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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair, <i>Acting Chair</i> (SB), Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Clare Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Sarah O'Connor – Secretary (SO), Bill Roughton (BR), Terri Slade (TS), Christian Nardoni (CN), Adrian Nicholson (AN), Ann Gerty (AG), Bob Atherton (BA), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Daniel Atherton (DA).
Also Present	Cllr. Roger Steel (RS), Cllr. Andrew Rule (AR), Georgia Blanchard (GB), Stephany Schild (SSC), Sergeant Nigel Bradley (NB), Jitendra Bhundia (JB), Sandra Stapleton – Principal of Nottingham Emmanuel (SS)
Where	Zoom - Online
When	Monday 19 th April 2021
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1 Apologies 2 Minutes & Actions from 15/03/21 Meeting 3 Police and Crime Update from PC Nigel Bradley 4 Welcoming of Nottingham Emmanuel School's New Principal 5 Parking Permits Update 6 Iremongers Pond Update 7 Litter Picking Update 8 Heritage Project Update 9 Community Events 10 AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Rob Dodson (RD), Pam Duesbury (PD), SCPO Scott Clancy (SC)	
2	Minutes & Actions from 15/03/21 Meeting	
2.1	Minutes approved.	
3	Crime Update from Police Sergeant Nigel Bradley	
3.1	NB hopes to have PCSO Martin Fisher join the next meeting. Crime over past few weeks is at a good level. Slight increase in burglary, mainly in Silverdale. Some auto-crime but remains low. Aware of damage to trees in Ruddington Lane Park and more recently at Iremongers Pond. Appeal for witnesses and publicity campaign to attempt to prevent further vandalism.	

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	<p>Operation Rain Lily addressing drug use/dealing around Iremongers continues. Reports of drug taking and paraphernalia decreasing but still apparent.</p> <p>BR: Reports of needles reappearing and increase in drug use. NB confirmed will be further investigated.</p>	
4	Introduction from new Principal of Emmanuel – Sandra Stapleton	
4.1	<p>SS: Very grateful for the welcome. Pleased to have already been involved in the Heritage Project application. Hopeful that this half term will be relatively COVID free. Delighted to be meeting students now as restrictions ease. Hopeful to get members of the community back into the school.</p> <p>Next priority is for year 6 introductions.</p> <p>YMCA activity camp confirmed to be continuing this coming summer.</p> <p>The school is getting back to normal.</p> <p>Hopes to have very strong communication between school and community. Welcomed immediate contact should there be any issues. Big topic this term is on the subject of the community.</p> <p>SB welcomed SS to the meeting and to the community. PH shared welcoming SS and noted the exciting opportunities to incorporate students in our heritage project.</p> <p>DA noted Ruth Brown (RB) and the litter team would be delighted to set up line of contact regarding litter. SS emphasised this is a good priority and the school recently purchased a large bulk of litter pickers.</p>	DA / RB
5	Parking Permits Update	
5.1	<p>AR: Following the disappointing news that Traffic and Safety Team had overridden concessions given for school parking – after a meeting, Cllrs (and community) told to effectively ‘watch this space’. Any amendments would require a traffic order that would take as much time as current programme has taken to introduce. Notes it is best to sit tight and see what happens.</p> <p>SB welcomed the warmer weather for those walking. Suggested leaving the item as a rolling item for updates at each meeting.</p> <p>RS updated on allotment parking. AG welcomed AR securing funding for aggregate to make the central path more passable for drivers. Process ongoing.</p> <p>Agreed to continue as rolling agenda item.</p>	
6	Iremongers Pond Update	
6.1	<p>BR noted not much to report. Unfortunate news of three trees being snapped and the frost has killed off the blossom of surviving trees. Bird boxes donated by cubs/scouts and TS have been put up nicely with some inhabitants already.</p> <p>PH – the new contact with the Co-Op has suggested donating towards replacement cherry trees. Celebrates that the group should continue as hard as possible regardless of vandalism.</p> <p>SSC emphasised that it is sadly a local issue of vandalism of trees.</p> <p>BA noted that new saplings had been put in along the flood embankment by Emmanuel. SS confirmed these were put in by people who looked like Rushcliffe Council workers. 28 pyracantha bushes have been donated to the pond group to be planted. There are now 36 members of the pond.</p> <p>AG noted that any hedges left over could be used along the Railway Embankment. SB suggested contacting the Woodland Trust for hedgerow planting.</p>	

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	DA noted that a formal request for replacement cherry trees had been sent to the Japanese Embassy.	
7	Litter Picking Update	
7.1	PH - people are still litter picking individually and forwarding the amount to the team. No news. SB noted that it may be a mix moving forward in terms of group / individual litter picking.	
8	Heritage Project Update	
8.1	DA updated the group on the submission of the Heritage Project's application to the National Heritage Lottery fund. A response will hopefully be received in time for the next meeting. Thanked PD, PH, AG and everyone else who has assisted with the application submission. DA welcomed interest from the Nottingham Post / Nottinghamshire Live in local history and heritage – several reports have been written for the Bygones online features regarding local history and future reports are expected, too.	
9	Community Events	
9.1	<p>Easter Egg Hunt: PH – large scale donation of eggs was magnificent. Children were full of joy coming to pick up Easter Egg prizes. Every entry was able to receive a prize. Families given the chance to pick their eggs up (if they can find them) before they are removed. Celebrated the collaboration between Olivia Theobold Vella and Anne Mason (Playgroup and Church), TS and the Scouts. The teamwork went brilliantly. Youngest entry was 2.</p> <p>July Picnic: PH – now things are easing, suggested we begin to plan. Previously emailed rough ideas for committee members to consider. Enough notice will need to be given for Events Notice. Asked whether the group were happy to go ahead, and if so, when.</p> <p>SB noted that it still feels early to be deciding. Expressed caution. TS welcomed going ahead with it. SO agreed that it would be nice to look forward to something.</p> <p>PH agreed that we should be cautious and that we wait until the next meeting. SB noted that by the next meeting, we will have a much clearer idea of where we will be. Agreed to set the date at the next meeting. Item to be repeated on next agenda.</p> <p>CN noted that the events notice process was awkward and could not be relied upon to be quick. AR emphasised that the longer notice given, the better. SB noted 2 months' notice would be enough.</p> <p>Great British Spring Clean: DA noted the three-week long spring clean period and suggested a Wilford wide litter pick. PH agreed that an area-wide litter pick would be possible and suggested contacting Alma Davies and RB. DA agreed to take it forward for the 30th of May, to contact RB.</p> <p>2022 Jubilee / Heritage / Anniversary Event: DA noted that the next meeting would be a good opportunity to begin discussing 2022 event. Highlighted it is also the 20th anniversary of the WCG being founded, suggested inviting founding committee members to celebrate including Brendan Clarke-Smith who is now Member of Parliament for Bassetlaw.</p>	DA
10	Wilford Walks Booklet	
	PH noted that we were generously provided with 350 booklets when we paid for 300. Thanked Hayman Creative. Welcomed the production of the new small Welcome to Wilford insert with DA. Invited new residents, community members, teachers, etc. to collect one. DA noted the digital version could be provided too.	

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	<p>DA noted that it would be of use to discuss the Welcome to Wilford sign at the next meeting. Quotes to be brought forward for production and suggested locations sought from committee members. Item to be included on next agenda.</p> <p>PH noted that the sign for Iremongers Pond will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Next WCG meeting: SB confirms that there is space at the Benjamin Carter Hall but current restrictions are for 15 max occupancy. Suggested that we wait until the next meeting to decide further meeting logistics.</p>	
11	Any Other Business	
	<p>DA noted that bluebells had been planted around the area. The daffodils were looking very good and a comparison photo will be made at a later date to compare previous planting with renewed planting.</p> <p>AG passed on an update from the Allotment Association that the planters be filled with perennial plants to provide lasting plants. Wished to pass on this suggestion and ask what the community group think. BA noted that the coordinator, Pete, has a good judgment and should be trusted on what he considers best. RS noted that councillor funding has been given to provide a floral display this year.</p> <p>BR suggested involving the Emmanuel School to look into creating a scale diagram of the pond. SS welcomed this suggestion and would take forwards with students.</p> <p>SS noted that whilst the school cannot help yet until after the next meeting, the school is able to host future events should it ever be desired. SB shared in thanks.</p> <p>BA raised awareness of the local planning / project for the new extension of all-weather football pitches alongside the current pitch.</p> <p>SS thanked the community group for the meeting and wished to join future meetings.</p> <p>AN raised the suggestion of hosting a Wilford Safari Sale after lockdown. Noted it was a safe and friendly community activity. DA suggested August Bank Holiday. Item to be included on next agenda.</p> <p>SSC praised the Church Group for the Easter Display. SB confirmed this would be passed on.</p> <p>GB celebrated the atmosphere around the pond. Noted that it feels a lot safer and friendlier. Thanked everyone.</p> <p>DA proposed cementing the Wilford Wiggler into place in the future, incorporating this into a permanent display on the Village Green. Item to be included on future agenda.</p>	DA
	<p>The meeting concluded at 9:00. The next meeting would take place on Monday 17th May.</p>	