

Notes of the Wilton Town Team meeting held on 19th September 2013 in the Council Chamber

Present

Sam Allen (Wilton Youth Club), **Jonathan Green** (Pastor, Wilton Baptist Church), **Stephen Harris** (Wiltshire Council Community Area Manager), **Phil Matthews** (Mayor and Chairman, Wilton Town Council), **David Parker** (Chairman, Wilton & District Chamber of Commerce), **Catherine Purves** (Clerk, Wilton Town Council), **Rose Salmi** (Leader, Wilton Youth Club), **Ken Taylor** (Chairman, Wilton Community Land Trust), **Mark Wood** (Wilton Parish Church), **David von Zeffman** (President, Wilton & District Business Chamber)

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies

David von Zeffman welcomed all to the meeting, particularly Rose Salmi and Sam Allen from Wilton Youth Club. He advised that he would write to the A.O.N.B to thank them for Deb Beeson's input, and to request a replacement representative in due course, or at least regular updates on the Board's activities.

Apologies were received and noted from **Peter Edge** (Wiltshire Councillor), **Mark Graves** and **Chris Rolf** (Wilton Estate), **Gary Nunn** (Wilton Community Carnival) **Peter Newall** (Wilton Church) and **Ian Pedliham** (Community Beat Manager, Wilton Town Police).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

3. Report from Wilton Community Land Trust

Ken Taylor requested feedback from those present regarding the public meeting held on 14th September.

- It was felt that the meeting had not been advertised/publicised as well as it could have been.
- It was felt that the presentation was not as good as it could have been.

KT advised there had been some 50/60 people present, a mix of members of the public and specialists. He acknowledged that the plans displayed had been illustrative only, and it was hoped that a formal planning application would be submitted by the end of September, incorporating more of the positive comments and feedback received at the meeting.

KT felt very strongly that the main achievement and legacy of the partnership had been Redrow's consultation with the WCLT and Wilton residents, together with the process surrounding it, as much as the outcome itself, which was acknowledged to be a compromise between aspirations and commercial reality, as the large subsidies needed to provide an advanced ecologically friendly scheme were not available.

DvZ asked if the revised number of employment opportunities envisaged had been calculated. At the time of the meeting, the answer was "no", although it seemed that the final figure would be significantly less than envisaged in the Core Strategy. He also asked if the accommodation now planned for the veterans' centre, care home etc would be included within the 450 homes called for under the Core Strategy.

DP raised concerns about the amount of affordable housing that would be available, and the extent to which the proposed veterans' facility would absorb a greater part of the allocation. KT undertook to circulate more information about the planned housing allocation as soon as it became available.

4. Report from the Wilton & District Business Chamber

DvZ reported the following:

- The Chamber's MEP lunch on 6th September had been a success, but that he had hoped for greater support and that both the Chamber and The Pembroke had some lessons to learn.
- The "Meet the Neighbours" evening event on 16th September had been very pleasant and a great success, which boded well for the future.
- The next Chamber lunch would be held **on 30th October at the Pembroke Arms**, when the guests will be Jane Scott (Leader Wiltshire Council) and Isobel Brown (Partnership Director S & WLEP).
- The Chamber was also organising The Wilton Event 2013, a "Business Meets Community", rather than business-to-business event **on 2nd November**, kindly hosted by Wilton Shopping Village. There had been a great deal of interest, which was encouraging, and it was noted that the Town Council had resolved to have a presence at this business/community initiative.
- A Town website was continuing to be developed: the intention remained for Town / Community Team organisations to have reciprocal website links.

5. Report from Wilton Rotary

In Andy Rhind-Tutt's absence, Mark Wood was able to update the meeting on the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony.

- This year's event would be on Monday 2nd December at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm switch on.
- There would be no burger vans, and it was hoped the whole event would have far more of a community feel, and that the community carol singing would be developed.
- Peter Edge was looking for funding for new Christmas tree lights for 2014 in the sum of £2500.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

- It was noted that the Town council had applied to register with Wilts. Council to develop a Neighbourhood plan.
- It was also noted that Wilts. Council would be holding workshops on all stages of neighbourhood planning from November onwards.

7. The Amesbury, Salisbury, Wilton & Stonehenge grouping

This item was deferred to the next meeting in Andy Rhind-Tutts's absence.

8. Town Team constitution and incorporation

- After a lot of research, DvZ had not found a model constitution which would be suitable to adopt and that other Town teams appeared still to be working on their constitutions. He recommended, therefore, that he talk to his solicitor and produce a Wilton draft for discussion
- He also suggested that the Team be constituted as a Community Interest Company, as the paperwork was easy and straightforward.

- Ken Taylor undertook to provide a copy of the Articles of Association of the WCLT , which is constituted as a CIC, for consideration.

9. Benchmarking/Market Towns networking and VisitWiltshire

- *The Benchmarking* process was underway, and the detailed surveys would be carried out later in the month.
- *Market Towns networking/Visit Wiltshire* – it was noted that the Town Council had resolved to take out membership of these two organisations for a year.

10. Any Other Business

- *Youth Action project* – Rose Salmi updated those present of the work carried out by young people (aged 10 – 13) with a community garden scheme in Tisbury. This was also part of the National Citizens Scheme.
- DvZ asked what plans (if any) there were for a replacement notice board in the Market Square and, if the Youth Centre were involved and their involvement noted, would that decrease the possibility of vandalism of the replacement board. Rose Salmi agreed that involving the Centre in the project would be welcome and Stehen Harris offered to keep her posted as to any funding which might be available.
- *Heritage Trail* – DvZ advised that this project was progressing well, with two key people to involve, Roz Liddington in Wilton and David Richards, a Salisbury Blue badge guide. Their respective diaries had made it impossible to set up a meeting before October.
- *Wilton station* – it was thought to be a good idea for representatives of the “Stop the Train” campaign, who were successful in getting Chandlers Ford station reopened, to come and talk to the Town Team. DvZ is happy to arrange this.
- *Small Business Saturday* – this is an American concept to support local shops and businesses, and has Government support. This year’s first national event will take place on Saturday 7th December.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber