

Wilford Community Group

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AGM Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Alice Veldtman (AV), Roger Steel (RS), Clare Roughton (CR), Bill Roughton (BR), Christian Nardoni (CN), Treasurer - Pat Huxley (PH), Chair – Rob Dodson (RD), Suzy Conway (SC), Vice Chair - Sophie Blaken (SB), Lindsey Barnes (LB), Secretary - John Ballard (JB), Dan Atherton (DA)
Also Present	Parbinder Singh (PS), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Phil Marsh (PM), Neil Marriott (NM), Jae Marriott (JM), Pam Duesbury (PD), Josh Cook (JC)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	Monday 17 th July 2017, 19:30 – 20:45
What	Wilford Community Group AGM Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of 2016 WCG AGM Minutes2. Chair's Annual Report3. Annual Accounts4. Election of Officers5. Election of Committee Members6. Any Other Business	
1	Approval of 2016 WCG AGM Minutes	
1.1	Minutes approval: SB; seconded: PH	
2	Chair's Annual Report	
2.1	<p>Wilford Community Group Chairman's Report July 2017</p> <p>Wilford Community Group is registered with Nottingham City Council as a local Residents Association. This enables us to represent the area in discussions with the council and on the Local Area Committee where the council discuss local issues and opportunities. We hold monthly committee meetings which are always open to all local residents. They are also regularly attended by our local councillors and representatives from local bodies.</p> <p>I would like to thank the officers, Sophie, Pat and John for all their hard work during the last 12m which has made a huge difference to many of our residents. I would also like to thank our local councillors for all their continued support.</p> <p>I would like to thank Alice for being a brilliant secretary, getting our website off the ground and generally keeping everything in order along with handing over very efficiently the mantle to John Ballard.</p> <p>Communication</p>	

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	<p>12 months ago I notified the Group that we had doubled our followers on Facebook to 800, well one year later and we have doubled again to over 1600 followers. This has become our key medium for updating the community with the latest news and remains an outstanding forum for debate by all.</p> <p>I am extremely proud that we have continued our close partnership with St Wilfrids along with other local groups and I would like to thank Andy Stinson and the team at Co-op for their support, most recently at the Founder's Day Picnic.</p> <p>Achievements</p> <p>I am thrilled that we continue to hold "build a sense of community" at the heart of the Group.</p> <p>Two more successful events all centred on fostering community spirit and blending with tradition, our second May Day event could not happen without the energy of Dianne Rolley and her Brownies.</p> <p>We had our Founder's Day Picnic which again merged tradition with community cohesion. Another fantastic day with the highlight being another fantastic turnout from the community and the treasure hunt for the children with a big nod of appreciation to Dan Atherton for his support on this particular project.</p> <p>I know the events are about a team pulling together but I would like to single out Sophie Blaken, without whom I am not sure we would get much off the ground. She has been amazing in her dedication and support, thank you.</p> <p>We are going into the next 12m in our strongest financial position ever due to the kind donations and generosity of the local community, we hope to be able to put this money to good use by funding a defibrillator.</p> <p>The resurfacing work on Main Road and Coronation Ave has been completed and with our Facebook followers being ever vigilant it feels like we have the largest neighbourhood watch group in the county.</p> <p>Next 12 months</p> <p>I believe we can continue to arrange two events p.a. May Day and another during the summer.</p> <p>I am hopeful of more residents getting involved; I like would to promote WCG more to the community and get 2,000 followers on Facebook.</p>	
3	Annual Accounts	
3.1	<p>Treasurer's report for the AGM on 17 July 2017</p> <p>May I begin with expressing thanks, yet again, to Paul Margeson, who has kindly conducted the audit for the Group. I am delighted to say that Paul has agreed to continue in his role as WCG auditor.</p> <p>The accounts relate to the last financial year.</p>	

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	<p>We had an opening balance of £1,402.01 on 1 April 2016.</p> <p>INCOME during the financial year in question is entirely from donations. Our thanks to the City Council for their donations of £600, which represents two sums of £300, one for each of our main events.</p> <p>The remaining figures of £699.91 and £601.78 relate to the kind donations from local residents for the May Day event and the celebration for the Queen's 90th birthday.</p> <p>Thanks also to the kind people who contributed cakes and cookies to the stall and the Bake Off competition, and other items for the various events.</p> <p>Total income was £1,901.69</p> <p>EXPENDITURE for the year covered the payments of £295.95 on food which was given freely to the local community at both events. This amount represents half the costs involved as we shared this with St. Wilfrids Church.</p> <p>Of the remaining expenditure £55 was for our Internet Services; £200 as donations to our two local primary schools; Bouncy Castle hire and temporary event notices for each event; notice board equipment, a cash float for occasional use and £19.50 for confectionery at the Christmas tree light-up in front of the Wilford Green. That event was also well supported and sponsored by the City Council, The Wilford Green, The Coop, and Kerry's.</p> <p>Total expenditure was £1,015.40</p> <p>We had a closing balance of £2,288.30 on 31 March 2017</p> <p>A COPY OF THE SIGNED AUDIT IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PERUSAL</p> <p>You may be interested to know that once cheques just paid out for the Founder's Day Picnic on the Green have been cleared the WCG balance will stand at £2,921.21. There is an event at Ruddington Lane Park on Tuesday 29th August from 2 —4pm which we hope many of you will support.</p> <p>Pat Huxley (Treasurer - Wilford Community Group)</p>	
4	Election of Officers	
4.1	<p>Chair: Robert Dodson (Seconder: Pat Huxley)</p> <p>Vice Chair: Sophie Blaken (Seconder: Robert Dodson)</p> <p>Secretary: John Ballard (Seconder: Pat Huxley)</p> <p>Treasurer: Pat Huxley (Seconder: Dave Smith)</p> <p>Area 8 Committee Nominee: Roger Steel (Seconder: John Ballard)</p>	
5	Election of Committee Members	
5.1	<p>Alice Veldtman (Seconder: John Ballard)</p> <p>Clare Roughton (Seconder: Christian Nardoni)</p>	

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	<p>Bill Roughton (Seconder: Jeremy Pratt)</p> <p>Christian Nardoni (Seconder: Bill Roughton)</p> <p>Suzy Conway (Seconder: John Ballard)</p> <p>Lindsey Barnes (Seconder: Robert Dodson)</p> <p>Kirsty Barnes (Seconder: Sophie Blaken)</p> <p>Daniel Atherton (Seconder: Robert Dodson)</p>	
6	Any Other Business	
6.1	<p>PS:</p> <p>a Potential Future Events: The WCG might wish to emulate Lady Bay PTA by holding a Safari event.</p> <p>b The Christmas tree on Wilford Green 8th December similar in format to last year but potential adapted to cover two sessions: an earlier session for children and a later session for adults.</p> <p>c Clifton Park plan to initiate a running scheme, similar to that at Rushcliffe Park, starting in October.</p>	
6.2	<p>PH:</p> <p>a Noticeboards: Coop OK; Bee Bank to be repaired by DA's brother Paul; new noticeboard at Ruddington Lane Park to be paid for by WCG and to be located on fence, on the edge of the path near the play area.</p>	
6.3	<p>BR:</p> <p>a Lots to discuss about Pond Association, but this could occur post-meeting. Help was welcomed to remove the young fish erroneously added to the small ponds in accordance with Environment Agency directive; this activity will take place Friday 21st July 13:00 onwards.</p>	
6.4	<p>DA:</p> <p>a Recommendation that the Iremonger's Pond fish removal event be publicised on the ThisisWilford Facebook page.</p> <p>b Query about whether there will be an August WCG, or whether there would be a break for summer holidays, so next meeting in September. This was confirmed.</p> <p>c DA has nominated the trees on the village green under the Woodland Trust scheme.</p>	
6.5	<p>RS:</p> <p>a Area 8 Committee meeting updates: (i) Meadows had been subject to a successful covert drugs surveillance operation; (ii) Clifton North crime rate down 12.7%; (iii) Clifton Police Station meeting 22/07/2017 10:00 – 16:00 about Animal Welfare; (iv) Meadows Partnership Trust Information Event 10/08/2017 11:00 – 15:00 at the Bridgeway Centre; (v) the LPT Fund / Public Realm Scheme has £12K left in its budget for 2017 – 2018, RS has lodged requests to improve pedestrian pathways in parts of the village.</p>	
6.6	<p>AV:</p> <p>a SWS (Sally Read) has requested funding (£315) for a picnic bench. The meeting endorsed this request and AV to notify Sally Read.</p> <p>b Reported that Andrew Rule has a fund to purchase new tables and chairs to be stored in the church. AV to send specifications to AR.</p>	
6.7	JB:	

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	a Bearing in mind the potential for the WCG to participate in the Coop Local Community scheme and the discourse this had stimulated (e.g. telephone box refurbishment and Barn re-purposing suggested by PM), JB wondered whether the WCG might consider some 'stretch objectives' around fundraising for more ambitious community projects. RD was adamant (a sentiment echoed by other attendees) that WCG should not consider fundraising as part of its remit, but should focus exclusively on the organisation of a programme of self-financing events (see 2.1 above), utilising any cash surpluses, arising from donations, toward worthy community causes. JM proposed that a list of causes which have benefited from WCG largesse should be published on Facebook and the website.	
6.8	SB: a Queried whether there will be a Guy competition this year. RS confirmed the date as 04/11/2017. SB will contact the schools requesting participation.	
7	Next WCG Meeting – Monday 18th September 2017	

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