

**Notes of the Wilton Town Team Meeting held on Thursday 14th
November at 7.30pm in Wilton Town Council Chamber.**

Present

Phil Matthews (Mayor and Chairman, Wilton Town Council), **David Corp** (Wilton Shopping Village), **David Parker** (Chairman, Wilton & District Chamber of Commerce), **Ken Taylor** (Chairman, Wilton Community Land Trust), **Jonathon Green** (Pastor, Wilton Baptist Church), **Gary Nunn** (Wilton Community Carnival), **Ben Brewster** (Wilton Neighbourhood Policing Team), **David von Zeffman** (President, Wilton & District Business Chamber), **Stephen Harris** (Community Area Manager, South West Wiltshire Area Board), **Rose Salmi** (Lead Assistant Youth Worker, Wilton Development Centre for Young People), Young people from Wilton Development Centre for Young People

1. Chairman's welcome and any apologies. Arrangements for minute-taking.

DvZ welcomed all to the meeting and especially thanked all of the young people for attending. He advised that there had been a fundraising event (at his home) the previous week for Wilton Youth Development Centre and £635/ had been raised. DvZ gave an overview of the Town Team for the benefit of the young people.

Apologies received and noted from; **Peter Edge** (Wiltshire Councillor), **Mark Wood** (Wilton Parish Church), **Chris Rolfe** (Wilton House).

Peter Newall had advised that for future meetings he would only attend if Mark Wood were unable to do so.

SH doing the minutes for this meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record.

DvZ reported that he had received correspondence from David Brace (Rail Future) – attachment provided with minutes. DP had brief meeting with Rail Future; assessed depth of cutting, full station to serve 4 lines would cost approx. £16million.

DP asked whether Jane Scott had advised at business breakfast that Wilton station had fallen off the priority list. **ACTION – SH to clarify.**

DvZ advised that 365 stations have been reopened post-Beeching in 1965. John Glen MP has advised that he will reserve judgement on scheme until he has seen a business plan.

3. Constitution. Consider the following:-

With both organisations' agreement, the Team could become a working group of the Town Council ie under its umbrella but not as a formal committee or sub committee.

That way, the Team could benefit from the use of the Town Council's account (any associated funds ringfenced, of course) and also be covered by the public liability insurance, but it would mean the Team could meet as, where and when it wished, with no formal legal notice required, and members of the public could be members. There would be simple terms of reference, as it could only make recommendations to the Council regarding expenditure on projects, and this would allay concerns about the responsibility for any funds and financial accountability, but it could carry out the work/actions required.

Vote on this option vs independent constitution.

DvZ advised that Catherine Purves (Wilton Town Clerk) had emailed to advise Wilton Town Council had agreed to Town Team being constituted in this way on a 12-month trial basis. DvZ handed out copies of the submission which he had provided in May 2013 re: formalising the team. DP raised concern about resources to involve surrounding parishes. DvZ advised that the Team was waiting for lead from Town Council on neighbourhood planning.

Discussion took place on relative merits of being a town team or extending to the rest of the Wilton community.

Motion carried – *this meeting will become a town team and operate as a working group of Wilton Town Council, subject to a review in 12 months, with the caveat that this does not exclude surrounding villages from potentially becoming involved at a later stage.* DvZ thanked the Town Council for facilitating this venture.

DP wished to highlight that he voted against this decision, as he was concerned about the impact on smaller parishes if sole focus is on Wilton.

ACTION – SH to formally invite Cllrs Wayman and Green to next meeting to explore how surrounding parishes could become more involved.

4. Update from member bodies:-

i) SWWAB

Agreed at October Area Board meeting to explore footpath initiative after recent consultation on Area Board priorities. More details to follow in due course.

Next meeting on 11 December will focus on health, with representation from Sarum Clinical Commissioning Group and Healthwatch Wiltshire attending. Youth project funding available for any groups based or operating in Wilton community area (as well as Mere and Tisbury). More information available from SH.

Community Areas Transport Group meeting due to be held on 18.11.

ACTION – SH to check that there will be Area Board representation at the shared space meeting in Wilton on 20.11.

GN advised that he had been on recent “community reporter training” for the ‘Our Community Matters’ blogsite. SH advised ongoing training taking place and anybody interested should make contact.

ii) Town Council – PM advised yellow lines now done in town, potholes will be done on Dec 6th. Hopeful that future road resurfacing works will be done at night, rather than in the day, and advised this is due to take place between cycle race and carnival in 2014.

ACTION – SH to remind Cllr Edge that Jane Scott had advised at recent Business Chamber event that local member would need to make formal request for upgrading of street furniture at same time as road improvements.

iii) Wilton Baptist Church – JG advised they will be cleaning up the building and will also do the clock tower. Open to suggestions for premises/people to be used in order to serve local community. DvZ asked if ‘shop locally’ banner could be put up at the front of the Church, given its market Square location. **ACTION – JG to put request to members.** JG advised there would be some areas where the church could not make a stand e.g. re-opening the station. Oasis café on market day is open to everybody. Will be serving minced pies and mulled wine on 2nd December for Christmas lights.

iv) Wilton and District Business Chamber – DP advised the Chamber will be supporting Christmas switch on and shop locally campaign (will start 1st Dec).

Two recent lunches (including LEP and Jane Scott on 30th Nov), two breakfasts and the Wilton Event (on 2nd Nov) had been delivered in last 6 weeks. Events were well received and well attended. More than 1000 people went through marquees for Wilton Event. PM reported that he had received lots of favourable comments about the day. DvZ formally thanked DC for enabling the event to happen and PM for his support for the Chamber and public encouragement to all local businesses to join. He also thanked KT and PM for showing their support by attending several Chamber events.

v) Wilton Community Carnival (and Community Centre) – GN provided report as follows:

WILTON COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Wilton Community Carnival this year at Wilton Shopping Village was declared a great success with a happy street carnival atmosphere and the management of the Shopping Village have extended an invitation to return next year. At the recent Carnival AGM and public forum there was a unanimous vote to return to Wilton Shopping Village on **Saturday 5th July 2014** and it will be a similar format to this year with the addition of a town procession, with the theme of “Heroes and Heroines”.

At the AGM the Carnival Committee was re-elected en-bloc with two new members and Gary Nunn again as Chairman.

THE BIG LUNCH AT WILTON In November, a meeting about *The Big Lunch* was arranged in Wilton between Mark Wood, the Parish Rector, Jonathan Greening, the Baptist Minister and Gary Nunn from Wilton Carnival to talk about this year's event and the possibility of staging it again in 2014. All the alternatives were discussed but it was decided it would make good sense to make full use the existing facilities already set up for the Carnival at The Shopping Village and to hold the event on the following day Sunday 6th July 2014.

The Parish and Baptist Churches will present a joint service "The Big Sing" of well-known hymns, accompanied by the Baptist Church Band in the morning at 10.30am. This will be followed by musicians, choirs and entertainments in the marquee for a free afternoon. The Big Lunch is a charity event, held on behalf of The Trussell Trust, when everyone will be encouraged to bring some lunch to share and donate to The Foodbank, while enjoying music and meeting others in their community.

WILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE The Trustees of Wilton Community Centre are hoping to transform a green space at the back of the Centre into a community garden for the people of Wilton. Working in conjunction with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust they have launched the Big Garden Project, where members of the public are invited to sketch out their ideas for this new garden. It could include fruit trees, veggies, shrubs, beds, wildlife area, or a children's natural play park. Once the ideas have been collected and assessed plans will be made for a Springtime workforce to start working on the designs. Anyone interested in any aspect of the community garden please contact Dr Sue McLaren 01722 743971.

FOREST FORGE THEATRE Back by popular demand! Wilton Community Carnival presents the award winning Forest Forge Theatre from Ringwood with their latest winter production "Anne of Green Gables" at Wilton Community Centre on Saturday 25th January at 7.00pm. This is the well-known story about family, friendship and the fun of childhood. Tickets on sale from Wilton Hardware and Susan 01722 501776 from 1st December. Adults £9; Children (under 12) £5; Family (2 + 2) £25. Advance booking advised.

CYCLE WILTSHIRE This is the new title for the professional bike ride coming to Wilton next year. The first meeting of the Cycle Wiltshire Delivery Group met on Thursday 14th November at Salisbury Guildhall.

The Group consists of officers of Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Police, Salisbury City Council, two independent bike race experts, and Gary Nunn, representing Wilton. The event is a product of the Wiltshire Legacy Steering Group, working on the feel-good community events of last year's Olympics and the new surge of popularity of cycling.

Wiltshire Council is working in conjunction with British Cycling and will organise the event together.

British Cycling organising all the cycling aspects and Wiltshire Council will provide in infrastructure, marketing and admin support. It is very much led and supported by Wiltshire Council and will be similar to the organisation learned from the Olympic Torch.

The event is in two parts – both being linked together and will be held on the May Bank Holiday weekend of 3rd and 4th May 2014. On Saturday 3rd May there will be an open non-competitive cycle event for everyone with rides from 1 – 100 miles and a Bike Fair at Five Rivers Leisure Centre in Salisbury. There could be more than 1000 people taking part in this day, many travelling in to the area especially.

On Sunday 4th May from about 10.00am – 4.00pm the Elite Race for professional riders and clubs will come to Wilton. The course starts and ends in Wilton Market Square, goes through the local valleys on a circuit and returns to Wilton at least four times. This event will attract many top name professionals and crowds could be in the 1000's so Wilton needs to be prepared.

In 2011, when it last happened, on a much smaller scale, it was considered to be the best event in the South of England for cycling riders and enthusiasts. The rides next year, will be the biggest cycling event in the South, in the cycling calendar of 2014.

It is hoped that the event will promote fitness and cycling but it will also boost the local community and businesses like pubs, restaurants, shops and especially local Bed and Breakfast operators.

There has not been an official launch yet but it is hoped to have a public launch before the end of the year. Gary Nunn will attend meetings and report back to all Wilton organisations and businesses.

DvZ asked for opportunity for local businesses to promote the town during the cycle race.

DvZ raised concern about there being no town diary of events.

ACTION – DP to make available day-to-day diary in The Valley News in the new year. GN to keep this updated.

DC shared information about 'pop shop Wiltshire' – have been operating for 12 weeks in Chippenham at sister operation. They are becoming a community organisation and will get charity status. Will be coming to Wilton for 6 week trial before Christmas. More information to be given in due course.

vi) Wilton Community Land Trust – KT, planning consultation open until 29 November. All public views incorporated. Traffic and shared space events being held in Wilton and Salisbury to explore feasibility.

Major shift for CLT moving from planning to implementation. Challenge for town to act in businesslike fashion and realise opportunities. Series of meetings will take place in January to discuss benefits into future years outside of s106 agreements. Will discover what role the CLT can play in its implementation. Will also be put on website (new partnership site being created).

Draft business plan almost ready to identify funding and staffing required. Looking for volunteer directors.

PM advised Town Council have never been contacted by Redrow –

ACTION Ken Taylor will take this back to Redrow.

PM advised Town Council agreed to application in principle, but had many questions to be asked. DvZ advised he had concerns that application of this magnitude would be decided by only one officer if application is not called in.

Agreed action – chairman (DVZ) to write to PE as Wilton Councillor and to portfolio holder for planning to raise concerns.

vii) Wilton Estate – no update provided.

viii) Wilton Parish Church – report attached with minutes.

ix) Wilton Neighbourhood Policing Team – BB advised he has passed police exams so will likely leave the area in new year. At full numbers there are 5 in the area.

Next week is 'brake week', centering on road safety. Been to local schools and letter will go out to all young people. All rural schools will have a police presence at start and end times.

x) Wilton Rotary – no update provided.

xi) Wilton Shopping Village - DC reported two new businesses have joined line-up. New studios being created in what was previously one unit. 3 had already been let and a new café will also be included.

There are two empty shops in the shopping village. One may be occupied by 'pop shop Wiltshire' – have been operating for 12 weeks in Chippenham at sister operation. They are becoming a community organisation and will get charity status. Will be coming to Wilton for 6 week trial before Christmas. More information to be given in due course.

DvZ reported some issues raised through benchmarking; these will be provided to DC in due course.

xii) Wilton Youth Centre – (young people attended the meeting, RS had to leave before this update could be provided)

5. Neighbourhood Planning etc.. Deferred.

6. AOB: Christmas Lights – GN advised that he is writing some copy for Salisbury Journal who will be doing a focus story on Wilton and asked for any relevant information to be sent to him.

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday December 19th.