

Wilford Community Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2008 at Wilford Social and Bowls Club

Present:

Brian Hardy (BH)	Chairman
Dave Boulton (DB)	Secretary
Bill Roughton (BR)	Vice Chairman
Sheila Atherton (SA)	Treasurer
Chris Allsopp (CA)	
Stephanie Taylor (ST)	
Frank Wakelin (FW)	
Roger Steele (RS)	
Ed Armstrong (EA)	
Josie Foster (JF)	

All officers and members of the Committee were up for re-election. Thanks were extended to Councillor Brendan Clarke-Smith for taking the Chair for the evening.

Action

- 1 Minutes of the last AGM** – minutes of the last AGM held on 12 July 2007 were read and approved.
- 2 Chairman's Report**
 - BH reported that at the last Area 9 meeting he had been clearly told that no Section 106 money would be available to improve Wilford Library and WCG members and residents need to look elsewhere for financial support for this purpose
 - Wilford will be eligible for funding for other projects in the area, i.e. Iremonger's Pond and the play area on Ruddington Lane which would improve leisure facilities
 - During the year WCG had managed to lobby for alteration to the proposed route of the tram so that it will be placed on the east side of the old railway embankment not along the top
 - Yellow lines had eventually been provided near Wilford Primary School on Main Road which have been very helpful in preventing long hold-ups and congestion
 - 3 planters had been provided in the village. 2 more would be welcome outside the old village shop
 - An event had been held so that local young people could be asked what kind of facilities they would like to see in Wilford. This had been a joint effort between the Youth Service, Neighbourhood Action and WCG. A climbing wall had been provided for the young people as well as refreshments and 16 young people completed a questionnaire. They informed us that most of their leisure arrangements were made with the help of their parents (who provide transport) and via uniform groups. They all said that they would like to have an influence on future developments.
 - WCG had tried to secure the service of a large bus for the first 191 service into town in the mornings. This was to be discussed at the next Area 9 meeting

Questions were invited and one resident asked if the trams were definitely coming and was told that we do not yet know the outcome of the public enquiry. It was also mentioned that there was doubt about the amount of traffic that would be generated during the construction of the tram route and afterwards when people drive into Wilford to catch the tram. DB had queried the number of people who might access the proposed Ferry Inn tram stop. His estimation as lower than that provided by NET.

3 Treasurer’s Report

SA summarised the annual accounts which are available for anyone to read if they wish. She noted that this year WCG had managed a grant made in support of work around Iremonger’s Pond. This had been paid out gradually to Diane Moore for various activities associated with this. SA noted that Deborah Rivers will audit the accounts next year.

4 Crime Report

There was no change to the low level of crime in Wilford and no obvious concerns in this respect. The meeting expressed thanks to Glenford (Community Protection Officer) for visibly and regularly patrolling the area.

5 Election of Officers and Committee

Chairman – Brian Hardy
Vice Chair - Roger Steele
Secretary – Dave Boulton
Treasurer – Sheila Atherton
Committee Members: Josie Foster, Frank Wakelin, Ed Armstrong, Stephanie Taylor, Chris Allsop, Bill Roughton and Daniel Atherton acting as the youth representative.

All elected unopposed. This concluded the formal business of the meeting.

6 Any Other Business

Bob Atherton gave an account of progress on the Iremonger’s Pond project. The newly formed Iremonger’s Pond Group (which works independent of WCG) now has the lease of the pond from Nottingham City Council. They intended to hold a launch event on Saturday 19 July 2008. A grant had been acquired for fishing equipment and environmental studies. The Environment Agency was to install paths and dipping platforms. Additional committee members would be welcome.

- 7 A resident asked why the 191 bus comes through Wilford twice in 20 minutes? No proper answer to this but Brendan Clarke-Smith offered to raise it at the next Area 9 meeting.
- 8 It was pointed out that street signs on Bader Road had been vandalised. Elaine Stenson suggested that the Highways Department could be helpful on this as they had been in the past.
- 9 A resident raised a concern about an empty house in Cribb Close. Nothing was being done to keep it or the garden in good repair and it was affecting house prices around it. Brendan agreed to investigate and send a copy of the outcome to BH and DB.
- 10 The issues of inconsiderate parking on Grange Close was raised again. Elaine agreed to try to help by approaching residents there.

After the Chairman had thanked everyone for attending the meeting closed.

Approved.....(Chairman)

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