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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley - Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Claire Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Sarah O'Connor – Secretary (SO), Bill Roughton (BR), Cristian Nardoni (CN), Terri Slade (TS), Adrian Nicholson (AN), Ann Gerty (AG), Lindsey Barnes (LB), Rob Dodson (RD), Bob Atherton (BA), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Pam Duesbury (PD), Daniel Atherton (DA).
Also Present	Cllr. Roger Steel (RS), Cllr. Andrew Rule (AR), Georgia Blanchard (GB), Ben Price (BP), Stephany Schild (SS), Jo MacNair (JM), Jo Livey (JL), Police Sergeant Nigel Bradley (NB)
Where	Zoom - Online
When	Monday 15 th February 2021
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1 Apologies 2 Minutes & Actions from 18/01/21 Meeting 3 Parking Permit Update 4 Heritage Trail Project Update 5 Iremongers Pond Update 6 Litter Picking Update 7 Community Events Update 8 Any Other Business	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Ruth Brown (RB), Christian Nardoni (CN)	
2	Minutes & Actions from 18/01/21 Meeting	
2.1	Minutes approved.	
3	Crime Update from Police Sergeant Nigel Bradley	
3.1	NB spoke about Operation Rainlily and the 3 warrants in past 6 months on Main Road Wilford. NB discussed policing priorities in Wilford: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Drug use around pond and Toll Bridge have been a focus of all teams, including council PCSOs.- 1 warrant in Jan 21 we found a large amount of cannabis plants being grown.- The police knife crime team arrested a male with 51 Wraps of Class A drugs 11/2/21- Regular patrol by PCSO Martin Fisher and Community Protection Team of the NCC	

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	<p>Crime review for Silverdale/Wilford Beat 1/11/20-14/2/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 Autocrime offences - 6 burglaries (4 Dwelling 2 non-dwellings) - 1 Robbery - 4 Criminal Damage - 7 Violence crimes all minor injuries <p>Concerns raised around the use of Toll Bridge Arches for drug taking. NB noted that the police had suggested the possibility of fencing off the underneath of the toll bridge. DA shared concern that this had been pursued, without success, by Moderns Rugby Club and the Iremongers Pond Association</p>	
4	Parking Permit Scheme Update	
4.1	<p>SB asked for confirmation that residents would be involved in review of scheme. RS confirmed that there will be a <u>live review</u> of the scheme - it will be some months before the review begins to take place but noted that residents could submit responses if and when they wish. Residents will be invited to contact traffic management should they want to be involved in the review. DA to advertise on social media, on website and by email as soon as possible.</p> <p>Concern raised regarding parking for school drop-off / pick-up. RS confirmed that parking restriction will not be enforced during school drop off and pick up. SB asked for a statement to be issued out so it's clear for everyone as signs state you cannot park. RS confirmed that he will look into making this possible.</p> <p>BR raised concern regarding apparently randomly placed "bays". RS confirmed specific visitor bays will be clearly marked.</p> <p>RD raised concern regarding clutter of new signage. DA raised concern that, were the signs placed due to 'red-tape', then they were not giving a necessary coverage and noted that the best solution would be prominent signage at the entrance to the village-proper indicating entrance to a permit zone. RS confirmed that this was the intention. DA noted that the group could look into requesting unnecessary signs to be removed in the future owing to concern for heritage sites.</p>	DA
5	L-1 Bus Service Withdrawal	
5.1	<p>DA requested an update from AR regarding the suggested withdrawal of the valuable service. AR noted that the service's withdrawal was included in the proposed council budget.</p> <p>DA asked whether there anything that can be done as it is some peoples only means of transport.</p> <p>AR noted that the meeting is on the second Monday in March. Urged people to write in response to a consultation in support of the service. PH suggested putting something from the group and is happy to action. Link for bus consultation is pt.operations@nottinghamcity.gov.uk. DA to make the consultation widely available online.</p>	PH DA
6	Iremongers Pond Update	

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6.1	BR noted that there was not much change. The pond was re-stocked with fish but some were immediately lost due to an unexpected visit from an otter. Noted that new memberships would be starting in April. Information on the website: www.iremongerspond.org.uk . PH welcomed that a sign welcoming visitors to Iremongers Pond would be expected soon.	
7	Litter picking Update	
7.1	<p>DA provided update from Ruth Brown on behalf of Wilford Litter Pickers:</p> <p>Alice Veltman has stood down from assisting me with leading the Litter picking group, but Alice will continue to litter pick in her free time. A massive thank you goes out to Alice who has been a big support for me with brilliant ideas and loads of enthusiasm. Alice and I started the group, in May 2018 with the encouragement from Alma Davies from Clifton Village. Alice has been the “Facebook advertiser” and the “statistics keeper” as well, being a sounding board swapping ideas and leading our group. I have asked another resident of Wilford and the litter picking group Anna Willmott to assist me. Anna will take over from Alice. On Saturday morning in January last year, Alice and I came across a homeless man sleeping rough in the flood defence area by the school. Alice went home to make a sandwich and a hot drink for him. We gave him some black bags for any rubbish he might have. He thanked us profusely.</p> <p>Alice joined a group of 10 people and litter picked recently by the Ironmonger Pond. They cleared drug related litter and other rubbish. I understand there were around 12 bags collected. A “sharps box” was used due to finding needles.</p> <p>Anna Willmott has set up a spreadsheet to enable all of us to keep adding the number of bags of litter we pick up. Our volunteers are still litter picking on their own or in family groups and using the spreadsheet which I am very thankful for.</p> <p>I have written to Rushcliffe Council to ask them to consider increasing the size of the litter bin on the corner of Riverside Path on the corner of the Nottingham Emmanuel School. I am grateful that they have listened to us asking for a litter bin on this corner but frustrated when it wasn’t a big bin. The amount of footfall in the area has increased tremendously due to lockdown. They are using the bin, which is wonderful, but the bin is full at the end of each weekend and Beth has been reporting this each week. Rushcliffe have written back to me to confirm they will monitor how the bin is used over the next few weeks.</p>	
8	Heritage Project Update	
8.1	<p>DA gave update regarding progress on the reopening of National Heritage Lottery applications. Noted that having reopened last week, the group was able to resubmit the application which is currently being updated to reflect the new guidelines and the current necessary precautions for social distancing.</p> <p>PH welcomed the Wilford Walks booklets selling out and suggested the group purchase another 100. After discussion and noting of price quotes, the group decided to purchase 300 with the hope of additional coverage as local pubs reopened and noted that additional copies could be retained for future use should they not sell out. DA to liaise with Hayman Creative to arrange for the production of 300 more.</p>	DA
9	Future Community Events	
9.1	SB noted that, unfortunately, the group should not look towards organising summer events yet let alone May Day. PH welcomed the Playgroup’s interest for assistance in organising an Easter outdoor trail for the pond. DA suggested the group organise a mirroring but slightly different event around Ruddington	

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	<p>Lane park to cater for families further from the pond. The group agreed and interest was given towards organising the Ruddington Lane activity.</p> <p>Interest has been given for the Wilford Cub Scouts Group to be involved in the next event. Interest was welcomed and the group invited to assist with the Easter activities.</p> <p>DA noted that timings now meant the Heritage Festival, as part of the Heritage Project, would be taking place in the same season as the Queen's Jubilee. Welcomed suggestions on whether to combine or separate. SB noted that three large-scale events in one year would be a tremendous effort and suggested combining the two events on the Jubilee Bank Holiday with May Day taking place as per usual. The group agreed. DA to coordinate this in the future.</p>	
10	Wildlife Update	
10.1	<p>Cherry Tree Planting</p> <p>DA welcomed that the trees, provided by the Japanese Embassy at his request and from the support of Japanese businesses and organisations, would be delivered in the coming week to then be planted the following Wednesday. Hoped that the BBC would be interested in covering the planting at Compton Acres, Ruddington Lane and Iremongers Pond.</p>	
10.2	<p>Wilford Field</p> <p>DA updated the group on progress to protect Wilford Field as a Local Nature Reserve. Welcomed the progress of the petition reaching over 1200 signatures and the involvement of local Councillor Gordon Wheeler. Highlighted effort to create a management plan ahead of the presenting the petition to Nottinghamshire County Council in March and the parallel effort to organise a 'Friends of' group.</p>	
10.3	<p>Railway Embankment</p> <p>DA and BP provided an overview of ambitions to restore original trail route along Vernon Avenue stretch of the embankment owing to security and privacy concerns of residents.</p> <p>Residents in attendance emphasised, with seriousness, their concerns for any restoration of a path. Concerns also raised regarding protection of wildlife.</p> <p>DA and BP emphasised that no action had been taken beyond exploratory work to see whether the restored trail route in addition to the encouragement of brambles to grow across the current route would help in alleviating privacy concerns. Noted that ambitions remained to mirror efforts at Wilford Field and get official protection for the embankment as a nature reserve with a proper management plan and recognition from the council.</p> <p>AG reiterated concerns for fencing along the embankment edge of both sets of allotments. DA confirmed that from all investigations, the embankment is the responsibility of the City Council, something that had become a contention in AG's negotiations with the council – welcomed the confirmation and hopes that the fencing will be instated ahead of lease renegotiations in the coming year.</p> <p>DA and BP confirmed that in the future, as Covid allows, further effort would be made to involve residents in discussion around privacy concerns. Emphasised that options remained to secure the Vernon Avenue stretch fully through the use of fencing.</p>	
11	Any Other Business	
11.1	<p>PH welcomed support from Honest Inks and Susan Reedley who would be donating funds to the Community Group from Ink Cartridge recycling at the Co-Op.</p>	

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	<p>PH thanks John Bishop for providing a copy of the Ruddington Lane Park deeds and welcomed interest from anyone wishing to see these.</p> <p>RS noted that funds remained available for residents in need because of Covid-19. SB confirmed that the funds remained in the Community Group accounts available for any causes necessary.</p>	
	<p>The meeting concluded at 9:15. The next meeting would take place on Monday 15th March.</p>	

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