

# Wilford Community Group

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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Bob Atherton (BA), Pam Duesbury, Ann Gerty (AG), Carole Goodrich, Rebecca Ironmonger, Stephany Schild (SS)
<b>Also Present</b>	Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Roger Steel (RS)
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	19.30, 16 January 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 and Actions from 21/11/22 Meeting</li><li>3. Police and Crime Update</li><li>4. Iremongers Pond Update</li><li>5. Litter-Picking Update</li><li>6. Heritage Project Update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Telephone Box</li><li>- Heritage Trail Panels</li></ul></li><li>7. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review of Bauble Competition</li><li>- May Day</li><li>- Coronation</li></ul></li><li>8. Community Calendar 2024</li><li>9. AOB</li></ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Daniel Atherton (DA), Sarah Filz, Jude Nicholas, Sarah O'Connor, Jeremy Pratt, Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and Actions from 21/11/22 Meeting</b>	
2.1	Any actions are on this meeting's agenda, so will be dealt with later.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Police and Crime Update</b>	
3.1	No update received. AG offered to help DA to chase up police for future reports.	<b>AG</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
4.1	BA reported that in the wake of the split of responsibility between the Iremongers Pond Fishing Club and the Iremongers Pond Association. DA had transferred all the information from the old IPA website	

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	to the Wilford Community website. The relevant monies had also been transferred, with the Fishing Club to receive 85% of the fishing income to spend and the IPA keeping 15% for carrying out the required maintenance. Jonathan Shewell-Cooper and BR are targeting Sunday 5 February as the next maintenance day for clearing paths, etc. There are also currently three benches from the Bowls Club in BR's garden for installation round the pond. DA had received 15 saplings from the Forestry Commission, in the form of five hazelnuts, five birches and five crabapples. Appreciation was expressed for the two heritage boards now <i>in situ</i> .	BR/BA
4.2	SS mentioned a reduction in the number of ducks and BA in the number of large pike, both arising from a combination of several factors. PH has submitted our application for the annual Green Flag Award, citing (a) that the planning permission for the raising of the bridge has gone through (b) the separation of pond and maintenance (c) our funding from the Co-op (d) the heritage panels. BA explained that the bridge will eventually be 0.5m higher, making it available for use for most of the year. Two swans had died – one senior, which may have been the result of a landing accident, and one a cygnet in the Swales, which may have been torn by a dog. Thanks were extended to BA for dealing with the matter.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Litter-Picking Update</b>	
5.1	Although the group is still 'going strong', in view of the inclement weather there were only a small number of pickers the previous weekend, to whom thanks were recorded for their commitment. SB requested that as a thriving community group we should resist the temptation to blame particular individuals or groups for anti-social behaviour (litter-dropping etc) and remain positive in our approach to issues. It was felt that the bin near the allotments was insufficient for the area, and JM was asked to take photos of it for sending to the Council with a request for more bins or a bigger one.	JM
<b>6</b>	<b>Heritage Project Update</b>	
6.1	<i>Telephone Box:</i> DA had circulated an idea for the shelving, consisting of floor-to-ceiling adjustable galvanised racking on the wall opposite the door, at a cost of £61. This was approved unanimously as the most practical solution. SB undertook to communicate with DA re this decision/the writing of a formal thankyou to Shane for his efforts in quoting for wooden shelving/photos for signage/a query as to when the catch on the door was going to be replaced/the fact that the concrete splashes inside needed attention.	SB
6.2	<i>Heritage Trail Panels:</i> Excellent feedback had been received for these and they were regarded as being very user-friendly. SS asked if the panel outside the Co-op could be moved to a flatter area, as it is currently on raised ground, making it difficult to read. SB to contact DA re this, though this may not be possible as it is concreted in. It was agreed that thanks should be extended to Pino for their installation, and to DA for all his hard work on the project. RS suggested that people following the Wilford Trail should also be encouraged to move on to the noticeboards in the Meadows.	SB/DA
<b>7</b>	<b>Community Events</b>	
7.1	<i>Review of Bauble Competition:</i> This was much enjoyed by the 15 to 20 children taking part. Improvements this year will include the lamination of the signs and more time to submit entries. Goodie bags left over were distributed as a Secret Santa drop on doorsteps, for which thanks were recorded to those who helped. This will also be repeated this year.	
7.2	<i>May Day:</i> SB reported that George has agreed to our use of the hall; she will bring a plan to the next meeting.	SB

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7.3	<i>Coronation:</i> There was much debate about how much and in what way this should be celebrated, especially in view of its proximity to May Day. It was decided that people should be encouraged to have their neighbours round, and/or organise their own garden/street/drive parties, etc. It was further decided that if any member of the committee wants to organise a communal event, he/she should bring a plan to the next meeting.	All
<b>8</b>	<b>Community Calendar 2024</b>	
8.1	This was deemed a good idea, with some improvements in procedure to be implemented vis-à-vis the previous one, eg pictures will be collected from competitors throughout the year, with the production of the calendar being started sooner, and some revision to the rules. SB observed that the quality of the calendar did not reflect the price we paid and perhaps someone with a design background could look over it this year before it goes to press. PH to approach BR with a request that he runs a subcommittee to deal with the competition.	PH/BR
<b>9</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
9.1	RS wished to record that George had donated a new transformer for the Christmas lights on The Green for which thanks were extended, also to RS for arranging the lights. SS had raised with the Council the question of electric scooters riding on the pavement. AG had a video of the garage which she will digitise. PH presented apologies for the next meeting.	AG DA
9.2	RS stated that the parking restrictions outside the school in Main Road are to be revised to accommodate drop-off and collection times, and the signs would be changed accordingly. This was hailed as a very welcome development for the Wilford community.	
9.3	BH reported that he had not received the meeting agenda until that morning and residents who did not normally attend but might want to raise issues would not have sufficient notice. PH undertook to list all the meeting dates on the three noticeboards  BH also re-raised the issue of the concreting at the bus stop opposite the garage and was assured by RS/AR that the work was programmed in by the Council with the date yet to be fixed. It was agreed that in return for the requisite concreting/tarmacking the committee would calculate the carbon offset and plant trees and/or bushes.	PH
10	<b>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.41.</b> <b>The next meeting is Monday 20 February 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</b>	

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