

Wilford Community Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2009 at Wilford Social and Bowls Club

Present: Stephanie Taylor (ST) Chair
Roger Steel (RS) Vice Chair
Sheila Atherton (SA) Treasurer
Josie Foster (JF)
Brian Hardy (BH)
Bill Roughton (BR)
Frank Wakelin (FW)

Elaine Stenson (ES) Neighbourhood Action Officer

Residents: Lynda & Peter Stiles; Billie Starkey & Alan Foster

Action

1 Apologies

Chris Allsopp, Dave Boulton, Daniel Atherton and PC Nigel Brown

2 Lay-by at Post Office

RS reported that it was in the pipeline to reinstate footpath and boundary; post box could be moved to the site near the library and Co-op it is considered the most appropriate site as access will be needed for collection.

Suggestions for another Post Office the Co-op have been asked if they would house one in their store but have refused. Andrew Price (Councillor) has been making enquiries with regard to having a Post Office cum Library. Alan Foster thought this would be years away from happening; another option suggested was a mobile Post Office. RS suggested the Post Office buy a property and install a manager. ST would contact the Post Office and talk about the situation.

ST

3 Parking at Grange Close/Holly Avenue

FW is very concerned about the parking of vehicles at the entrance to Grange Close. Recently, inconsiderate parking, particularly at school times, has restricted access into Grange Close and could affect Emergency Services if needed. FW asked if it would be appropriate to introduce it as an agenda item at the cycle track meeting on 4th November but it was considered by the meeting not appropriate. FW would like consideration to be given to having yellow lines painted around the corners of Grange Close and Holly Avenue. RS did not like the idea of more yellow lines. ES would talk to the appropriate people.

ES

Andrew Price and RS have arranged a meeting to take place at the Rugby Club on Wednesday 4th November 2009 for the proposed new cycle track through Bader Road. ES would arrange for residents on Main Road and the Bader Road estate to be notified. ES also mentioned that it was about "Safer Routes to School". (More about this meeting see Item 8)

ES mentioned a meeting of the Community Safety Panel at 2.00 pm on November 5th at the Fire Station on Farnborough Road. Any parking issues regarding emergency services could be raised at that meeting.

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<p>4. Green Spaces and Parks and Committee and Play Areas. This committee has a working group every 4/6 weeks to formulate strategies, issues being raised with regard to play areas, green spaces, and parking are discussed. This would be a good group to have a representative to join from Wilford. At the moment youth facilities are being developed at Clifton. There is no planned development for the playing area on Ruddington Lane. The facilities in the 5 parks in Clifton are very run down and Area Capital Funding is going to these rather than repairing paths. We should invite to our next meeting, Martin Harris, Area 9, with responsibility for Play Areas. BR volunteered to represent us at the next working group on the 23rd September and SA also asked for her name to be placed on the mailing list with regard to future meetings.</p> <p>ST also asked ES for her name on the mailing list for Area 9. At the moment notification is going to BH</p>	<p>BR/SA ES</p> <p>ES</p>
<p>5 "Grab a Grand" a vote for money in Area 9 – no-one could think of a project to submit.</p>	
<p>6 'Nasty Smell' ST mentioned that there had been a nasty smell pervading the area did anyone know the reason for this. RS and AF said it was from 'muckspreading' taking place on the fields near Clifton Bridge and it just happened that the wind was blowing in our direction.</p>	
<p>7 Payment for use of Social Club for WCG Committee Meetings</p> <p>It was agreed to pay rent to the Club backdated to our AGM in July 2009. BH would raise an invoice as VAT will have to be charged upon receipt of which SA will write a cheque. SA will apply for a top up grant; we can claim £500 for spending on running costs, which would include hire of room for meetings. It was further suggested that a member of the Clubs' Committee should be invited to the WCG meetings. A letter to be sent to Tony Walker Chairman of the Bowls Committee.</p>	<p>BH/SA</p> <p>ST</p>
<p>8 Proposed New Cycle Path John Lee has organized a public meeting at the Rugby Club on 4th November 2009 at 7.30 pm. ES confirmed that 480 properties would be notified on Main Road and the Bader Road estate. BH said the schools were not just a Bader Road problem it concerned the whole of Wilford Village in addition to inappropriate parking stone throwing off the railway embankment and bad language by pupils. Peter Stiles said a cycle route through Bader Road would be of no benefit to residents who live there. ES said it was more about "Safer Routes to School".</p> <p>ES stated that if none of the options presented at the meeting were supported, in order not to lose the money, funding could be used to improve existing paths by allotments.</p>	<p>ES</p>
<p>9 Committee Communication Issues ST said she was disappointed not to have been kept informed of statements being made publicly in the Evening Post on behalf of the WCG. She had no objections to what had been written but thought that as Chair it would have been appropriate to make her aware of what was being reported. In future, before any public statements are made, please inform me.</p>	
<p>10 Any Other Business Alan Foster said he would like to thank ES for organising a clean up on the allotments and also for turning up on the day and helping in a personal capacity.</p> <p>Thanks were also extended to ES for arranging to have the 'Over 60's Action Day' in Wilford and in Silverdale. It had been a huge success.</p> <p>Neighbourhoods in Bloom thanks to WCG and residents Wilford achieved a Neighbourhood Awards 2009 Certificate of Merit for planting up areas of Wilford. Also Iremongers Pond has been awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in the East Midlands in Bloom and has been put forward for the National Scheme. ES said 'Well done' to all concerned and said it puts us on the map for the future when applying for grants.</p> <p>Photographs of pond and of the planting in Holly Avenue to be copied along with the Certificates and placed on the Notice Boards. ES suggested Daniel be asked to do this task.</p>	<p>SA/DA</p>

Action

Iremongers Pond BR reported there had been an increase in membership with 30 paid up members but still need to generate more income. £25 pays for insurance. The committee now employ a bailiff who has agreed to pick up litter. BR would like to know who built the bridge over the stepping-stones, which, unfortunately was demolished with 36 hours. The designer was Stuart Ryder but whoever was responsible for the building of the bridge made a very poor job of its construction.
Funding is needed for the continuation of the footpath.

Crime in Wilford in his absence PC Nigel Brown had emailed us the crime figures for August in Wilford as follows: Down from 13 - 9. This month there was a robbery at Wilford Co-op on Sat 12th Sept just after 10 pm. Nobody was hurt and a small amount of cash was stolen. Ongoing advice to keep doors locked, put garden tools away and lock up shed doors/garages, be good neighbours and keep an eye open on each other's property.

Consultation about the Victoria Embankment Scheme RS mentioned that plans for the Victoria Embankment were available to view in the Meadows Library and that car parking on the embankment could be an issue with regard to Wilford

ES said that costings had been made for wired bins at Iremongers Pond. ES

ST asked if committee members would like to change the day of our meeting it was agreed to keep it as the third Monday in the month.

ES informed the meeting that 2 Youth Workers had been detached to the area; the names will be passed on to SA. ES would like us to name hot spots for areas where young people gather. ES/SA

Christmas Meal could committee members bring their ideas to the next meeting as to where and when. ALL

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of Next Meeting Monday 19th October 2009 at Wilford Social and Bowls Club