

Wilford Community Group

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Bob Atherton (BA), Lindsey Barnes (LB), Pam Duesbury (PD), Sarah Filz (SF), Rob Nicholas (RN), John Pickles (JP), Stephany Schild (SS)
Also Present	Carole Goodrich (CG), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Jude Nicholas (JN)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 16 May 2022
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes and Actions from 11/04/22 Meeting3. Police and Crime Update4. Iremongers Pond Update5. Litter-Picking Update6. Heritage Project Update7. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jubilee Festival8. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Daniel Atherton (DA), Sophie Blaken (SB), Rob Dodson, Ann Gerty, Cristian Nardoni, Sarah O'Connor, Bill Roughton, Clare Roughton (CR), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Roger Steel (RS)	
2	Minutes and Actions from 11/04/22 Meeting	
2.1	Any actions are on this meeting's agenda, so will be dealt with later.	
3	Police and Crime Update	
3.1	Apologies were received for non-attendance by the police, but their report identified a few thefts from vehicles. JM enquired if we could be kept informed re incidents in the area, as young people causing disturbance elsewhere subsequently used Wilford as a through route, thus impacting local residents. PH explained that our local police focus on Wilford as their patch, but she would pose the question.	PH
4	Iremongers Pond Update	
4.1	BA reported that the bailiffs are wanting to purchase more fish for the pond, and this is currently being discussed. Six new trees have been planted at the far end of the orchard, re-using old cages. It was suggested that all the cages could be removed this summer in view of the size of the trees, and it was agreed that the pond and the orchard were a credit to everyone looking after them.	

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5	Litter-Picking Update	
5.1	JP explained that the previous weekend the group had teamed up with the Clifton litter-pickers, followed by free coffee at the Harvester. Next Saturday the group is attending a training session on how to litter-pick on the tram tracks. It was felt that schoolchildren were not dropping as much litter overall as previously. SS reported that the bin between the two football pitches has now been replaced.	
6	Heritage Project Update	
6.1	We are still awaiting the final touches on the phone box. The information panels have been ordered, the designs having been checked by Ray Hutchins. It was pleasing to note that the project has come in under budget.	
7	Community Events: Jubilee Festival	
7.1	Volunteers will be distributing a Jubilee Festival letter to all houses with a schedule on the reverse, plus posters will be affixed to the noticeboards. It was recognised that DA had done a brilliant job in his organisation of the project. SMT, the new business which has restored and now resides in Wilford House, has promised sponsorship to the tune of £1000, which will be matched by our Councillors. SMT are keen to involve themselves in the local community and have asked DA to give a local history talk at one of their meetings.	
7.2	The event will be held on the village green, with the road partially closed, and any residents affected by this have been advised. Food will be available on the Paddock, but attendees will be encouraged to bring their own picnic if they prefer. There may be a bar. A large banner will be placed at the crossroads, with smaller ones for Ruddington Lane and the Village Tram Stop. Volunteers are needed from noon to help set up. SS suggested that a car could be loaded with chairs from the barn rather than everyone carrying them separately. CR will provide a donation bucket. George, the vicar, has been very involved, having been impressed by the May Day event.	Committee CR
7.3	A Zoom meeting will be held tomorrow at 6.30 pm, with a second meeting to be arranged on site over the weekend. We are asked to encourage our neighbours to present their dogs for the Cruft show and to submit cakes for the bake-off. There is room for more stalls, should anyone still wish to join. Confirmation of the bouncy castle is awaited. PH has made bunting from the children's activities on the craft stall on May Day, but needs more, so is encouraging the schools to become involved. DA has approached local companies for prizes, and SF offered to provide a picture showing the map of Wilford.	Committee PH SF
8	AOB	
8.1	SB wished heartfelt thanks to be extended to everyone helping on May Day, an event which far exceeded expectations. Thanks were extended back to SB for all her hard work in organising it. A combination of donations and the sale of walk leaflets covered all the costs for the day. Thanks were also given by RN to PH and SS for stepping in when the original craft stall could not take place.	
8.2	JM expressed concern re the trees which are now covering the lights on Bee Bank and has alerted AR, who will contact Highways by email.	AR
8.3	CG would like crocheted tops on Wilford's pillar boxes as seen in other areas, and asked if anyone had the relevant expertise.	

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8.4	It was observed that some committee members are not in the WCG WhatsApp group and they were therefore advised to contact SB.	SB
8.5	Comments were made about Council work as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The bus-stop has still not been repaired.• Are the trees on Coronation Avenue being reinstated?• The fence at the end of Holly Avenue still needs attention.• The soakaway issue on Vernon Avenue has still not been resolved. AR is taking this up.	RS AR
9	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.29. The next meeting is Monday 20 June 2022 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	

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