



Wilton Town Council

E & A Committee Meeting



The Council Offices
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Officer Report – Highway matters

18th April 2023

Please note the date for the next Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (FHFIG) formally known as CATG, is scheduled for Wednesday 31st May at Tisbury.

Junction of Crow Lane and North Street

This was raised at the Full Council meeting on 7th March.

Both North Street and Crow Lane have a 30mph speed limit. Pedestrians walking up or down (particularly down) maybe unaware of the junction.

The request is;

Slow down drivers on Crow Lane and inform them they are about to cross a pavement.

Inform pedestrians they are about to cross a road.

Suggestions include;

Zebra crossing

Reduce the speed limit in Crow Lane

Warning drivers in Crow Lane they are about to cross a pavement.

Officer advice;

In order to assess the speed a speed limit assessment would be required, this will show the average speed of traffic travelling towards North St.

Drivers travelling towards North Street will see a building opposite with a one way sign on the wall.

Crow Lane is narrow and displaying signage may not be possible.

A zebra crossing may not be the best option but perhaps other warning solutions could be considered.

Information on the cost of highway works is available on the Wiltshire Council website

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-works-cost>

Any scheme would require a contribution from Wilton Town Council, usually 25% of the total cost.

Recommendation ; Refer issue to LHFHIG for professional Highways advice.

Pavement – South Street

A resident has reported the pavement outside 23 and 25 South Street regularly floods.

Please see attached Highway Improvement request form.

Recommendation; support the request

Traffic speed on A36

A request has been received to look at the traffic speed, particularly at the crossing by The Guild as red lights are regularly ignored.

Recommendation; request a traffic survey (note this is a Highways England maintained road).

Waiting Restriction - Kingsbury Square

A Highway Improvement form has been received for the road outside 6, 6A and the Council Offices. The request is for double yellow lines to stop any vehicles parking by the Pinch Point. Please see attached Highways Improvement request form.

History – previously a request to make it one way was considered at CATG but not supported. The view was that traffic will use alternative roads to cut through which would include Russell Street and Penny's Lane. Recommendation; ensure support of other residents before agreeing to support the request.

Updates

Speed Indicator Device – this is now up and running. Cllr Crossley to confirm if the data is sent to the Police.

Litter bin – Market Square

This was first raised in October 2022, mistakenly as bin in Old St Mary's but clarified as the bin by the bus stop.

Quotes to replace this bin were obtained but the Committee felt WC should replace this as it was their asset.

Wiltshire Council were approached.

Then the Committee felt that there were a number of bins in the vicinity and perhaps moving the bin from the corner of Old St Mary's Churchyard (also a WC bin) so there would be two bins by the bus stop.

Wiltshire Council has been approached with regards to moving the bin as agreed by the Committee but replied

Please can you raise a [Wiltshire Council Booking and Reporting](#) service request when you are aware that a bin is overflowing and our contractor will be instructed to empty. By raising a service request this also provides me with the data I require in order to consider any changes to a Streetscene service as all decisions are now data driven.

For your information, I have checked our system for reports received from 1st Dec 22 and to date I have no reports regarding problems with bins at this location so no further changes will be considered at this time. Should Wilton Town Council wish to make changes to the public litter bins then the following options available:

- 1. Relocate at Wilton Town Council's expense an existing under-utilised bin with the authorisation of Wiltshire Council and our contractor will continue to empty the bin as per its current frequency at the expense of Wiltshire Council.*
- 2. Fund the supply, installation and emptying of a new bin. Wiltshire Council approval will be required if the proposed new site is on Wiltshire Council land. This bin will remain the property of Wilton Town Council who will be responsible for its ongoing maintenance and emptying as required.*

Finally, I note your request to increase the size of a public litter bin however the largest bins we would consider are a maximum 110ltr. Bins larger than 110ltr typically require a 2 man lift which we are unable to support.

At the Full Council meeting on 7th March the recommendation to move the bin was not supported and the matter was referred back to this Committee.

The Committee needs to decide whether to continue to monitor or purchase a new bin which will then be the responsibility of Wilton TC for maintenance and emptying.

Bin quotes obtained in September 2022;

Lift up bin, no door to be damaged

100l £294.46 / £334.97 (110l)

<https://uk.glasdon.com/focus-on-local-councils/litter-bins/outdoor-litter-bins>

A larger 160l bin is also available from another company, this is a lockable bin rather than a lift up.

£439.99 eco / £419.99 steel

<https://wybone.co.uk/product/mlb160-eco-litter-bin/>

South Street – request for a crossing.

Currently no update, the traffic survey (speed and volume) has been requested. Likely to be discussed at the next LHFIG meeting.

Realignment of the Wishford Road sign.

This has been requested and is likely to be on the next LHFIG agenda.

North Street – missing street sign.

At the meeting in December 2022, it was requested that a No Entry sign is also displayed under the new North Street sign to stop cars turning off the A36 and travelling the wrong way up a one way street.

There are no entry signs at the junction.

The owners of the wall are happy for the street sign to be put up.

Committee to confirm if they wish to proceed with the No Entry part of the sign and if so whether this is to be on the same sign.

Survey of pavements and dropped kerbs within Wilton.

This was first raised in 2021 and the survey undertaken in June 2022.

Audit Dated: 27-06-2022

Time 12noon

Area of audit: Wilton Town centre and roads leading to and from

Weather during audit: Went from raining to cloudy and sunshine as we ended.

Dear Alex

Thank you for asking me to attend Wilton and do an audit on the Market square and surrounding areas, please find below the findings of my audit.

Market Square: -

- *Very few disabled parking bays*
- *Not enough dropped kerbs to allow visitors and residents to access the bus stop or a safe passage next to the church.*
- *No bobble slabs at the crossing at the junction (later confirmed as by the Baptist Church)*
- *When people are stood under the bus stop, there is no room for wheelchair/scooter users to get passed and no room to turn round.*
- *The slabs on the path where the bus stop is are very slippery when wet*

North street:-

- *Drains outside of A Martin upholstery are dangerous*
- *Broken Slabs*
- *Drains outside The Coachworks are dangerous*
- *The scaffolding on North Street blocked us going any further as was not wide enough to get a wheelchair through*

West Street:-

- *The crossing on West Street is not greatly accessible as I found out when I slipped and nearly ended up in the road myself, the slabs on the ground are slippery and very dangerous to anyone unaware of the gradient*
- *The scaffolding on the crossing is not wide enough for wheelchairs leaving us to travel down the main road against the traffic*
- *Reeves sign was sticking out to far, leaving me to travel on the very edge of the kerb.*
- *The crossing outside the Community Centre I feel should have some form of lights as no one seems to care, whilst driving along the main road, which is a danger to those with sight or hearing impairments and those using wheelchairs to hold in one position for a while whilst letting cars past.*

South Street:-

- *Again no crossing along what is quite a long and very wide road again causing dangers to those with medical issues or age that may make them slower.*

All new crossing systems should be painted in bright uniform colour for each colour representing another

type of crossing to help those with sight impairment.

I hope the time I spent in Wilton has been of use to you and your fellow councillors, if there is anything further, I can do to assist you in your mission to make Wilton accessible please do feel free to contact me again

Following receipt of this report the Clerk contacted Reeve the Baker re the sign issue and they agreed to move the sign so as not to cause a problem.

The crossing in South Street has been requested (see above).

In October 2022 it was agreed to undertake an additional survey showing the dropped kerbs within the town, this hasn't happened yet due to the weather.

The subject was raised again at the Full Council meeting on 4th April.

A date for the second audit needs to be agreed.

Location for the Planters.

Wilton TC has six planters in storage.

The planters measure 750mm x 1500mm x 500mm, hold about 210L of compost, and can store 180L of water. When full they weigh approx. 340Kgs

Previously this Committee agreed to the following locations;

(i) On the grass verge in Minster Street, near the roundabout but not to cause visibility issues for the banners or roundabout.

(ii) 2 near the Heritage Trail Sign beside roundabout on Wilton Hill.

(iii) 1 at Harewarren near the Welcome to Wilton sign

(iv) 1 on the grassed island near Wilton Primary School

(v) a second one at Minster Street, so there would be one either side of the existing bench.

Waiting on confirmation from WC highways to locate the planters at the above locations.

A recent suggestion for locations has been received;

Two placed on the hard standing in front of the turning space on South Street adjacent to the first turning for Bulbridge Road and opposite the bus stop.

Two go into Old St Mary's by the benches.

Two in Greyhound Lane.

Town Trail Markers

This has been outstanding for years.

As previously reported the markers really need to go on walls rather than the pavement.

Each location needs to be assessed to agree the most suitable site for the marker and then permission will be required.

This was also raised at the Annual Town Meeting on 4th April

Minster Street cycle path

No update has been received, the last scheduled meeting was 9th September.

Other highway matters not on the agenda;

It has been previously reported that the following areas are due for resurfacing

Shaftesbury Rd

Wishford Rd

The Avenue

Please note the quote attributed to the Town Clerk in this month's Valley News is incorrect, the Clerk stated Wilton Town Council has been assured that current state of road surfacing at the following locations within Wilton are on the list;

Shaftesbury Road

The Avenue

Wishford Road

*At the recent Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group meeting it was confirmed that the roads were on the list for resurfacing but no dates were available.
As the work falls under Wiltshire Council Highways I shall leave them to confirm details with you.*

The dates for the Parish Steward are circulated with a request for items to put on the list. Salt bins will be on the June agenda.

Street name plates.

The signs vary in cost depending on the number of letters required but Philip Road and St Peter's Close cost £310 each last year. This is just the sign, no materials supplied to fix them.

Creation of a Coronation Meadow at Wilton Park and Ride

Wiltshire Council has no money to fund the environmental management of the Park and Ride Sites. Volunteers would be needed in the autumn to cut and rake away arisings to encourage wild flowers to thrive.

Plantlife has launched a Coronation Meadows Campaign and they aim to make 100 new wildflower meadows across the Nation to mark the Coronation year of King Charles III.

It would be a great thing to mark the Coronation Year with our own Coronation Meadow at the Park and Ride site. The Island which the bus goes around at the park and ride site is south facing, dry and very suitable as a small and manageable site to start with, we could later spread onto the main entrance road to the park and ride site.

Costs would be minor if anything. Maybe the purchase of a few highest quality wildflower seeds, maximum £50 to £100.

It is hoped the volunteers could be covered by the Health and Safety and Insurance of the Town Council if they sign the necessary daily forms. Volunteers would bring their own gloves and tools.

Play Areas.

Minster Street.

The tennis courts are now open (and in use), still trying to resolve the issue of the lock on the ramp.

The trampoline repair is still outstanding, it is being chased.

The quote to repair / replace the gates has been received but further quotes are required.

Castle Meadow outdoor gym

The new signs have arrived and should be installed soon.

A quote has been received to repair the kickwall but further quotes are required.

Wishford Road – no reported issues

Bulbridge

The trampoline edging has been replaced.

The dog bag dispenser has been replaced.

Maple Crescent Play area.

This is owned and maintained by Wiltshire Council.

In 2018 WC asked if Wilton TC wished to take it on, the TC responded that it didn't sue to the proximity of other play areas nearby.

WC has emailed asking for feedback on reverting this area back to open space.