

MINUTES of a meeting of WILTON TOWN COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KINGSBURY SQUARE, WILTON on TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr Trevor Batchelder
Cllr Charlotte Blackman
Cllr Pauline Church
Cllr Peter Edge – Mayor of Wilton
Cllr Lee Glyde
Cllr Paula Johnston
Cllr Rebecca Lyons
Cllr Phil Matthews
Cllr Ivan Seviour – Deputy Mayor of Wilton
Cllr Teresa Taylor

In Attendance Mr Steve Milton, Town Clerk; Mr Hugh Abel, Minute Secretary.

Also Present Rachel Ashton-Brown & John Harris

Rachel Ashton Brown – told the meeting that, at the January Council meeting, she had asked about suggestions for amendments to the flood plan.

Rachel Ashton Brown – said that the old lamp post outside the Bell Inn had been removed and with it, the Neighbourhood Watch notice. As the sign had been purchased by the community she asked if it could be fitted to the new post.

Cllr Kinsey – asked if the District Scouts could be permitted to arrange a ‘5 metres of 50ps’ along the top of the Old St Mary’s Church wall on 16th March. This would be part of the Scouts’ fund raising drive towards buying a new camp site.

Cllr Edge – asked if any Members had any objection to this. Since no objections were raised, he confirmed that the District Scouts would be allowed to do this.

Cllr Matthews – told the meeting that this year would see the 75th Anniversary of the D Day landings. Since neither the military nor Wilton House are planning to celebrate the event he asked if the matter could be referred to the F&GP Committee for consideration.

Wiltshire Councillor Pauline Church gave her report to the Town Council

- *Riperian Ditch in Water Ditchampton* – she attended a meeting with the Wiltshire Council director in charge of flooding. Responsibility for the ditch and the track up to Grovely Wood were discussed.
- *Wilton Parkway* – LETS Rail strategy wants to identify five key new stations in Wiltshire for further development. If Wilton Parkway is on that list then it can move on to Grip stage three.
- *Boundary Commission* – Since Wiltshire Council wants to maintain the number of Councillors at 98, this will mean changes in the Division boundaries. It is likely that Great Wishford, Stoford and South Newton will be grouped together and moved to Till Valley.
- *Street Lights* – some lights in Crow Lane have been replaced as part of the county’s move to replace all street lights with LEDs.
- *Hollows* – she has met with local residents and will meet with Chris Rolfe to discuss options.
- *Post Office* – since the closure of Salisbury’s main Post Office, there is presently no Post Office in the area that can carry out all the functions normally offered by the PO. She has been in touch with HM Postmaster and has been assured that a new office will be opened in Salisbury just as soon as a suitable site is identified.
- *Council tax* – Wiltshire will propose a 2.99% increase in its Council tax needs for 2019/2020. This will include a 1% reduction in social dwelling rents.

Cllr Johnston – asked if there was any indication of what was going to happen to the Imerys quarry site.

Cllr Church – said she had not had any direct information but would make some enquiries.

Cllr Edge – said that there had been talk of it being used to take spoil from London’s Cross Rail excavations..

Cllr Church – said she was not sure.

Cllr Matthews – asked about the County Council’s planning for Brexit.

Cllr Church – said there was a team looking at various aspects including the procurement of Social Care and that a paper was being prepared with information for Parish Councils.

Cllr Batchelder – asked if the £2.00 per household requested by the Police Commissioner was included in the County Council’s precept.

Cllr Church – replied that it wasn’t.

A G E N D A

Cllr Edge in the chair

13.19 To receive apologies

Cllr Glyde apologised for his absence owing to a prior engagement.

Resolved: to accept his apology and the reason for it.

14.19 Minutes

a. **Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th January 2109 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record with one amendment.

15.19 Declarations of Interest

a. **To receive any Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers, and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.

None were declared.

Resolved: to note

b. **To consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Town Clerk and not previously considered. - None had been requested.

Resolved: to note

16.19 Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100.

Resolved: That there was no agenda item for which this provision needed to be exercised.

17.19 To consider any urgent business raised by the public in public discussion, and any other urgent matters or items of information from councillors, for referral to the appropriate committee.

It was agreed there was nothing that required further consideration.

18.19 Nunton Farm Dairy – Milk Dispenser

After discussion it was agreed to support the plan on the understanding that local retailers were consulted, all necessary permissions were sought and that all costs were to be met by Nunton Farm.

19.19 To receive the minutes of the following committee meetings and to consider any recommendations arising

a. The Amenities & Planning Committee held on 11th December 2018

the minutes of the A&P Committee Meeting held on 11th December 2018 were approved as a correct record without amendment. (prop Cllr Johnston, sec Cllr Blackman, nem con)

b. The Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 18th December 2018

the minutes of the F&GP Committee Meeting held on 18th December 2018 were approved as a correct record without amendment. (prop Cllr Batchelder, sec Cllr Kinsey, nem con)

c. The Staffing Committee held on 29th January 2019

the minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on 29th January 2019 were approved as a correct record with one amendment. (Cllr Lyons had offered her apology for absence)

20.19 To receive reports from:

a. Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and Community First

There had been no meeting of WALC since the last Town Council meeting.

b. The South West Wiltshire Area Board

Cllr Matthews reported on items from the last SWAB meeting.

- Report from Deputy Crime Commissioner.
- Presentation on Environment and Sustainability of South West Wiltshire.
- Debate on whether or not to support Armed Forces Day. It had been agreed not to sponsor the event but to offer support to anyone from SWAB area who needed help.
- The meeting had heard about Waitrose going green.

c. Wilton Community Centre

Cllr Blackman reported that the Centre had completed its risk assessment.

d. Wilton and District Chamber of Commerce

Cllr Matthews will attend a meeting in Salisbury Guildhall on 20th February.

e. Mayor of Wilton

Cllr Peter Edge reported on the following:-

- *Shopping Village parking* – He had met with Eagle One’s manager to discuss parking. The company is happy to allow Bowls and Tennis players parking facilities. He will meet later this month to finalise details.
- *Men’s Shed* – He is working to arrange temporary facilities for the Men’s Shed at the Shopping Village. Men’s Shed will then be re-located on Wilton Hill as soon as premises are available
- *Youth Club* – the Youth Club has been given notice to vacate its current premises by 6th April. He has met with Jackie Farrell and the Club is looking for somewhere to meet in future. The equipment in the Youth Club hut belongs to the Town Council and suitable storage will be needed for this as well. It was agreed to refer this matter to the A&P Committee.
- *Allotments at back of the Hollows* – need to determine ownership of this tract of land. If the title is assigned to Wiltshire Council then the Town Council should seek this asset transferred.

Resolved: to note

22.19 Financial Monitoring Reports

a. to note current balance of accounts as at 31:12:2018

Current account: £2,598.10

Deposit account £141,062.94

Resolved; to note

23.19 Wilton Town Council Budget and Precept

The recommendation from the F&GPC is that the precept for 2019/2020 be set at £216,927. This will mean an annual increase of £9.15 for Band D properties. (prop Cllr Edge, sec Cllr Batchelder – unanimous)

Resolved: to adopt F&GPC recommendation.

24.19 To consider a response to the planning applications received

a. Application 19/00285/FUL: Proposed extension and alterations at the Church Meeting Rooms, West Street, Wilton.

Resolved: to support

b. Application 19/01007/TCA: Remove 2 Silver Birch trees at 28 South Street, Wilton
Resolved: to support

c. Application 19/00228/FUL: Replacement and alteration of selected existing windows; insertion of new window in side elevation; clad existing rear elevation with painted timber cladding at The Old Bakery, 37 Riverside, Wilton.
Resolved: to support

d. Application 19/00442/TCA: Reduce Spruce Tree by 50% at April Cottage, 7 Russell Street, Wilton.
Resolved: to support

e. Application 19/00603/TCA: Reduce beech canopy by 40% at Island Lodge, Minster Street, Wilton.
Resolved: to support

25.19 To note any Wiltshire Council Planning decisions since the last meeting

Application 18/11014/TPO: Fell Norway Maple, T2 – Lime trees x2 – Crown lift to 3 metres T3 – London Plane – crown lift to clear road sign, Prune epicormics growth to all Lime along Avenue adjacent to Southern Redrow Land Only at the Avenue, Wilton. **Approved with conditions**
Resolved: to note

26.19 To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Full Council as Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber
Resolved: to confirm this date.

27.19 To close the meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.09 pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; health and Safety, and Human Rights.