

**MINUTES of a SPECIAL meeting of the WILTON TOWN COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KINGSBURY SQUARE, WILTON on TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019 at 7.00pm**

**Present** Cllr Peter Edge – Mayor of Wilton  
Cllr Paula Johnston  
Cllr Andy Kinsey  
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

**A G E N D A**

*Cllr Edge in the chair*

**41.19 To receive apologies**

Cllr Batchelder apologised for his absence because he was away on holiday  
Cllr Charlotte Blackman apologised for her absence owing to a prior commitment  
Cllr Church apologised for her absence owing to a prior commitment  
Cllr Lee Glyde apologised for his absence owing to a prior commitment  
Cllr Lyons apologised for her absence owing to a prior commitment.

**Resolved:** to accept these apologies and the reasons for them.

**42.19 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

**43.19 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.

**44.19 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.**

None was identified.

**45.19 PV Solar Installation at Castle Meadow Pavilion**

Wilton Town Council is supporting an ecoTown initiative and has included budget provision in 2019/2020 for a range of low carbon and sustainability projects in the Town – such as electric car charging facilities in South Street car park.

During the preparation of the 2019/20 budget, the possibility of installing solar PV panels at the Pavilion in Castle Meadow was discussed by the budget working party. The pavilion has a large expanse of roof and modest electricity demands – making it an ideal site. The project was supported by the working group as a potential flagship initiative to launch the ecoTown programme.

In view of the availability of external funding, no provision was included in the 2019/2020 budget.

Despite efforts made, no external funding has been sourced and the Council has been asked to consider whether it wishes to proceed with the project.

At its meeting on 5th March, the Council agreed to support the scheme in principle subject to a technical and financial assessment which was circulated to all Members for consideration.

Cllr Edge then proposed that the Town Council agree to support the installation of solar panels on the roof of the pavilion having received and accepted the technical and financial assessments carried out by the Town Clerk. Motion seconded by Cllr Matthews.

Cllr Kinsey proposed an amendment 'that there should be a limit of £6,000 on the Town Council's spend on this project.'

The amendment was accepted and the motion put to the vote>

In favour: Cllrs Edge, Kinsey, Matthews, Seviour

Against: Cllrs Johnston, Taylor

The Chairman declared that the motion had been carried.

#### **46.19 To Close the meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.18pm

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.