

# Wilford Community Group

## The Tenants and Residents Association for Wilford

Minutes of the Committee Meeting  
held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2003  
at Nottingham Moderns RFC

Present: David Boulton (DB) Chairman  
Roger Steel (RS) Vice Chairman  
Sheila Atherton (SA) Treasurer  
Kate Clark (KC)  
Brian Clark (BC)

Invited Guest: Councillor Brendan Clarke-Smith (BCS)

### ACTION

#### 1 Apologies

Mike Cathcart  
Jonathan Shewell-Cooper  
Josie Foster

#### Absent

Revd David Rowe

#### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved subject to the following changes:

- item 3.9, there was no action against this item;
- item 3.19, action was on SA, not DB;
- item 3.20, there was no action against this item.

#### 3 Review Actions from Previous Meeting

3.1 Removal of Flashing Signs  
BCS has asked for the road markings to be removed.

3.2 Meeting with NET  
The rearranged meeting had been cancelled the day before, a further meeting has  
arranged for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

RS

## ACTION

- 3.3 Bollards on the Village Green  
DB has spoken with Steve Sole (SS) at the Highways department of the City Council to discuss the provision of posts around the Village Green. SS reported that he was reluctant to sanction the provision of posts due, in part, to the initial cost and the on-going additional cost of maintenance and the need to "strim" around each of the posts. In addition, he did not think that posts were the best aesthetic solution. He did suggest the strategic planting of trees to prevent vehicles from being parked on the Green and Committee agreed that this was a preferable option.
- DB also reported that SS had made a site visit and had ascertained that the trailer (and the vehicle on it) belonged to No 2 Glebe Cottages and although the resident was not at home, a neighbour agreed to mention to the owner the fact that the vehicle was parked illegally on a highway without a valid tax disk.
- SS had also informed DB that should vehicles be parked where the spring bulbs grew, they could be in contravention of the Flora and Fauna Act.
- If necessary, SS would write to all residents in Glebe Cottages reminding them that parking is not permitted on the Village Green.
- SS will also seek to repair the dropped kerb that may be aiding vehicular access to the Green.
- 3.4 Wheelchair Access to the footpath on Coronation Avenue  
DB confirmed with RS the problems with the trees on Coronation Avenue and DB agreed to contact the Highways department. DB
- 3.5 Unsightly pole and bad positioning of Road Sign on Corner of Holly Avenue  
Carried over. RS
- 3.6 Dog Fouling  
KC/BC reported that there did not appear to be a requirement for further dog fouling bins in Wilford and Committee agreed that no further action is required.
- 3.7 Location of Notice Boards  
BC and KC offered to have one of the notice boards sited on their wall at the end of the Bee bank and this offer was accepted with thanks by the Committee. DB will confirm that there are no planning implications of siting a board either on the wall of the Co-op or on the wall of 85 Main Road. DB suggested that should a board be sited here, the Group should enter into a licence with BC/KC similar to that required by the Co-op. DB
- 3.8 Website Advertising  
No newsletter has been published since the last meeting, so this action is to be carried over until the next Church newsletter is distributed. DB
- 3.9 Status of Wilford Sports Ground Development  
See item 6 below.
- 3.10 Youth Offending Group  
SA described the content of the communication from the Youth Offending Group and advised the Committee that it was not relevant to the Community Group. Committee accepted this.

	<u><b>ACTION</b></u>
3.11 Contact Constabulary Field Intelligence Officer Carried over.  DB has provided KC with Constable Jon Cooper's email address.	RS
3.12 AGM Independent Chair DB said that he was reluctant to ask a resident to act as the Independent Chair at the AGM as this would remove their right to vote. He would approach Lesley Lowe of the Housing Department.	DB
3.13 Appointment of Auditor for 2003/04 Year RS still to provide details to SA.	SA
3.14 Timing of Road Sweeper The timing of the road sweeper appears to vary, but this could be because we alternative with another area.	
3.15 Bellway – Improving Site Line/Property fronting on to Pavement Letters were typed by DB following the last meeting. RS Still to review for despatch.	RS
3.16 Donation to South Wilford School The cheque has been raised and sent to the school.	
3.17 Open Garden Day Arrangements were agreed between various committee members for the provision of publicity, table(s) and refreshments.  DB reported that JF had passed on the name of a volunteer newsletter distributor to JSC and that the printing had been carried out by JSC's employers.  DB reported that he had secured the services of Mick Newell (Director of Cricket, Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club) to do a short talk and those of Dominic Heale to draw the raffle.	
3.18 Cycling on the Bee Bank Footpath BC to continue monitoring and to report back to committee if necessary.	
3.19 Cycle Hire BC was unable to confirm whether such a business existed in Bell Lane.	
3.20 Bus Terminus Carried over to rearranged meeting with NET.	RS
3.21 Community Allotments Agenda Item Included as item 7 below.	

## ACTION

### **4 Plans for the Annual General Meeting**

Two constitutional changes were discussed and it was agreed that these would be put to the AGM – first, that closed committee meetings may take place to progress the business of the Group more quickly. Open meetings would then be on a “surgery” basis, without an agenda but planned to have a Councillor present. The change would be proposed by DB and seconded by RS. The second change (that all cheque signatories should be aged sixteen or over) would be put to the AGM if SA confirmed that this was a banking requirement.

The agenda was agreed by the Committee.

It was agreed that draft copies of the Annual Report and Accounts would be placed in the Library for inspection.

DB

DB reminded committee members to ensure that if they were standing for re-election at the AGM, they should ensure that their forms are either passed to him or brought along to the meeting completed.

Arrangements for refreshments were agreed.

### **5 Vice Chairman’s Report – Update on Meeting with NET**

RS reported that the meeting had been cancelled again by NET.

### **6 Wilford House Sports Ground Development**

DB reported that following the appeal by David Wilson Homes against the time being taken by the City Council over their planning application, that appeal was subsequently withdrawn and the Council viewed the application as having been withdrawn also. They were expecting a subsequent application to be made.

DB suggested that the Community Group should make an offer to David Wilson Homes to provide “local knowledge” that might help with the application, although not guaranteeing unqualified support at this stage. Committee agreed that DB should write to David Wilson Homes.

DB

### **7 Community Allotments**

RS described his ideas for a Community Allotment, sited on the site of Glebe allotments with a green area, planting, play equipment, for example.

In principle, the Committee agreed that this was a good possibility for a fundraising exercise in 2003/04 and he agreed to investigate further, including consulting Rushcliffe Borough Council as to whether the Group would be allowed to use an allotment in this way.

RS

**ACTION**

**8 Any Other Business**

BSC advised that Martin Parker at the City Council should be informed that RS was now the representative for Wilford Community Group on the Area Committee.

DB

RS said that he would attend the next Area Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

Two residents of Cribb Close have expressed concern over the state of 8 Cribb Close. They stated that the property had been unoccupied for four years and had not been properly maintained for longer. There was a derelict vehicle in the driveway and there had been a sighting of a rat nearby. BSC advised that since the property was privately owned, unless a crime was being committed, there was little that they could do, and would make a compulsory purchase only in exceptional circumstances. Following discussions with the Committee and the Councillor, the residents agreed to monitor for rats, and if they appeared from the property in question, they would contact the Environmental Services department at the City Council. RS agreed to write to the owner asking about his intentions for the property and report back to the September committee meeting.

RS

Committee agreed that future meetings would discuss pre -notified agenda items only unless there were any urgent items that required discussion before the subsequent meeting. Therefore, "Any Other Business" will no longer be included in the committee agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

**Signed.....David Boulton**

**Dated .....4<sup>th</sup> September 2003**