

# Wilford Community Group

## The Tenants and Residents Association for Wilford

DRAFT Minutes of the Committee Meeting  
held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2003  
at The Ferry Inn

Present:	David Boulton (DB)	Chairman
	Roger Steel (RS)	Vice Chairman
	Josie Foster (JF)	Minute Secretary
	Kate Clark (KC)	
	Brian Clark (BC)	
	Brendan Clarke-Smith (BCS)	
	Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JSC)	

As the committee was unable to gain access to the Moderns RFC, RS enquired at the Ferry Inn if the management were able to provide a private area for our committee meeting. They were kind enough to accommodate the meeting and provided free refreshments.

Brendan Clarke-Smith formally resigned as a Committee Member, he felt it inappropriate to be a member of the Committee after becoming a Conservative Councillor for this ward at the recent local elections, but he would still like to attend the meetings. He was congratulated on his achievement, his resignation from the Committee was accepted and it was further agreed he would still be welcome at the meetings.

BCS had attended the latest Area Committee Meeting and informed the committee that we would need to nominate someone else to attend these meetings. Date of the next Area Committee Meeting is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm venue to be confirmed.

### ACTION

#### 1 Apologies

Sheila Atherton

#### Absent

Mike Cathcart  
Revd David Rowe

#### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes were approved

#### 3 Review Actions from Previous Meeting

##### 3.1 Removal of Flashing Signs

DB informed the committee that the flashing signs should be removed before the AGM. RS requested BCS to chase this up on our behalf and also to see if the road markings could be removed at the same time.

BCS

## ACTION

### 3.2 Meeting with NET

The arranged meeting had been cancelled the day before, a further meeting was arranged for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. RS was informed that the public consultation date for the NET Meeting has been put back from July until August. DB said the NCC web site notice states the consultation period for the Toll/Bridge/Wilford Embankment and Farnborough Road is Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, this is probably for the purpose of identifying a road through. Alan Foster mentioned that the flood bank on Coronation Avenue would not be strong enough to support the tram and had heard that NET were considering building a structure on the pond side of the embankment, this would be investigated further at the meeting with NET. RS will put pointed questions at his meeting with NET, it is probable he will gain more information representing the group, rather than as an individual.

RS

BCS was originally going with RS to this meeting and the committee agreed that this arrangement should remain in place with the proviso that BCS attend as a resident and not a local Councillor.

Some of the subjects the committee would like discussing are:

- Will NET be building a raised gantry on the pond side of the flood bank (Coronation Avenue area)?
- Will the opening up of the Toll Bridge only be for the tram and not for through vehicular traffic?

### 3.3 Bollards on the Village Green

Carried over.

DB

### 3.4 Wheelchair Access to the footpath on Coronation Avenue

Carried over – DB confirmed with RS exactly where wheelchair access was required on the footpath along Coronation Avenue. RS said the gap between the trees and the bollards were too narrow and footpath needs widening on the flood bank side to accommodate wheelchair access.

DB

### 3.5 Unsightly pole and bad positioning of Road Sign on Corner of Holly Avenue

Carried over.

RS

### 3.6 Newsletter

JSC stated that The Church are happy to co-operate with us about the newsletters all we have to agree is a date for co-ordination.

### 3.7 Track behind Vernon Avenue and other related footpaths

RS has spoken to Lol Ryan about keeping the bollard in place along the track behind Vernon Avenue who has no objections to the post being moved further along the path towards the allotment gate. The post is now being kept in place. If the post is moved to another position JSC requested he be given a key to the post in order he may have access to the rear of his property. This is not a problem; anyone legitimately requiring access beyond the post would be given a key.

**ACTION**

- 3.8 Dog Fouling  
KC/BC have been in touch with the NCC department concerned and have requested the bin on the 'B' bank to be emptied more frequently and for two more bins to be placed in Wilford - one by the school and another at the corner of Main Road and Coronation Avenue. They were informed it would be given priority. RS questioned the need for two more bins (which he considered unsightly) and asked for sites to be identified as problem areas before further action was taken. KC would have a word with a resident who was a regular dog walker in the area, and see if between them they would identify a reas where it is proved to be a necessity for further bins. KC/BC
- 3.9 Bulb Planting  
South Wilford and Emmanuel Schools are happy to help with bulb planting. JSC mentioned that it was important to involve other schools such as St. Patrick's and the Beckett. RS has identified designated areas and would like to see several types of bulbs planted rather than just daffodils, such as bluebells under the trees between Grange Close and South Wilford School etc.. JSC suggested the banks from the Toll Bridge (as these banks belong to Severn Trent/Environment Agency they should be consulted out of courtesy). RS thought it would be a good idea to ask at the AGM where would residents like bulbs. Alan Foster mentioned that when the bulbs were planted on the Village Green, Derrick Hall made a map of the areas planted - it would be a good idea if we make a map and showing the bulbs planted which would be of use in the future. RS
- 3.10 Location of Notice Boards  
DB has been advised by Parbinder Singh that we are not permitted to place a board on the school wall because Wilford Endowed School is a listed building. It was suggested that we may be able to site a board where the old sign board stood, outside the school gates, this would be looked into as a possible solut ion. The Co-op Property Division had agreed to a notice board on their property but as a formality we have to agree to keep it clean and tidy, not to place any Council Planning notices or anything commercial. Parbinder Singh will order the board pending final discussions with the Property Division. DB
- 3.11 Website Advertising  
Carried over until the next Church newsletter is distributed. DB
- 3.12 Status of Wilford Sports Ground Development  
Carried over. DB is still awaiting an update from the City C ouncil. DB
- 3.13 Tenant Participation Compact  
DB has been in touch with Lesley Lowe, Nottingham City Housing Liaison Team Manager, to ascertain how many properties are council owned in Wilford.  
  
It appears that there are 9 properties owned by a Housing Association and one council owned property. Lesley Lowe said the Compact Booklet did not really apply to us.
- 3.14 Youth Offending Group  
Carried over. SA
- 3.15 Public Meeting Notes  
These have been published on the website.

## ACTION

- 3.16 Contact Constabulary Field Intelligence Officer  
Carried over. RS
- KC has been unable to contact John Cooper (Local Beat Officer). DB will pass on the e-mail address to RS and KC. DB
- 3.17 AGM Venue  
RS confirmed that this would be South Wilford School and the cost would be approximately £40.
- 3.18 AGM Independent Chair  
Carried over. DB
- 3.19 Appointment of Auditor for 2003/04 Year  
Carried over. DB
- 3.20 AGM Raffle  
JF reported this was well in hand and so far had 3 raffle prizes. JF
- 3.21 Timing of Road Sweeper  
Carried over. RS
- 3.22 Bellway – Improving Site Line/Property fronting on to Pavement  
RS has spoken to a Bellway representative and discussed how best to improve the site line from the road to the Church. It is necessary to improve the vision of vehicles accessing the new road leading into the development (opposite Church Cottage), therefore, the horse chestnut will need minimal pruning. With regard to the property next to the shop Bellway will not provide a wrought iron fence on the frontage, therefore, we will approach the Council. RS will write to the Council (with a copy to Bellway) about all of the above and see if they will co-operate. RS

## **4 Chairman's Report**

Wilford Endowed School are planning improvements to the children's play area including the planting of mature trees to provide shaded areas. DB had asked Lesley Lowe if it was in order for us to use £100 of our funds to support the planting of trees although only £60 had been raised so far by the committee. Her view was that it would be good publicity for the group, and although the monies had to be given from the Group's own fund raising efforts, the remaining £40 could be viewed as part of the publicity budget. The committee agreed unanimously that £100 should be donated to the school. DB

In the absence of SA (Treasurer) DB gave a brief report on her behalf. It was reported that the accounts have been audited up to the end of March. The balance in hand is £475.35 of which the Committee has raised £60.24. As yet we have not received an invoice from Emmanuel School with regard to the hire of the hall for the Public Meeting. Under the sub-committee heading of 'Young People' SA had attempted to contact the leader of the Youth Club and was informed that the club takes the majority of its members from outside Wilford and not many younger generation attend from the Wilford area. JSC said there are plans for funding a part time youth worker and teacher who will be based at the Church. Costs to be shared with Emmanuel and the Church.

## ACTION

### 5 Plans for the Annual General Meeting

DB presented the committee with the first draft of the nomination forms and newsletter. These were approved in principle.

Open Garden Day – Kate and Brian Clark are opening their garden to raise funds for the Group. It will be open on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. JSC asked if they realised this is Foundation Day at the Church? Generally it was felt this would be to our advantage and would encourage more people to visit the garden. A suggestion that the next two properties adjacent to Kate and Brian may be persuaded to open their gardens.

KC

Distribution of the Newsletter – dates were discussed and JSC agreed he would make arrangements to arrange delivery around 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June. JF gave her apologies for not being able to help with this particular distribution but would forward the name and telephone number of someone who is prepared to volunteer on her behalf.

JF

Printing – JSC would check at work as to their attitude towards doing the printing on our behalf otherwise the committee agreed to the printing being carried out at Instaprint at a cost of £40. KC/BC offered to produce posters for both the Open Garden Day and the AGM and also to distribute them locally.

JSC

A number of candidates were discussed to be invited to speak at the AGM. BCS made one suggestion that he would follow up on behalf of the committee.

BCS

**ACTION**

**6 Any Other Business**

Cycling on Footpaths - BC was concerned about the number of bicycles on the 'B' Bank and footpath. Following an article in the newspaper about enforcing the law banning cycling on footpaths, by issuing spot fines. He would like to follow this through, and would like to take up this issue in the name of the Group. RS said it would be practically impossible to implement as we had a problem getting the police to answer emergency calls, cycling on footpaths would not be seen as police priority. DB, however, said if BC wished to pursue it further then the committee would back him in his endeavours. DB mentioned that John Lee has proposals in hand to change the barriers on the 'B' bank and this may eventually be a sufficient deterrent.

BC

BC went on to say, were we aware that there was a business on Bell Lane hiring out cycles? It was suggested that BC first talk to them and see if they were aware of this practice of cycling on the 'B' bank and footpaths.

BC

Lack of Buses – KC was concerned about this problem whilst others were concerned about the speed of local traffic and buses, in particular, along Vernon and Holly Avenue. RS suggested a Speed Action Day, on Vernon Avenue/Holly Avenue, the committee thought it could be implemented but would need further discussion. RS would talk to NET about a bus terminus at the end of Main Road/Toll Bridge to avoid the buses using Coronation, Vernon and Holly Avenues.

RS

Cycle Path - JSC made a suggestion for a cycle path along Bader Road and underneath the railway bridge; however, members of the Glebe Allotment were not in favour of this idea. Wilford Endowed School would support a cycle route into the back of the school with access from Coronation Avenue to include Emmanuel School and St Patrick's School.

Area Committee Meeting – RS volunteered to represent the Group. BCS said the chair of the Area Committee Meetings would be shared over the next 3 years between Clifton, Silverdale and Wilford.

GM Debate – JSC has not received any further information. RS said there has been some discussion about GM food and allotments. He had seen a newspaper article about 'community allotments' and would bring this to the next meeting. DB will make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

DB

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

**Signed .....**

**Dated .....**