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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Jude Nicholas – Treasurer (JN), Daniel Atherton – Secretary (DA), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Stephany Schild (SS), Rob Nicholas (RN), Clare Roughton (CR), Bill Roughton (BR), Bob Atherton (BA), Ann Gerty (AG), Pam Duesbury (PD), Jeremy Pratt (JPT), John Pickles (JPS), Terri Slade (TS)
Also Present	Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Cllr Roger Steel (RS), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Rachel Hinton (RH)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 17th April 2023
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes & Actions from 20/03/23 Meeting3. Iremongers Pond Update4. Litter-Picking Update5. Heritage Project Update6. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May Day7. Community Calendar 20248. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Sarah O'Connor, Sarah Filz, Carol Goodrich	
2	Minutes and Actions from 20/03/23 Meeting	
2.1	AR – Bus Stop, contractors are booked in to tarmac the bus stop on Main Road.	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	PH updated that the plans that had previously sat with the council have not had any progress. AR offered to progress further with the council at the most senior level possible.	AR
4	Litter-Picking Update	
4.1	SS updated that litter picks have been going ahead whilst Ruth Brown has been away in Australia. SB noted that updates on social media showed that the afternoon picks had continued and bags visible by local bins. Further updates may be hoped for now that Ruth has returned.	
5	Heritage Project Update	

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5.1	<p>AG updated that the dot stickers on the books in the community library have been started. A coloured dot system, as agreed, will keep a track of how long the books have been in place. JPS asked whether there would be good space for jigsaws to be included.</p> <p>SB shared how appreciated the community library has been by residents.</p> <p>DA noted that Gyles Brandreth had shown great interest in the heritage trail and community library. Shared in hope that, should scheduling allow, he will be involved in any 'ribbon cutting' celebrations in the course of the year.</p>	
6	Community Events	
6.1	<p>May Day: SB welcomed progress on organising the May Day celebrations. Noted that the one task remaining was to arrange the sound system for the day. SS suggested contacting a couple of technically minded individuals at the church – SB asked whether she would ask them, SS agreed.</p> <p>SB thanked those who have offered to assist. Noted that they were still lacking a May Queen – TS offered to get in touch with the Scouts to see if there is any interest. SB thanked AR and RS for their offers to assist. PH noted that some items were still required. DA offered to check on items left over from the Jubilee Celebrations. AR asked whether bunting would be welcome as there is currently a bundle in his garage, SB noted that it might be appreciated if he has the time.</p> <p>SB asked that anyone on Facebook help by interacting with the posts and events to ensure that others see it. Welcomed the number of attendees already showing interest on the Facebook event.</p> <p>SB noted that set up would take place from 1:00pm.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>TS DA</p>
7	Community Calendar 2024	
7.1	BR has placed a reminder on Facebook noting that residents should share their photos. It was agreed that the calendar should be produced and ready to sell by the safari sale date which we are provisionally planning for September.	
8	AOB	
8.1	<p>RH asked whether there would be an appetite for outside Yoga around the Community Orchard with funds going towards the pond group.</p> <p>JM asked whether the police would give future updates. AR updated that the issue is that there is currently a transition between Police Sergeants for updating the area. AR offered to raise this should he be in a position to ahead of the next meeting.</p> <p>SS warned that more dog waste has appeared in the local area. CR agreed that along the river, more seems to have appeared. SB noted that the method for us to get this changed would be to consistently report this on the Report It tool on the NCC website.</p> <p>SS also asked whether we could request for more dog waste bags.</p> <p>JPT noted that a large cowslip has appeared in the middle of the Village (Lower) Green that should be protected from future mowing. AR agreed to rescue this before mowing the green.</p> <p>BR asked whether there had been any update on the deceased person found on the IPA site. AR updated that there was no criminal / suspicious activity and no further update. BR noted that the funeral for Tim Pence would take place on Wednesday 26th April at Wilford Church.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>AR</p>

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	<p>DA shared that the previous public liability insurance had ended and no further renewal would be possible. The group agreed to the increased quote of an alternative provider to be completed ASAP before the May Day and IPA activities.</p> <p>RS updated that further 360 CCTV had been placed, currently on a temporary basis but with hopes that it would be permanent, at the tram stop.</p> <p>PH noted that there are still a quantity of walking guides left that we may be able to sell at May Day. RN and AG agreed to do so.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>RN/AG</p>
9	<p>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:10.</p> <p>The next meeting is Monday 15th May 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</p>	

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