

# Wilford Community Group

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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Daniel Atherton – Secretary (DA), Ann Gerty (AG), Stephany Schild (SS), Jeremy Pratt (JPT), Bob Atherton (BA), Terri Slade (TS)
<b>Also Present</b>	Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Cllr Roger Steel (RS)
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	19.30, 20th March 2023
<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</li><li>2. Minutes &amp; Actions from 20/02/23 Meeting</li><li>3. Iremongers Pond Update</li><li>4. Litter-Picking Update</li><li>5. Heritage Project Update</li><li>6. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- May Day</li><li>- Coronation Street Party Info Pack</li></ul></li><li>7. Community Calendar 2024</li><li>8. AOB</li></ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Jude Nicholas – Treasurer (JN), Bill Roughton (BR), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Carole Goodrich (CG), Clare Roughton (CR), Pam Duesbury (PD), Sarah Filz (SF), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HS)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and Actions from 20/02/23 Meeting</b>	
2.1	<p>No update from BR on food wastage being left on riverside area.</p> <p>JN has acted on arranging bank mandates for current committee.</p> <p>Agreed that lavender bushes coming from the planters be replanted in the triangular area at the northern end of the Bee Bank.</p> <p>DA welcomed that the daffodils are in abundance – did sadly warn that the northern two bays appear to be deteriorating each year. SB noted that the rest is still very good and that there is not much of an appetite for further planting. DA suggested that this come back as an issue nearer the time of planting.</p> <p>RS updated that tarmacking of the bus stop area on Main Road, Grange Close, had not progressed any further and would not until the new financial year.</p> <p>SB asked that members of the community report the issue as ongoing, weekly, to apply pressure to the Council to deal with it sooner than this as this is a pressing and dangerous accessibility issue.</p>	<b>ALL</b>

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<b>3</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
3.1	<p>BA updated that there are no further updates. Did note the unfortunate news that a deceased person had been removed from the area. JM informed that it was very likely a 'known missing person' – no further information has been provided by the police. The group offered their condolence to family of the deceased.</p> <p>PH noted that a previous invite for the judging of the Green Flag Award had been postponed without due notice. Future judging may well take place without attendance from IPA representatives.</p> <p>PH had no update on the bridge – noted that this had been communicated to Fliss Hogg from the Council. PH to meet with BR and finalise what is causing the delays.</p> <p>No future maintenance days agreed, yet.</p>	<b>PH</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Litter-Picking Update</b>	
4.1	<p>SS welcomed the increased numbers to the afternoon litter-picking session. Noted that each pick is collecting fewer bags.</p> <p>JP updated that he had been in contact with the Head of Emmanuel regarding rubbish within the boundaries of Emmanuel School. BA had also been in touch with Emmanuel but noted the disappointing response laying (a part of) the blame on football supporters passing the area. BA also spoke with the ground team at Gresham Park who had also complained to Emmanuel.</p> <p>JP offered to be back in touch with the Head Teacher to request that they join the litter picking group and, hopefully, a future Community Group Meeting.</p> <p>Isabel Yusef updated the group that last Saturday 3 bags were collected, likewise the week before around Ferry Inn area. This was fewer than usual as per SS suggestion. South Wilford Primary School signed up as Eco School and will as well go for litter picks to help the community. JP suggested that DA ask St Patrick's to join the same scheme to address litter dropped by parents around the Ferry Inn and Iremonger's Pond Car Parks.</p>	<b>DA</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Heritage Project Update</b>	
5.1	<p>Phone box – the final shelves have been added to bring the total height of the shelves to 2 metres with paint added to the shelves where missing and topping up on the phone box. Wooden framing was added to the left-hand inside wall for signs to be mounted in the coming days.</p> <p>DA asked whether anyone had suggestions for keeping a track of the books and preventing overflowing of books. SB suggested placing dots onto each book once a month and removing any that have been present for too long. AG and PH noted that they will keep a close eye on the books.</p> <p>AG shared in a thanks to DA for leading on the entire Heritage Project.</p>	<b>AG / PH</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Community Events</b>	
6.1	<p><i>May Day 2023:</i> SB warned that the biggest issue facing the organisation of the festival is the quantity of people able to volunteer for the event. SB to do a shout out on This Is Wilford, DA to email the mailing list. SB asked group to proof read the</p> <p><i>Coronation 'Street Party' information pack:</i> DA asked if there would be appetite to prepare and distribute an information pack on how to close streets. SS noted that the deadline for street closures was imminent and, therefore, it would not be helpful at this late date.</p>	<b>SB DA</b>

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7	<b>Community Calendar 2024</b>	
7.1	BR being absent, this item was moved to the coming month.	<b>BR</b>
8	<b>AOB</b>	
8.1	<p>PH asked for a volunteer to take over managing the Bee Bank notice board. SS volunteered.</p> <p>SS warned that human excrement around the fields of Modern's Rugby Club. DA to email Modern's Rugby Club to ensure that they are aware of this and offer to assist should there be any safe way of helping.</p> <p>JM warned that the pigeon bridge (by Wilford Village Allotments) unsanitary issue was ongoing. Noted that there had been a long-term lack of cleaning of pigeon waste and of overgrowth in the walls of the embankment either side. DA to report to both NCC and Rushcliffe Borough Council. DA suggested the upkeep of the foliage be a Coronation Weekend volunteering job, no further action.</p> <p>TS asked about the relocation of a bin from Bader Road to alongside or opposite the Main Road / Grange Close Bus Stop to catch pupils / pedestrians walking north out of South Wilford.</p> <p>BH raised a constitution issue with regards to the eligibility of a candidate in Local Elections to be a committee officer. BH noted that previously, committee officers would step down when standing for election – SB noted that this was not necessary according to the constitution and therefore no further action would be necessary at this moment in time.</p> <p>Scott Clancy, Senior Community Protection Officer, provided an update for the group to be read by DA. In Clifton West, since 1st February, 169 jobs have been recorded. A handful of these were in Wilford and fewer still in the village. Most of them have been graffiti and fly-tipping.</p>	<b>SS</b> <b>DA</b>      <b>DA</b>
9	<p><b>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.40.</b></p> <p><b>The next meeting is Monday 17 April 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</b></p>	

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