

Minutes of the Wilton Town Team meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2015 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber

Present:

Cllr Phil Matthews, (Mayor of Wilton), **Wilts Cllr Peter Edge**, **Jonathan Green** (Minster, Baptist Church), **David Parker** (Editor, Valley News), **Catherine Purves** (Town Clerk), **Rev'd Mark Wood** (Rector, St Mary & St Nicholas Church), **Gary Nunn** (Wilton Community Centre etc) **Stephen Harris** (Community Engagement Manager) **Andy Kinsey** (Wilton & District Business Chamber) **James Scott-Clarke** (Chairman, Tisbury & District Community Minibus Ltd - "Tisbus") **Dave Roberts** (Director, Morgan Roberts Ltd), **Louise Cary** (Wiltshire Council),

Apologies:

Mark Pountain (Chairman Wilton Community Land Trust)

Prior to the main meeting, James Scott-Clarke gave a short presentation on the TisBus scheme, and Dave Roberts and Louise Cary updated those present on the British Cycling event proposed for Wiltshire in May 2016 (date to be confirmed). Notes of the presentations can be found in the appendix to these minutes

1. **Chairman's welcome and apologies** – Cllr Edge welcomed all to the meeting. The apologies were as noted above.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, and any matters arising not covered in the agenda**
 - a. *Minutes* – the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd October were approved and signed as a correct record subject the amendment that the Church had just celebrated its 170th birthday, not that it was about to.
 - b. *Matters arising*
 - i. *Wall of Remembrance* – Gary reported that he had not heard anything more about the Wall of Remembrance, and would make enquiries.
3. **Updates re current issues**
 - i. *The re-opening of Wilton Station*

Two events are being held concerning this. The Business Chamber is holding a lunch on 26th November at the Salisbury Golf Club, to be attended by the Chairman of the Swindon & Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership, and also Paul Johnson of Trans Wilts, and Wilts Cllr Horace Prickett, Portfolio Holder for Transport. Mr Johnson and Cllr Prickett will also be attending the community meeting arranged for 7.00pm the same evening in the Baptist Church to update the public about progress. It was vital to have a strong show of local support at both meetings. It was noted that John Glen Mp and Claire Perry Parliamentary Undersecretary at the Department of Transport both strongly supported the project.
 - ii. *Lloyds Bank opening hours* – the petition was still available for signature, and it was decided that it should be collected and presented in January.
 - iii. *Transfer of assets to Wilton Town Council* – Wilton Town Council had agreed to enter into negotiations for the transfer of the public toilets in the Market Square, the two disused buildings at the junction on Bell Lane and the two

play areas in Marchmont Close and Randells Croft. It was thought that the public toilets would be transferred in April 2016, and the other assets in 2017. It was understood that Salisbury City Council will be used as a model for future transfers.

- iv. *CCTV* – The Town Council is waiting for costings to run its own system, or whether it should wait for the existing system to be upgraded with the signal either transferred locally or to Salisbury. The Town Council will choose the most economically viable option.
- v. *Dementia awareness evening* – there will a presentation on dementia awareness at the February 2016 meeting, starting at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th February.
- vi. *Wilton Retailers' Evening* – this was thought to have been very useful, and will be held again in March 2016, led by the Business Chamber.
- vii. *Sure Start Centre* – the Wilton Middle School Trust had offered formally to cover the 12 months rental due to from June 2016 to June 2017, and that the PCC were happy to explore the possible adaptation of the Church Rooms as venue to provide a continued service. Both local managers have resigned, but the Revd Wood understands Wiltshire Council would like to discuss matters further. Cllr Matthews raised again his concern about the funds raised by his Mayoral Appeal in 2014/15 towards the proposed sensory garden, and when the funds would be returned to him. It was noted that the Business Chamber would prefer the existing venue to revert to being a business or retail outlet.
- viii. *Proposed Town Manager* – mark Pountain had advised by e-mail that he had yet to discuss the possibility of a joint CLT Manager/Town Manager with the Our Enterprise Trust, but hoped to be able to report progress to the next meeting.

4. The possibility of starting a Wilton & District community bus scheme "WilDbus"

The presentation given by James Scott-Clarke was well received, and it was agreed to progress matters by forming a working party to meet in January and investigate matters further. Volunteers across the Wilton Community District will be sought.

5. Proposed Cycle Wiltshire Event 2016

The earlier discussion was noted, but concerns were raised about the impact on residential parking. It was also thought necessary for some sort of PA system to be in place in order to commentate on the race.

6. Brief Updates from Member Bodies

- i. *South West Wilts Area Board* – Stephen Harris advised that the next Area Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th December in Mere. Items covered will include a litter picking initiative, a joint Rights of Way project with the campaign for the Protection of Rural England, precept issues, area profiles, prevention of child sex exploitation and the SID's programme.
- ii. *Wilton Carnival* – Gary Nunn advised that a public meeting has been organised for Wednesday 25th November to discuss the organisation of the carnival in 2016 and beyond. Arrangements for the Christmas Tree Lighting

Event are well in hand. The risk assessment has been done, and will be circulated.

- iii. *St Mary & St Nicholas Church* – The Revd Mark Wood advised that plans were well advanced for the Royal Weekend 11th/12th June 2016, with a Civic Service, live band, Wilton's Got talent and a tea party in the Community Centre
- iv. *Wilton & District Business Chamber* – Andy Kinsey advised that the next Business Breakfast would be held on 8th December in the church. The Chamber will providing freestanding Christmas trees and battery powered lights to the local businesses. The Scouts would be running the Scout Post again this year. The Town Trail scheme will also be revived to be in place by next spring.
- v. *Baptist Church* – the Minister, Johnathan Greening advised that the Christian Fellowship's Christmas Lunch would be going ahead this year.
- vi. *Wilton Town Council* – Cllr Matthews advised that he had sent a Letter of Condolence as Mayor to the French Ambassador in the light of recent events in Paris.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr Edge advised that the recommendations from the Community Governance Review working group would be discussed at a special meeting of Wiltshire Council on Tuesday 24th November. The owners of the Felt Mill were to submit plans for approval to Wiltshire Council by Christmas. He understood that they were very similar to those given approval in 2003, but it was possible that a public meeting might be called, particularly in connection with the impact on primary school education in Wilton. He was investigating options, as the £1m obtained from the UKLF development was being put towards the school to be located at the Fugglestone Red 2 development at the top of The Avenue, in Salisbury CP.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 21st January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber**