

# Wilton Link

Annual General Meeting  
7.00 pm Tuesday 22 April 2014

## Minutes of meeting

1. Attendance: committee members: Roger Williams, Valerie Williams, David Barnes, Steve Long, Beth Andrews, Jennie Jones. In addition there were 16 clients and volunteers in attendance.
2. Apologies: Nil
3. Welcome and Introduction

Roger Williams welcomed all present to the AGM and introduced the Committee members.

4. Minutes of meeting on 3 May 2013

Christine Wickham proposed that these be accepted as read. This was seconded by Bob Powell. It was agreed that in addition to placing the Link AGM minutes on our web site, that a hard copy would be distributed with the next newsletter.

5. Report by Chair

Roger reported on a busy and successful year for the Wilton Link scheme. In particular he highlighted the following:

- 1120 tasks were performed by volunteers in the last year (up from 957 in 2012)
- 17,249 miles were travelled by volunteers in providing a transport service to clients
- 1,900 – no of hours committed by volunteers
- 161 clients benefited from the Wilton Link scheme in 2013 (up from 112 in 2012)
- Wilton Link currently has 26 volunteers, 22 who provide a transport service
- In addition to transport the scheme has reminded clients of its ability to provide other help e.g. befriending, gardening, odd jobs
- A good liaison takes place with Val O'Keefe, the Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, whose clients often benefit from the support of Wilton Link
- Two outings were arranged for clients in 2013. The summer outing was to Heale House and another prior to Xmas was to the Haskins Nursery, Bournemouth.
- The Wilton Link website is still active
- Roger advised the meeting that the Link scheme was advertised through a variety of means including newsletters and posters which are displayed in local surgeries, library and public notice boards. Articles are also written in the Valley News and the Link website contains details of the scheme and minutes of meetings.
- Roger took the opportunity to thank all volunteers and committee members for their hard work through the year and in particular to the co-ordinators Val,

Sarah and April without whom the scheme could not operate. He took the opportunity to introduce Sheila Clifford who has taken over from April.

#### 6. Treasurers Report:

Copies of the accounts and report were made available to everyone. David Barnes highlighted the following:

- Drivers reimbursement exceeded donations by clients but as a result of other income the fund at end of 2013 stood at £8412.54 compared to £7,209.93 at the end of 2012
- In the last year we have received Gift Aid of £1,287 and Gift Aid Tax rebate of £565.
- DB highlighted a donation of £500 received from Chris White Funeral Co following a recommendation by the Mayor
- We continue to receive some support from Parish Councils although not every council gives each year

#### 7. Election of Officers

All Committee members indicated their willingness to continue in their role

#### 8. Clients outing

RW informed the meeting that an outing for clients to the Lavender Farm, Langford was arranged for 26 June 2014 and a second trip will be arranged for later in the year.

Christine Wickham suggested that the invitation should be extended to volunteers and this was agreed.

It was also agreed that the outings be advertised by the production of a flyer (SL to action) which volunteers could hand out to clients and by including the information on the Link telephone message system (JJ to action)

#### 9. AOB:

- Marie Hallett asked that appreciation of the excellent service provided by the Wilton Link be recorded.
- Joyce Golding asked that, on behalf of residents at Pembroke House their appreciation be recorded.
- Christine Matthews, wife of the Mayor, then presented a cheque for £520 to the Wilton Link on behalf of the Mayors Charity Fund. Mrs Matthews said how much the Wilton Link was appreciated by Wilton Town council and expressed support from her and the Mayor. She highlighted the work of one of the Link volunteers Marion Powell who recently was recognised for all the voluntary work she does in the community at the Civic Award Scheme.

#### 10. Closure of meeting: the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.