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|   | Wilton Town CouncilFull Council MeetingTuesday 1st July 2025 |
|  |  | The Council OfficesKingsbury SquareWilton SP2 0BA | Report for the Full Council meeting to be held on 1st July 202525th June 2025 |
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**Apologies**

Councillors are reminded that apologies should be sent to the Clerk/Deputy Clerk before midday on the day of the meeting, if after midday please ensure apologies are sent to all Councillors.

The minimum number (Quorum) of Councillors required is four.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting have been circulated and will be uploaded to the website before the meeting.

**Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Please remember the reason for the exclusion must be stated in the resolution to exclude.

Without the resolution it is not possible to lawfully ask the public to leave

**Mayor’s Report**

**Mayor’s Report – 2nd June to 17th June 2025** *Wilton Town Council*

**Supporting Our Young People**

I had the pleasure of meeting with **Jaki from Seeds4Success** to discuss the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on young people in rural areas. Unlike their city counterparts, rural children often face barriers due to limited transport and financial constraints.

Jaki and her team are tackling these challenges head-on. They run:

* A **weekly youth club** for Wilton children (Year 6 onwards)
* **Transport services** to activities in Tisbury
* A **leisure credits project**, where young people earn rewards through outdoor work

A particularly exciting development is the **Summer Fuel Camp**, launching in Wilton for the first time! This initiative, funded to support families receiving free school meals, will provide young people with youth club activities and a **healthy meal**.

I encourage everyone to check out **Seeds4Success** <https://www.seeds4success.org.uk/wilton-youth-club> and learn more about the brilliant work they do.

**A Mouse, a Trampoline, and a Consort on a Mission**

Community spirit comes in all shapes and sizes—including the rescue of a very stubborn little mouse!

After reports that a mouse was stuck in the base of the trampoline at **Minster Street recreational area**, my **Consort staged a rescue operation**. His mission included:

* Lying flat on his belly on top of the trampoline to coax the mouse out, not looking to elegant.
* Building a **stick escape route** Despite our best efforts, the mouse seemed rather content in its new home and refused to budge. Who knows—perhaps Wilton has just acquired its most reluctant mascot!

**Fundraising for the Mayoral Charity Seeds4success**

I’m delighted to share that fundraising efforts for this year’s **Mayoral charity** are officially underway!

Our first event will be a **Family Bingo Night at Wilton Social Club**, thanks to the generosity of the **Committee** and our fantastic Bingo caller, **Nikkie Pomfret**.

I’ve been reaching out to local businesses for prize donations, and the response has been incredible. So far, we’ve received:

* **Two Amazon Fire 7 tablets**
* A **boat ride experience**
* Donations from **Paloma Lily, Lucky Leads, The Courtyard Marketplace, Wilton House, Happybara, and Cllr. Willocks’ wife’s business**

It’s truly heartwarming to see so many coming together for this cause. If you know a business that might be willing to contribute, please do let me know—**every little bit helps!**

**Celebrating Local Businesses**

Wilton is home to some fantastic independent businesses, and with the support of **WTC Officer Paula Johnston**, we are organizing a **special get-together** to celebrate four **local businesses** that have won **Wiltshire Muddy Stiletto Awards**—some for the second year in a row!

**Celebrating:**

* **Paloma Lily**
* **Happybara**
* **Lulu & Boo**
* **The Courtyard Marketplace Wilton** On **Friday, 27th June at 5:30pm** we will **recognize their hard work and dedication**. I encourage everyone to show their support by letting friends, Family and acquaintances know what fantastic businesses we have in Wilton, talking about what we have might make people curious and encourage footfall.

**Amesbury’s Mayoral Celebration**

Last week Saturday 14th June, I was honoured to attend the **celebration for Amesbury’s Mayor, Monica Devendran with my Consort.**

It was a wonderful ceremony, providing the opportunity to connect with fellow **Mayors and Deputy Mayors** across the region. Events like this remind us how strong our communities are when we come together, and I look forward to **continuing to build these connections**.

**Final Thoughts**

Thank you all for your continued **support and engagement**—Wilton is truly a special place because of its people.

**Best regards,**

Alexandra Eliana Boyd, Mayor, Wilton Town Council 2025/26

**Money**

Bank rec, Income & Expenditure and Balance sheet will be emailed to Councillors and uploaded to the website.

Please email any questions to the Office as soon as possible, no later than midday on the day of the meeting.

**Verbal Reports**

WALC -Executive meeting scheduled 30th June

SWWAB – The next meeting is in East Knoyle on 16th July. All Cllrs are welcome to attend.

SWW Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group – Next meeting 25th June.

South Wiltshire OFWG – Cllr Peter Edge.

Wilton Community Centre – vacant

Wilton Church of England Primary School – Cllr Alexandra Boyd.

Trustees of Michael Herbert Hall – currently Cllr Charlotte Blackman,

Wilton United Charities – Cllrs Blackman and Boyd.

**Parish Steward Liaison**

All tasks for the Parish Steward should be emailed to Cllr Blackman least **nine** days before the scheduled visit.

The scheduled dates are

14th and 15th July

There is no scheduled visit in August

11th and 15th September

14th and 15th October

13th and 17th November

9th December

Please see appendix 1 for a list of tasks the Parish Steward can do

**Future Meetings**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Meeting** | **Attendees** |
| 1st July | 7pm | Full Council | All Cllrs |
| 16th July | 6.30pm | [South West Wilts Area Board – East](https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=169&MId=15303&Ver=4) Knoyle (TBC)  | Public Meeting Cllrs can attend if they wish to |
| 15th July | 7pm |  Full Council | All Cllrs |
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Meetings in Green are open to the public.

**Appendix 1**

**Parish Steward Scheme Tasks – 2024**

* + hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers.
	+ hand clearing of blocked gullies.
	+ rodding of drainage systems
	+ clearing of small culverts, pipes, and pits
	+ clearing storm debris
	+ trimming encroaching hedges and vegetation from around road signs and railings
	+ cleaning and straightening small road signs.
	+ hand cutting small visibility areas.
	+ reactive emergency repairs including pothole repairs (In accordance with Wiltshire Councils Highways Inspection Manual 2018)
	+ find, fix & record potholes (cold repairs only)
	+ responding to road closure requests from the emergency services
	+ removal of ragwort (hand pulling or strimming of defined areas)
	+ treatment/removal of weeds
	+ graffiti and fly posting removal.
	+ clearance of debris and materials from scenes of road traffic collisions including clinical waste.
	+ siding out of footways and carriageways
	+ clearance of storm damaged trees from the Highway including the use of a chainsaw

The following works cannot be undertaken by the Parish Steward without support as they require a two-person operation. These works can be undertaken on an ADHOC day, which is typically a Friday, but this is flexible.

* Minor Carriageway repairs including vehicle overruns.
* Works requiring traffic management (including Stop and Go or manual controlling of temporary traffic signals in accordance with Chapter 8)

Examples of types of emergency reactive local highway work which is to be undertaken by the Highway Stewards includes (but is not exclusive to). These issues can take the steward from their programme:

* resolving flooding issues – clearing drainage grips and drain gully covers, clearing of small culverts, pipes, and pits etc.
* placing emergency signage and traffic management
* fence and pedestrian barrier safe
* clearing structures and fixings and make safe.
* hand cutting vegetation in visibility areas.
* reactive pothole repair
* responding to road closure requests from the emergency services
* small masonry type works such as repairs to slabs and damaged kerbs.
* clearance of debris and materials from scenes of road traffic collisions including clinical waste
* clearance of storm damaged trees from the Highway including the use of a chainsaw – requires additional operative.