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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Claire Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Sarah O’Connor – Secretary (SO), Bill Roughton (BR), Terri Slade (TS), Adrian Nicholson (AN), Ann Gerty (AG), Rob Dodson (RD), Bob Atherton (BA), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Pam Duesbury (PD), Daniel Atherton (DA), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JS).
Also Present	Cllr. Roger Steel (RS), Cllr. Andrew Rule (AR), Georgia Blanchard (GB), Stephany Schild (SS), Sarah Filz (SF), Sergeant Nigel Bradley (NB), CPO Scott Clancy (SC), Jitendra Bhundia (JB).
Where	Zoom - Online
When	Monday 15 th March 2021
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1 Apologies 2 Minutes & Actions from 15/02/21 Meeting 3 Crime Update 4 Parking Permit Update 5 Iremongers Pond Update 6 Litter Picking Update 7 Heritage Trail Project Update 8 Future Events 9 Any Other Business	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Ruth Brown (RB), Christian Nardoni (CN), Pat Huxley - Chair (PH), Lindsey Barnes (LB).	
2	Minutes & Actions from 15/02/21 Meeting	
2.1	Minutes approved.	
3	Crime Update from Police Sergeant Nigel Bradley	
3.1	NB updated the group on local crime and policing from the past month: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No burglary, no violence, no damage.- One incident of a pair of sunglasses from a car stolen- Antisocial behaviour (beggar at Co-Op)- Police operation ‘rain-lily’ continuing in addressing drug use around pond, as well as vehicles along Main Road	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cherry trees on Ruddington Lane Park been damaged, happened between 8pm last night and before 7am in the morning. Police will look into it. Could issue warnings for anti-social behaviour - NB and SC to look into CCTV at Tram Stop 	NB / SC
4	Parking Permit Scheme Update	
4.1	<p>RS updated the group regarding Parking Permit rollout. Welcomed that the pond car park much improved, with ongoing discussions on concessions for Iremongers Pond users and the allotments.</p> <p>RS suggested that pond users who are friends of residents can use permits but must return afterwards. BR, JS and BA refuted the ability for users to “link” with residents: not enough permits to go around, impractical for many. AG raised concern that many people using allotments are having an issue.</p> <p>BR noted that parking outside South Wilford School is becoming a concern: people arguing for spots to park, ignoring double yellow lines, people being blocked in on their drives, much better during the day with commuters not present, but at school times causing lots of problems.</p> <p>SS suggested using church hall car park, SB noted necessity of car park for daytime users and AG noted too great a distance for carrying items to the allotment.</p> <p>BA made suggestion of cars going onto the allotments, would need to put something down to protect ground.</p> <p>SB and DA requested information on when consultation and review would take place from RS. Timeframe for review of parking permits not agreed, enforcement action due to start from next Monday (see statement attached at bottom). RS to attend meeting (to be arranged) to talk about the pond and allotment parking, and large events such as funerals, weddings etc. SB requested that school concerns be included in this meeting.</p> <p>JB concerned to have not received permit yet, not allowed to park on the road, concerned about where to park. AR will look into this and follow up.</p> <p>DA updated that Nottingham Post would coming to Wilford to report on parking issues, following up concerns raised. DA meeting them to show them around the village and requested a message to be shared from the WCG. Committee to agree wording following meeting.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>AR</p>
5	Iremongers Pond Update	
5.1	BR updated the group that cherry trees, provided by DA, have been planted by a team of volunteers. Membership drive for the new year is beginning on Saturday (20 th) – invited residents to join as Associate Members to help financially support the group. Celebrated the amount of people enjoying the pond.	
6	Litter picking Update	
6.1	<p>RB provided an update, read out by DA:</p> <p>The litter picking group continues to litter pick as individuals and not as a group due to the restrictions.</p>	

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	<p>We are still waiting for the new bigger bin to replace the smaller bin on the North West corner of the Nottingham Emmanuel School.</p> <p>The following statistics are the number of purple bags (City Council) and black bags (Rushcliffe) for January and February.</p> <p>January</p> <p>35.5 purple bags 19 black bags Total 54.5 bags</p> <p>February</p> <p>40.5 purple bags 4 black bags Total 44.5 bags</p> <p>This is impressive as we are still working as a team even though we go out on our own or in small family groups. We are covering a larger area too as everyone picking litter is responsible for specific roads or areas. Thank you to everyone who has helped us.</p> <p>We are still receiving new volunteers who are contacting me to join in.</p>	
7	Heritage Project Update	
7.1	DA had meeting with Tom Little from the Council, finalising where the location signs may go. Hope that this is the final hurdle before submitting the application. Applying for below £10,000, hoping to hear back in 6-8 weeks. DA to circulate the application to individuals interested, with an update to group once the application is submitted.	DA
8	Future Events	
8.1	<p>Group agreed that there should be no plans for May Day event, due to regulations. DA raised hope to plan a walking day, encourage people to try one of the walks, someone to show people around the village, maybe ice cream van or pop shops, picnic on doorsteps.</p> <p>PH is successfully going ahead in conjunction with Church/Scouts/Playgroup to organise Easter Egg hunt.</p> <p>Proposed community picnic to be held in July or August: discussion on possibly making this low key, maybe make it later in August when things may be less restrictive.</p>	
9	AOB	
9.1	<p>SS again raised concerns about use of railway embankment path. Requested that WCG turn it into an animal sanctuary. AR will respond via email. SB explained that this is not for this group and we do not have the power to stop people going up there nor to implement an animal sanctuary.</p> <p>TS noted that the path was not as dangerous as SS comments, but warned that she was screamed at by someone stating that she was staring into their house and it was private land – both incorrect.</p> <p>DA relieved concerns regarding online advertisement of the volunteers' hopes to re-establish the</p>	AR

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	<p>original trail route away from the houses, explaining that only 4 people saw the web page contrary to concerns raised (4 visitors, including DA and the complainant, GB confessed to being one of said visitors too).</p> <p>DA emphasised that it was himself during a WCG meeting that had first raised the prospect of protecting the embankment as a nature reserve, noting too that there is no such protection as an animal sanctuary. DA reminded the group and SS that following ongoing experience in protecting Wilford Field as a nature reserve, would look to replicate this with the Embankment.</p>	
	<p>The meeting concluded at 9:00. The next meeting would take place on Monday 19th April.</p>	

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STATEMENT PROVIDED BY COUNCILLOR ROGER STEEL South Wilford School Parking Update - 18th March 2021

On Tuesday we received communication from the Traffic and Safety team at Council stating their intention to instruct colleagues in traffic enforcement to commence immediate enforcement action of the restrictions in the Village from next week. This would include the single yellow line outside the school, parking on double yellow lines zig zags, bus stops, and residents permit only parking within the wider permit scheme in the Village.

They have advised us that this is the result of concerns being raised from residents in relation to the safety of pick up and drop since the new restrictions have come into force.

On receipt of this notification Cllr Rule and I immediately sought a meeting with the Portfolio Holder in order to reverse this decision.

Traffic and Safety colleagues have provided the following statement explaining their position below which as a result of our meeting on Wednesday, also incorporates a further extension of the current “soft” enforcement until Thursday 1st April just before the Easter Holidays :

“You will be aware that we have recently introduced restrictions around Wilford Village. Limited waiting bays have been incorporated for safe parking at drop off and pick up times close to the School. Safe parking doesn’t just help those who arrive by vehicles; it also keeps the streets safe for children and parents to walk or scooter to school. Our aim, where possible, is to encourage more children to walk for health and environmental benefits. In order to enable parents to get used to the new restrictions, warning notices will be issued up to 1st April 2021. This will hopefully allow enough time for alternative travel arrangements to be made. As a school and to support this, we will also look at the feasibility of initiating a Park and Stride from a suitable location to help contribute to a safer environment.”

In practical terms this means that warning notices will continue to be issued this side of the Easter Holidays, however at the start of the new term enforcement action will commence whereby parents who park in contravention of the restrictions will be at risk of potential enforcement action.

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We are aware that the school previously had an arrangement with the Harvester whereby parents could use the car park at pick up and drop off, (South Wilford have confirmed that this arrangement is no longer acceptable to the Harvester) and would also ask you to draw parents attention to the possibility of the car park at the bottom of the Village which could be utilised in a similar manner.

We would be grateful if you would if you pass this message onto parents.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this latest development should you wish to do so.

In the meantime we are meeting with the Portfolio Holder and colleagues in Traffic and Safety on 31 March to seek a way forward to this current regrettable development.

Roger Steel (Cllr)

Clifton West Ward

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