

**Wilton Link**  
Annual General Meeting  
7.00 pm Wednesday 11 May 2016

Minutes of meeting

**1. Attendance:** committee members: Roger Williams, Valerie Williams, David Barnes, Clive Hewitt, Steve Long, Beth Andrews. In addition there were 11 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. He announced that the Wilton Link was formed 15 years ago and congratulated all present. Roger also reported that since its inception Link schemes across the County had transported clients more than 1,000,000 miles! A fantastic achievement.

**4. Minutes of meeting on 14 May 2015**

Harry Thompson proposed that these be accepted as read. This was seconded by Christine Wickham.

**5. Report by Chair**

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

- 1247 tasks were performed by volunteers in the last year (up from 1196 in 2015)
- 20,367 miles were travelled by volunteers in providing a transport service to clients (up from 17,732 in 2015)
- 2,340 – no of hours committed by volunteers (up from 1,800 in 2015)
- 170 clients benefited from the Wilton Link scheme in 2016
- Wilton Link currently has 27 volunteers, 23 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
- Two outings were arranged for clients in 2015. The summer outing was to Compton Abbas airfield and the Jigsaw factory in Ashmore which was a great success and another prior to Xmas was to the Wilton Garden Centre
- 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. He referred to the need for more volunteers. It was suggested that an advert be placed in the Wilton Church magazine
- Unfortunately, as a result of cuts by Wiltshire Council, The Good Neighbour Co-ordinator scheme has been scrapped. Val O'Keefe was our GNC and worked closely with the Link.

- 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 Gill without whom the scheme could not operate.

**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 which contributed to a reduction at the end of year total of £8,334.51 compared to £9,671.77 at the end of 2015
- In the last year we have received Gift Aid Donations of £685 and Gift Aid Tax rebate of £1,286.
- DB advised the meeting that we no longer receive any grant towards mileage from Wiltshire Council
- We continue to receive some support from Parish Councils although not every council gives each year
- Christine Wickham suggested we advertise the opportunity clients have to Gift Aid donations. SL agreed to include an item in the next Link newsletter

**7. Secretary's report**

- Steve Long advised the meeting that we now paid our insurance through a group scheme arranged through Wiltshire Community First which has reduced our premium by over £100 each year
- Steve also advised the meeting of the discussions he had had on behalf of Wilton Link with Salisbury Hospital re car parking. This had resulted in the hospital reviewing their car parking policy for Link schemes and creating a flyer with information, copies of which had been sent to all volunteers.

**8. Election of Officers**

All Committee members indicated their willingness to continue in their role. A proposal for re-election of all was made by Christine Wickham and seconded by Mary Coventry.

**9. Clients outing**

RW informed the meeting that an outing for clients to the Longstock Nursery near Stockbridge was arranged for 6 July 2016.

**10. AOB:**

- Marie Hallett and Harry Thompson asked that appreciation of the excellent service provided by the Wilton Link be recorded.

**11. Closure of meeting:** the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.