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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Clare Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Bob Atherton (BA), (Pam Duesbury (PD), Sarah Filz (SF), John Pickles (JP), Bill Roughton (BR), Stephany Schild (SS)
Also Present	Sergeant Nigel Bradley (NB), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Roger Steel (RS)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 18 October 2021
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes and Actions from 20/09/21 Meeting3. Police and Crime Update4. Parking Permits Update5. Iremongers Pond Update6. Litter-Picking Update7. Heritage Project Update8. Community Events9. AOB - Wilford Calendar	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Daniel Atherton, Sophie Blaken, Robert Dodson, Ann Gerty, Cristian Nardoni, Rob Nicholas, Adrian Nicholson, Sarah O'Connor	
2	Minutes and Actions from 20/09/21 Meeting	
2.1	Any actions are on this meeting's agenda, so will be dealt with later. A correction to the minutes was raised by BH, ie in the Iremongers Pond report BH should read BR throughout.	DA
3	Police and Crime Update	
3.1	<p>NB reported that there had been a few bits of violence around the tram stop, but that things had been quite good otherwise. Seven stop searches had been conducted, with one person being in possession of Class A drugs, resulting in a recall to prison. BR reiterated that the dealing takes place in the bushes near the tram stop.</p> <p>JM raised an issue with a 'doorknocker' called Ashley who is on probation and becoming increasingly active in the village, wanting money, and at one point threatening to throw a brick. He is periodically picked up by the Crisis Team from Framework. Two younger lads are also knocking on doors. JM also raised the issue of an Airbnb in the Dorothy Boot Homes which is fully rented out to December, but in which the occupants have recently been infringing Airbnb rules by having noisy parties, making a mess,</p>	

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	<p>etc. She cited an instance where she found ca 100 people partying on the green and in its vicinity, presumably informed of the event via social media.</p> <p>BH was concerned about people sitting in cars with their engines running for long periods of time when waiting for schoolchildren, which is against the law, although this is an age-old problem in Wilford.</p> <p>SS reported seeing a bike with no lights, presenting a hazard.</p> <p>NB will look into all the issues raised.</p>	NB
4	Parking Permits Update	
4.1	No update to report.	
5	Iremongers Pond Update	
5.1	BR reported that Jonathan Shewell-Cooper had been very assiduous at cutting the grass, and there is regular litter-picking round the pond. BBC Radio Nottingham had paid a visit and the reporter was highly impressed. Tony Freeman had recently sold a new fishing membership, so the total is now 48, with the maximum being 49.	
6	Litter-Picking Update	
6.1	The figures will be provided by Ruth for the next meeting.	
7	Heritage Project Update	
7.1	The deposit for the work on the telephone box has been paid, and it is to be collected over the next few weeks.	
8	Community Events	
8.1	DA is to sort out the Halloween competition in the next few days. SS showed the meeting the soft-toy spiders and owl she had made as prizes, for which the meeting recorded their thanks. As last year, photos of the entries will be published on Facebook and judged by 'likes'. It was decided that there would be three categories: Under 5s (2 prizes of soft toys), 5-15 (4 prizes of soft toys), Family (1 prize of box of chocolates).	DA
9	AOB	
9.1	<p>PH reported that the calendar sub-group of BR, SS, SF and PH had met to select the photos, which was done by a process of elimination, the result being as follows. January: snow scene, February: tramline, March: Bee Bank, April: bluebells, May: village green, June: horses in field, July: the pond, August: a kingfisher, September: the Trent behind the Harvester, October: autumn scene at the pond, November: the church, December: the pond frozen over with swans. There will be six pictures on the cover, comprising two portraits (the Gresham boardwalk and a sunrise), one of ducklings, one of the church, one of the Ferry, and one of Ruddington Lane Park. The format is A4, with info about upcoming events and WCG meetings on each relevant page. The name of each photographer with the title of their picture will also be displayed. The calendars will be sold at £10 each, £12.50 inc postage.</p> <p>There was some discussion of the printrun. 18 had been pre-ordered at the safari sale, and the winners would all receive one – how many would we need in total? This decision will be made when the calendar is set up at the printers, which SS stressed should be done as soon as possible.</p>	

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	<p>In terms of distribution, the Co-op has agreed to sell them, SF will sell them in her pop-up shop, GT News had been asked, and RS suggested advertising them on Facebook. PH to double-check with DA printing costs, leadtime at printers and numbers ordered online.</p> <p>BH raised the issue of post-heavy rain flooding on Holly Avenue, where the drains are blocked (not with sewage). The soakaway is on its last legs – as an example, he cited that Severn Trent had pumped out 18,000 litres of water after 10 days of rain, and this procedure will have to be repeated. He recorded official thanks to AR, who had been of considerable help in addressing the problem.</p> <p>BA, who has recently joined the Wilford Allotments Committee, reported that the fence on the corner of Holly and Vernon Avenues, which has been damaged by the tree-felling, will be replaced ASAP by the Council. He also informed the meeting that they would shortly be advertising four empty plots, with the intention to keep the take-up local.</p> <p>RS had received an email re a consultation on the reduction of carbon in new residential developments and thought that the planning guidance may be of interest to some community members. It was suggested that it be put on the website, and that AR put it on Facebook. RS also reported that work to widen the footpath between the school and Holly Avenue is currently being undertaken.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>RS/DA/AR</p>
10	<p>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.20.</p> <p>The next meeting is Monday 15 November 2021 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</p>	

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