

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN WILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026 6:15PM

Present: Cllr Angela Alexander, Charlotte Blackman (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Gary Blandford-Hull, Cllr Alexandra Boyd, Cllr Michelle Ditton, Cllr Peter Edge, Cllr Chris Harrison (Mayor), Cllr Maria La Femina, Cllr Phil Matthews and Cllr Mick Whillock + 29 members of public + 1 online.

Wiltshire Council: Cllr Pauline Church was present

Wiltshire Police: 3 officers were present

Officers present: Brie Logan - Town Clerk and Neil Durrant – Comms Officer

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Forbes.

2. Minutes of Annual of town meeting on 10 March 2025 (including a minor correction to remove the word *not* in reference to the Castle Meadow minute)

Proposed: Cllr La Femina **Seconded:** Cllr Boyd *Approved by a show of hands*

3. [ANNUAL REPORT](#) for 2025/2026 presented by Cllr Harrison.

4. Public Forum and Q&A session – the following questions were raised:

- a) Concern was raised re pedestrian access, especially for those with reduced mobility, to Castle Meadow during poor (wet) weather when the vehicle gates are closed. This will be considered as part of the wider design at a later stage in the project.
- b) Comment was raised about the increase in Precept for 2026/2027 and a query was raised that if the projects were not delivered would the funds be spent elsewhere? The Town Clerk confirmed that Ear Marked funds are allocated to specific projects that are formally approved by the council. It was also confirmed that in the unlikely event the projects were not delivered the Ear Marked Reserves would be rolled over in to the next financial year.
- c) Comment was raised about the 20mph proposal – this was noted.
- d) Concern was raised about the amount of Litter in the verges in and around Wilton. Cllr Church responded to confirm that the A36 is the responsibility of National Highways and Wiltshire Council is responsible for the highways across the county. The Town Clerk also confirmed that the newly appointed Facilities Officer carries out standards checks in and around the town centre.
- e) Concern was raised about traffic travelling the wrong way up North Street and more directional signage and stronger measures are needed to assist with exiting the Market Square car park. It was agreed to submit a request to Wiltshire Council to seek additional signage and repaint the road markings.
- f) Comment was raised about needing a bin to be relocated next to the bench in South Street.
- g) A request was made to members of the public to complete the Fire Station consultation. Thanks was given to the mayor for the compilation of the WTC response to the consultation.
- h) A request was made by the Wilton Wildlife Group to collate and record any sightings of toads noting the decline in visible wildlife.
- i) Concern was raised about potholes and it was advised for all issues to be reported through online reporting at [MyWILTS](#).

5. Signing of the Armed Forces Covenant Pledge – the Pledge was signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

6. **Presentation by the Mayor’s Charity for 2025/26, Seeds4Success** – Former Mayor Cllr Alexandra Boyd presented an update on her fundraising in 2025/2026 and committed to the charity.
7. **Cheque Presentation by Cllr Alexandra Boyd, former Mayor of Wilton, to Seeds4Success** – A cheque for £720 was presented to the representative of the Seeds4Success charity.
8. **Prize presentations to the winners of the Wilton Wonders Photo Competition** – prizes and certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place were presented to the winners of the competition.
9. **Presentation by the Flood & Rivers Management Advisory Committee** – the Chair of the committee presented an overview of the emerging Wilton Flood Plan.
10. **Presentations by recipients of Wilton Town Council Grants**
 - a) Wilton Carnival (Grant Recipient)
 - b) Wilton Community Centre (Grant Recipient) - Report read by Cllr Harrison - Mayor of Wilton
 - c) Wilton & District Link (Grant Recipient)
 - d) St Peter’s Fugglestone Trust (Grant Recipient)
11. **Presentations by local and community organisations**
 - a) Wilton Rotary Group
 - b) Wilton Wildlife Group
 - c) Wilton Men’s Shed
 - d) Wilton Carnival Committee
 - e) Wilton Bowls Club
 - f) Entrain Space Veteran’s Centre
 - g) Engage Wilton

12. To close the meeting

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8pm

Signed.....Mayor 2026/2027

Dated 19 April 2027