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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Sophie Blaken (SB) – Vice Chair, Clare Roughton (CR) - Treasurer, Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Robert Dodson (RD), Bob Atherton (BA), Andrew Knight (AK), Pamela Duesbury (PD), Ann Gerty (AG), Christian Nardoni (CN), Rob Nicholas (RN), Terri Slade (TS), Robert Dodson (RD), Daniel Atherton (DA) – Minutes.
<b>Also Present</b>	Clr Andrew Rule (AR), Clr Roger Steel (RS)
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	16 <sup>TH</sup> November 2020
<b>What</b>	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
<b>0</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Apologies / Minutes &amp; Actions from 19/10/20 Meeting</li><li>2 Parking Permit Update</li><li>3 Heritage Trail Project Update</li><li>4 Iremongers Pond Update</li><li>5 Litter Picking Update</li><li>6 Daffodil Planting</li><li>7 Christmas Events</li><li>8 Finance Update</li><li>9 Any Other Business</li></ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies / Minutes &amp; Actions from 19/10/20 Meeting</b>	
1.1	Lindsay Barnes, Jeremy Pratt, Pat Huxley, Sarah, John Pickles	
<b>2</b>	<b>Parking Permit Update</b>	
2.1	<p>RS: Scheme now signed off by portfolio holder and is ready to be implemented as and when council can get around to it. May be some delay due to current situation and other priorities. Hope it might be sooner but might be early in New Year.</p> <p>SB: Questions on process. Raised concern regarding Clr RS not taking views of WCG forward from meetings. Asked for at what point the views of the Community Group <i>were</i> taken forward. Asked how many people responded in favour of the 9-5pm regulated parking window. SB – the subject was raised on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.</p> <p>RS: On the basis of responses to the Councillor led consultation, they requested that the Council complete a formal consultation based on the responses to the Clr led consultation. Could not remember whether WCG fed views to him to take forward, requested that this be confirmed in minutes.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2018: RS would like a 1 hour restriction on streets and 4 hours on tram car park.</li> </ul> <p>SB: The understanding from the Council is that the views of the WCG were not communicated via the Cllrs. The message for the future is that the WCG should not rely upon concerns raised through Cllrs – the group must respond separately.</p> <p>RS: Re: Parking – Village parking permits do not solely apply to the functioning of the school. The instigating factor was the high level of commuter / park and ride parking near the Tram Stop. The officers have suggested that the scheme is monitored and assessed. RS and AR confirmed this could be expected from 6 months into the scheme. DA requested that the Community Group be involved and offered assistance. RS stated that this was not necessary.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Finance Update</b>	
3.1	<p>CR: £3800 current account balance. £1242 in Heritage Fund. Ward Councillor budget still stands at £1000 towards COVID response. Expenses have gone towards Christmas events, Play Group donation, website hosting. CR requested confirmation from RS that the money granted from the ward budget. RS confirmed that it would be a justifiable expense.</p> <p>SB communicated a group thank-you to Pat Huxley for her immense charity contributions from mask making.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Heritage Trail Project Update</b>	
4.1	<p>DA: Updated the group on progress for the National Heritage Lottery Application. NHL applications are expected to reopen this month, DA to liase with sub-group members ahead of submitting the application. DA agreed to source quote on Public Liability Insurance (done on 17<sup>th</sup> November).</p> <p>AG: Telephone Box - wondered whether Cllrs would be able to persuade Highways to take on liability for the phone box once reinstated. RS: Insurance policy - would anticipate it would not be high cost.</p> <p>BA: IPA insurance is through membership of the Angling Association. Suggested contacting local groups / organisations in case they are able to offer a similar insurance.</p>	<b>DA</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
5.1	<p>BA: IPA purchasing 4 trees to replace those that have been broken.</p> <p>BR: The bailiff team look after the angling side – a new bailiff is very motivated and is wanting to raise money to restock the pond with carp. The angling team is looking to raise funds – already raised £1000, will be raising membership and are on their way. This has motivated the bailiff team to increase maintenance and security which is all a positive for the local community.</p> <p>BA: Congratulated the new bailiff, Andy, for his work.</p> <p>BR: It is good to see that the community is still making use of the space during lockdown.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Litter Picking Update</b>	

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6.1	AG: Litter pickers continue to pick individually in their own time. Ruth Brown saying that there is still a good level of enthusiasm.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Daffodil Planting</b>	
7.1	DA: 21 of 24 Bee Bank Sections planted, remaining three are the smallest three. Majority of trees now have crocuses planted in front, final to be planted by the weekend. DA requested permission to purchase new bulbs as previous bulbs, generously provided by Cllrs and Council fell short by only 100. Given unanimously.	<b>DA</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Christmas Events</b>	
8.1	All x-mas items ready for distribution. DA to finalise distribution list. SB asked for volunteers for the 5 <sup>th</sup> of December: SB, TS, CN, BA, AG.  SB: Christmas tree for the Village Green, donated by the Church, will be decorated with bows from church and generously lit by Cllrs. SB to confirm insurance with Church. RS and Church team will put the tree up. Council Electrical Department suggested we purchase two strings of light from a specific company which has been used throughout the city elsewhere, sponsored by Cllrs. Group would need to request funding for formalities. SB, CR and RS agreed that the Church would complete this with due diligence.  RS: Tree at Tailor's Arms. A modification has enabled the Cllrs to get a smaller (12ft) lit tree. Funded by Cllrs and handled by Council. The group shared in gratitude.	<b>DA</b>  <b>SB, RS</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>A.O.B</b>	
	RS: Platinum Jubilee Celebrations should be put onto the agenda for the Community Group. DA suggested the slow amalgamation of a working group. SB suggested holding off on the planning. DA suggested waiting till January, SB till Spring.  AG: Requested information on the Allotment Path between Holly Avenue and the Pigeon Bridge. Maintenance has not been kept up. BA the council were last involved ten/twelve years ago and sent workers to clear it and recognised that the trees and bushes were owned by residents, but the council would clear it because of the public right of way. AR: Origination is the home owner's responsibility, but council should cut back if interfering with access and right of way. RS confirmed that the path is deemed a bridle-way. SB requested that RS ask Council to look into it.  TS: the grass along Coronation Avenue and the Tram Line is very overgrown which makes cleaning up after dogs difficult. AR: certain the grass is looked after by NET so will get in touch.  SB: Enquiry about whether the group supports any other events than currently, such as Diwali. Welcomed other residents to run with this if possible.  DA: Updated on the Railway Embankment Green line – bringing in local residents to explain intentions, safety precautions. AG confirmed that Allotments Association in discussion with council about fencing.  SB: proposed that the December Meeting be dismissed and the group next meet in January. This was passed.	<b>RS</b>  <b>AR</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Next WCG Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 –19:30 start</b>	

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