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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Sarah O’Connor – Secretary (SC), Clare Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Bill Roughton (BR), Daniel Atherton (DA), Pam Duesbury (PD), Rob Nicholas (RN), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Terri Slade (TS), Ann Gerty (AG), Bob Atherton (BA), Rob Dodson (RD)
Also Present	Cllr. Roger Steel (RS), Cllr. Andrew Rule (AR), Georgia Blanchard (GB), Phillip Ward (PW), Stephany Schild (SS)
Where	Zoom - Online
When	Monday 18 th January 2021
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1 Apologies 2 Minutes & Actions from 16/11/20 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 16/11/20 Meeting	
2.1	Minutes approved.	
3	Parking Permit Update	
3.1	AR updated, site meeting tomorrow (19 th Jan), several weeks to complete, no definite timeframe. If residents have not applied for permits yet then they need to do so. If residents have applied and require status update then telephone 0115 98761966 or email residents.permits@nottinghamcity.gov.uk. None have been issued yet. Works are required on the roads will be done prior to the permits. RS stated that remedial works are in process but awaiting budgets.	
4	Heritage Trail Project Update	

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4.1	<p>DA gave brief overview of project for new attendees.</p> <p>Updated quotes have been received. Previous quote for the phone box restoration fell through following no further contact unfortunately. There is now a contact in York who is able to do everything and seems promising. They are able to do the cement base and once it's restored they are able to come and erect it.</p> <p>SS raised concerns regarding influx of new walkers and visitors to area. JP and BA emphasised that many were local, constrained by time and inability to walk in alternative locations. DA emphasised that the focus for the Heritage Project is us as community, it is not to become a tourist attraction but for community members to enjoy the area and learn more about the history of the area and to secure the history for future generations.</p> <p>Wilford Walks Booklet: Success of booklet sales has been good. Practically sold out. There are many enjoyable places to walk around the area, PH and SB still have some remaining in case.</p> <p>PW made recommendation of Welcome to Wilford signs coming into Wilford. DA brought back previous suggestions of signs by the tram crossings on Ruddington Lane and Wilford Lane and on Clifton Lane. Presented rough cost of £500-£750 per sign. Will bring forward ideas for next meeting.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>
5	Iremongers Pond Update	
5.1	BR: Lots of people enjoying the pond. Few more trees for the orchard, few spots left. Welcomed cherry trees being applied for by DA. Eligible for more Co-op funding, there should be some for a little bridge so people can get across. Raised concerns with wildlife and the reaction of some to said wildlife.	
6	Litter Picking Update	
6.1	<p>RB updated via email. Due to lockdown and the only being allowed (originally) to meet in groups of six and then this reduced to meeting one other person, since October 2020 we have agreed to litter pick individually. The volunteers have been letting myself or Alice know the number of bags collected. For the year Jan 2019 to Feb 2020, we have collected 183 bags over the Rushcliffe and City area. July and August stats were not collected due to my absence as a leader as I was away but others did take over this and bags were collected. We estimated that we could take this figure to 200 approx. for the year. This is an increase from 2019 and 2018.</p> <p>Some people may have noticed that Rushcliffe have put a bin on the north west corner of the NES. This is due to my correspondence to the Streetwise department asking them to collect the black bags of litter our volunteers have picked up. Rushcliffe have finally accepted the requirement for a bin, we have been asking for a bin since May 2018. What has helped is that now we have lockdown and the amount of people walking the rubbish has increased.</p> <p>Over Christmas and New Year, the bin was full within a week. Beth requested Streetwise to empty this in the New Year when litter was piled up at the side of it as it was over full. Beth has since been keeping an eye on it for me and has requested twice more for it to be emptied. We are monitoring this as we feel Streetwise should have put a big bin there. We are collecting stats to provide evidence a bigger bin is required.</p>	
7	Community Events Update	
7.1	PH applauded work of DA and others in organising Facebook Christmas lights competition – it went down well. Christmas trees looked delightful. Thanked Church and RS for collaboration. Unfortunate that we were unable to have the celebrations and lighting on Wilford Green. Other anonymous activities were appreciated by community.	

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	<p>Suggestions to arrange Easter eggs to be placed around the village. Possible to combine with the playgroup. SB to liaise with them to organise.</p> <p>May Day not possible how it usually is but maybe something could be arranged. All plans to be made nearer the time due to Covid.</p>	SB
8	Any Other Business	
8.1	<p>AG mentioned re: defibrillator at the school not being able to be located. DA confirmed that the ambulance service is aware of it and who would be able to alert anyone if needed. It is registered and SB confirmed that there are notices to state where it is in many different locations. If you required it you would need to contact the ambulance service who would be able to let you know how to access it.</p> <p>BA: plans for a fishing match in the summer at Iremongers, if this could be coincided with something the Community group was doing, probably not this year but maybe for future years, so we can make more people aware of the pond and visit it.</p> <p>DA requested permission to pay for website hosting, given. Updated group on application for flowering cherry trees from the Japanese Embassy to be placed on Ruddington Lane Park, in Compton Acres and at Iremongers Pond.</p> <p>PD and DA suggested, following the success of the walking booklet, we thought of a Welcome to Wilford booklet. Features information re community group, local businesses etc. DA to bring back suggestions of content and pricing.</p> <p>PH - update on finances, has money to pass onto CR to bank £400 from the walking booklets.</p> <p>The booklet has raised £500 plus. CR will confirm total at next meeting.</p> <p>PH celebrated the planting of the daffodils, noting that many are now coming up. Group is looking forward to seeing them in the spring.</p> <p>GB raised concerns with local residents clearing footpath on top of Railway Embankment. PH and SB accentuated that this was not a WCG activity. DA, who has been helping with efforts to look into the pathway, confirmed that nothing would be going forward until direct neighbours had been more informed and included. BA confirmed that the pathway has been in place for as long as memory allows, with recent years falling into misuse due to inaccessibility. AG reminded of concerns of allotment holders that access from embankment was a security concern. Ben Price invited to join the next meeting with WCG acting as forum for constructive and friendly discussion.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>PH</p>
10	Next WCG Meeting – 15th February, 19:30 start.	

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