

**Minutes of the Town Team meeting held on 21st April at 7.30pm in the
Wilton Town Council Chamber**

Present: Wilts Cllr Pete Edge (Chairman), **Andy Kinsey** (Wilton & District Business Chamber) **Cllr Phil Mathews** (Mayor of Wilton), **David Parker** (Editor, Valley News), **Catherine Purves** (Town Clerk), **Johnathan Greening** (Minister Baptist church), **Neil Prigent** (Jas Hair), **Steve Harris** (South West Wilts Community Engagement Manager), **Mark Pountain** (Chairman Wilton CLT)

1. **Chairman's welcome & apologies** - the Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted from **Sue Harper** (Our Wilton), **Gary Nunn** (Community Events) **Jane Paessler-Whatley** (Wilton Carnival), **Revd Mark Wood** (St Mary & St Nicholas Church), **David Corp** (Wilton Shopping Village)
2. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting** – these were approved without amendment.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a. *Wilton Market* – a new stall had replaced the ironmongers, and Wiltshire Council was actively trying to attract a further stallholder to occupy an available pitch.
 - b. *CCTV* – Cllr Edge had spoken to Steve Godwin of the Salisbury BID, and it was hoped that once the asset transfers had taken place, progress would be made with the CCTV issue. It was likely that the charges to the Town council would not be as great as first thought.
 - c. *A36/A30 Wilton Roundabout* – there was no further news.
4. **Updates concerning ongoing issues:**
 - i. *Wilton & District Community Bus Working Group* – David Parker had been in touch with the Community Transport Group, based in Churchfields, Salisbury, and reassured them that there was no intention to compete with the organisation. The Bus Working Group will meet the CTG in due course. From the responses received to the initial canvassing exercise, it was clear that the majority were in favour of progressing this scheme, and David Parker will also contact the Tisbus Group again for further guidance. Andy Kinsey advised that the WildBus scheme could initially hire the 17 seater Scout mini bus for a donation of around £16.00 per hire. It was noted that the bus not have disabled access.
 - ii. *Cycle Wilts event* – Stephen Harris confirmed that the Cycle Wiltshire Grand Prix (8th May) would take place, but that the sportive event on Saturday 7th May had been postponed to Sunday 2nd October, to coincide with the proposed opening of the five Rivers Community Hub. Those present expressed their disappointment at the low key arrangements as far as Wilton was concerned, and the sporadic communications that had been received about the event. It was noted that Wiltshire Council's next Legacy Meeting would take place on 26th April.
 - iii. *The Heritage Plan and its initiatives –Tourist Information Centre/Town Museum* – Wilton Town Council were in contact with Salisbury City Council about this.
 - iv. *Town Trail* –David von Zeffman has been invited to attend the May meeting to show the Group the proposed artwork for the map lecterns and town trail leaflets. Those present thought there should be three map lecterns in total, one sited at the shopping Village, one in the Market Place, and one in South Street car park. The three finger posts will be ordered at the same time, and the Town Council is presently requesting Wiltshire Council Highways' agreement to the siting of the lecterns in the Market Place. A map will be available at the next meeting showing the chosen sites.

- v. *Wilton Parkway Railway Station* – TransWilts held its AGM and forum in Salisbury on 16th April, and it was clear that all those present were very supportive of this project. TransWilts have applied for a grant of £60k to undertake the feasibility study, but needs an additional £15k to allow the matter to proceed. It had been hoped that funds would be available from the 106 monies allocated to the Salisbury Transportation Strategy, but it seems this is not the case. Cllr Matthews is to have a meeting with Wilton Estate on other issues, and will suggest that the Estate might consider making a contribution. It was noted that Wilton Town Council has become a Friend of TransWilts

5. Brief updates from member bodies

- i. *Community Events* – Gary Nunn had submitted report in his absence. The arrangements QBD celebrations were on course, the concert acts were coming together, and an application had been made for a community grant from the Area Board.
- ii. *Business Chamber* – David Parker, in his capacity as Chairman of the Chamber, advised that arrangements for this year's Wilton Event were progressing well, and they were looking for someone to open it formally on 17th September. Neil Prigent advised that the Fifth Anniversary celebrations would take place at Bird & Carter from 8.00am. He had been progressing the business engagement plans with Our Wilton, to ensure that membership of the Chamber is included in the rental agreements for the business units. He is also starting to engage with the businesses outside Wilton town.
- iii. *Baptist Church* – Minister Johnathan Greening advised that the event celebrate its 35th anniversary in April had been well attended and very successful. He raised concerns about the flagpole, and there was some discussion concerning its ownership and responsibility for maintenance. The Baptist Church will progress matters.
- iv. *Stephen Harris (SWWABCEM)* – Stephen Harris advised that the "Taste the Chase" event at the Larmer Tree had been very successful with a good turnout from both businesses and public alike. The Area Board has earmarked £500 for each Community Area for the Queens' Birthday Celebrations. The Nadder Centre in Tisbury was nearing completion in early July. The services/users/organisations will move in, and the Centre should be fully operational in September. Wiltshire Council had launched its "Road to Rio" initiative to coincide with the Olympics, whereby individuals/groups/organisations/communities could set themselves physical challenges to improve their overall health.
- v. *Town Council* – Cllr Matthews advised that the Town Council's was looking into the provision of defibrillators in the Town, and having approached Wilton Estate for a contribution, he had discovered that there were already six defibs in the Town. Cllr edge thought that a further two were needed, one in the Community Centre, and one by the Fire Station. It was thought the fire engines themselves already carried such equipment. The Town council would also be holding an Extraordinary meeting of the Council to discuss the felt Factory site plans on Tuesday 10th May at 8.00pm in the Community Centre. It will be preceded by a public meeting at 6.30pm in the same venue.
- vi. *Wilton Carnival* – Jane Paessler-Whatley had submitted a report in her absence. arrangements were progressing, but that more volunteers were needed on the day, particularly for someone to run the car boot sale.
- vii. *Wilton Community Land Trust* – Mark Pountain advised that a Board meeting would be held the following week with representatives from the Our Wilton CIC, when the funding arrangements for the CLT would be discussed, and the priorities identified to help local projects. He had noted a genuine willingness of all parties to co-operate and progress matters.

6. Any Other Business –

- a. *Road sweeper* – Cllr Edge raised the issue about road sweeping in Wilton, as he was aware of someone who might be able to provide this service. However, after some discussion, it was thought that the Salisbury BID or the Town Council may be able to provide this service in the future.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber.