MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN WILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025 7.00PM

Present Cllr Alan Crossley, Mayor of Wilton, Mrs C Churchill, Town Clerk and 60 members of the public including Wilton Town Councillors Blackman, Forbes, Crossley, Moore, Page and Hilliard.

Cllr Crossley, Mayor of Wilton, in the chair opened the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Harrison and Whillock and Unitary Councillor Pauline Church.

2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 11 March 2024

Resolved: To approve the minutes

Proposed: Cllr Crossley **Seconded**: Cllr Blackman ***Approved by a show of hands***

3 **MAYOR'S REPORT for 2024/2025** presented by Cllr Crossley.

4 The following COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS delivered presentations to those in attendance.

Wiltshire Police Community Team

Wilton Rotary Club

Thursday Club

Wilton Voices

Wilton Men's Shed

Wilton and District Link

Wilton Baptist Church

Wilton Community Centre

Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group

Sarum Morris

Wilton Church

Wilton Carnival

Wilton Community Land Trust

5 QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Members of the public addressed the Council and raised questions.

A member of the public was not disappointed that the format of the meeting had the Q&A session after the Community Group presentations, as many residents had left by then.

A. Why do the cemetery regulations state that prams are not allowed?
B. Questioned the accessibility of the toilets in the Council Foyer.
C. Could a Focus Group be set up for these accessibility issues?
D. In 2023 there were two accessibility audits. What is happening as a result?
E. When the castle Meadow Gates are shut there is no suitable pedestrian access.
F. Could a QR code be set up for Pavilion hire together with the phone number?
G. The notice boards heights are not suitable for wheelchair users.

H. There should be more Wilton Town Council advertising on Wilton Chat FB.
I. Could the Wilton Town Council Website be more user friendly?
J. Parishioners should be more involved in organising community activities for parishioners.

Council Responses given at the meeting:

A. Those present were not aware of the exact reason but suggested this was probably a legacy notice. Note: This is part of the cemetery by-laws
B. This was due to be addressed in conjunction with the Chamber access issue.
C. Did not have a problem with this proposal.
D. This would be examined in a forward plan for the Town Council.
E. Understand the issue over the muddy, tree rooted present access. Perhaps can be considered in the Car Park project that was still in hand.
F. Did not have a problem with this proposal.
G. The boards were installed to the manufacturer's specifications.
H. Did not have a problem with this proposal.
I. Did not have a problem with this proposal.
J. This seemed to be similar to the Town Team arrangement from earlier years, that was not continued

6 THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 9pm

EQUALITY STATEMENT

In the exercise of their responsibilities, Wilton Town Councillors have committed to uphold the Code of Conduct and to have full regard of the following in decision making:

- Equal Opportunities (age, race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability)
- Data Protection (GDPR)
- Health & Safety
- Human Rights.

Signed

Chris Harrison

Cllr Chris Harrison Mayor

Dated 20 April 2026