amenities agenda

The noticeboards are being funded using R2 money and a condition of this is they include an information panel and that is being worked on. This is ongoing.
The restoration of the artwork has not been done due to insufficient time.

Apologies were received from the Unitary Councillor for Wilton

No report was received.

7:12pm

004/23 Standing Orders were reinstated

005/23 Declarations of Interest

- (a) No Declarations of Interest were received.
- (b) No Dispensation requests were received.

006/23 Exclusion of the Press and Public.

There were no requests to exclude members of the Press and Public from any of the remaining Agenda items to be discussed during the meeting.

007/23 Mayor's report

Cllr Kinsey had the honour of opening the new Wilton Place Care Home at Buckeridge Rd.

008/23 To receive a brief report of the Environment and Amenities Committee held on 20th December 2022.

- (i) To request the removal of two parking spaces along Brede Street (Market Square) to create larger parking spaces
- (ii) To seek advice on the Castle Meadow car park as the planning conditions state it must be gravel.
- (iii) To update the Wilton Flood Plan – Wilton Flood Group
- (iv) To compile a Wilton Emergency Plan.
- (v) To add Maria La Femina and Sara Morley to the Flood Warden team. Both have completed training organized by Wiltshire Council.
- (vi) To make no change to the existing floodlighting in Old St Mary's Churchyard.
- (vii) To request Wiltshire Council replace the damaged bin by the Market Square bus stop, preferably with a larger capacity bin.
- (viii) To purchase spray paint in order to highlight dog poo that owners have not picked up.
- (ix) To request enforcement on the abuse of the 2 hour parking limit in the Market Square.

Resolved: To note the report.

Proposed: Cllr Boyd

Seconded: Cllr Taylor

All in favour

009/23 Co-option of Councillor.

One vacancy has been advertised with no requests made for an election, therefore the vacancy may be filled by co-option. One completed co-option form had been received after the deadline so will be considered at the next meeting. The vacancy will be readvertised.

010/23 Managing the Council's Money

- (i) To note the bank reconciliation dated 30th November 2022.
- (ii) To note the current income and expenditure.
- (iii) To confirm payments as per attached payment schedule.

Resolved: To note the statements and to confirm the payments due.

Proposed: Cllr Blackman

Seconded: Cllr Crossley

Approved in full

011/23 To receive verbal reports from the Town Council's representative to;

- (i) Wiltshire Association of Local Councils – ZOOM meeting on 18th January 2023 regarding membership.

- (ii) Wilton Community Centre – nothing to report.
- (iii) Wilton Primary School – delighted to announce they received a Good OfSTED report and all the parents are very proud of this report. Wilton Town Council was pleased to hear of the improvements and congratulations to the team at Wilton Primary School.

012/23 Action Update from the Minutes dated 6th December 2022.

The following updates were noted by Wilton Town Council:

- (i) Environment and Amenities Committee discussed the building on the junction of North Street with Castle Lane and agreed that it should be reported to Wiltshire Council as it is unsafe.
- (ii) The Salt bins are being checked, several have been filled.
- (iii) The hedgcutting at the Cemetery has been completed.
- (iv) Replacing the light bulbs is on the list.
- (v) Dog poo was raised at Environment and Amenities Committee.
- (vi) The objection to the proposed Strike Off of Wilton HELP! CiC has been registered and the new date for the action is 9th June 2023.
- (vii) The electrical survey has been completed at the Council Offices and at the Pavilion.
- (viii) Wiltshire Council has been informed of the co-option.
- (ix) The revised planning response has been submitted.
- (x) The Transfer is awaiting signing.
- (xi) The Precept request has been submitted to Wiltshire Council.
- (xii) The Clerk has yet to meet with Cllr Hayes

013/23 Town Clerk's Report

Grounds maintenance: The monthly meetings with the contractor and clerk are continuing.

Cemetery: Interments and burials continue with Mr Matthews representing the Council.

The hedgcutting has been chased and now completed.

Speed Indicator Device: Waiting for the volunteers to complete the WC online training.

Public Toilets: Vandalism in the gents, the unit has been replaced.

There is also an issue with the timer

Minster Street cycle path: No further update.

Meetings: South West Wilts area board met on 14th December at the Pavilion

Correspondence: Action Market Towns – Wilton TC need to submit an action plan by the end of the calendar year. Wilton already has a Town Trail although the markers need to be installed.

Despite several requests no ideas have been put forward.

Office hours: Electrical work will take place later in January, this will mean phone and internet access will be affected but the dates for this will be confirmed. Assistance is required to help move furniture in the office, Staff will be tackling filing during this time.

Resolved: To note the report, there were no questions.

Proposed: Cllr Kinsey

Seconded: Cllr Boyd

All in favour

014/23 Date of next meeting

Cllr Kinsey confirmed the date of the next meeting of Wilton Town Council as Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7pm in the Wilton Town Council Chamber.

015/23 To close the meeting.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.23pm.