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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Sohie Blaken – Stand-in Chair (SB), Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Clare Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Daniel Atherton – Stand in Secretary (DA), Bob Atherton (BA), Pam Duesbury (PD), Andrew Knight (AK), Ann Gerty (AG), Bill Roughton (BR), Cristian Nardoni (CN), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (JS), Robert Dodson (RD), Terri Slade (TS)
<b>Also Present</b>	Clr Andrew Rule (AR), Clr Roger Steel (RS), Emily Pope (EP), Natalie Aldridge (NA), Sarah Bradley (SBR), Jitendra Bhundia (JB), Joanne Miller (JM), John Brown (JB), Ruth Brown (RB), Kim, Georgia Blanchard (GB), Stephany Schild (SS), PC Nigel Bradley (NB)
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<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 &amp; Actions from 19/04/21 Meeting</li><li>3 Police and Crime Update from PC Nigel Bradley</li><li>4 Parking Permits Update</li><li>5 Iremongers Pond Update</li><li>6 Litter Picking Update</li><li>- Great British Spring Clean</li><li>7 Heritage Project Update</li><li>8 Community Events</li><li>- Summer Picnic on the Green</li><li>- 2022 Jubilee/Heritage Festival Subcommittee</li><li>9 AOB</li><li>- Wilford 2022 Fundraising Calendar PH</li><li>- Welcome to Wilford Signs / Village Green Sign DA</li><li>- Lime Tree for the Bee Bank DA</li></ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	
1.1	Sarah O'Connor, Lindsey Barnes, Jonathan Shewell-Cooper	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Actions from 19/04/21 Meeting</b>	
2.1	No items outstanding other than those that will be touched on during meeting.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Police and Crime Update from PC Nigel Bradley</b>	

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3.1	<p>NB: No burglary, robbery, or auto-crime. Only issue of local concern would be aggressive begging outside of the Wilford Co-Op which may have moved into knocking on doors.</p> <p>RD asked about any progress on tackling anti-social motorcycles. NB noted the shared team, Operation Reacher, is tackling this.</p> <p>RD also noted increase in drug use/dealing around Iremongers Pond especially in a specific part. NB affirmed this but noted it was a significantly better situation than a year ago but will continue to maintain patrols. BR confirmed that a specific area of foliage is prolific for drug taking/dealing and noted the possibility of trimming back the foliage to prevent this. BR also warned that a neighbour was assaulted, and the case was being looked into.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Parking Permits Update</b>	
4.1	<p>RS noted no update but that a review would be conducted on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May including officers, Councillors and the portfolio holder. AR welcomed residents / WCG to be involved by emailing traffic safety and traffic management. <a href="mailto:Traffic.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">Traffic.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></p> <p>SB noted that the petition, launched to request that the council shorten the permit window, has reached 263. It will be submitted shortly.</p> <p>EP, Chair of Governors at South Wilford, gave the school's point of view. The school's ability to recruit and retain pupils was being adversely affected by the parking scheme. Governors previously invited parents to feed into the school's view – only a small number of direct responses were received. Welcomed the review and suggested solutions, requested that the school be involved in the review process. NA, Head Teacher at South Wilford, agreed and reiterated EP's points and warned that, long term, though current solutions were intended to remain in place (staggered starts, etc.) they could not be fully certain to remain in place. Noted the number of parents needing to drive from Silverdale and Clifton.</p> <p>SBR emphasised that there is not a sufficient amount of parking for parents. Warned that council solutions were impractical and impossible – 'stride and park' scheme is no longer feasible given there is no nearby carpark, the pathways are too narrow to deal with the quantity of parents and children. Warned that it is a matter of time until there is an injury. Suggested that AR and RS request that the council find a better solution than the current 'park and stride scheme'. To be noted in review.</p> <p>JM echoed SBR. Witnessed a very near-accident on the way out of the village. Parking/traffic has become dangerous. Noted that inability to park and get to school will be an important factor for parents deciding where to park.</p> <p>NA noted that changing the timings would solve the issue.</p> <p>RS celebrated the staggered release of students. Asked whether year groups were released separately and whether parents were aware of their specific timings? Also asked to confirm whether a school parking committee had been set up and whether there had been any results. NA only a small amount of people had come forwards for the committee. Confirmed that parents are aware of their timings. The</p>	<b>SB</b>

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	<p>current scheme appears to work best with regular reminders for parents to come at their certain time. EP noted that this does not help tremendously with pick-up as, to get a parking space, are all needing to come earlier.</p> <p>JB referenced parking on side-roads, requesting that parents be conscious of where they park due to inconsiderate parking across driveways, stopping the bus and dustbin lorry. Noted that previously, some parents have been unwilling to move.</p> <p>EP also noted with concern parking across driveways. Noted that the school, at least weekly, reminds parents to park safely and considerately.</p> <p>SB noted the unfortunate 'us versus them' scope that had appeared on social media and requested that members not engage in this.</p> <p>JM noted that the issue was going to be bigger than simply reviewing the parking restriction timings. There does not feel to have been a great amount of cooperation with the council.</p> <p>BA emphasised that the original intention of the scheme was to prevent commuter parking. Impractical piecemeal solutions will not be effective – it needs to go back to the drawing board.</p> <p>RS noted that the fundamental issues are that there are two large schools in a cul-de-sac. Recommended that parents park facing out of the village. Asked what was the reason for parents not using the already in place public bus to Silverdale? JM noted that whilst the scheduling is already unreliable, the bus being a public service is not appropriate for a young child. RS noted that in the long run, this could still be looked into as a solution.</p> <p>DA noted that the issue was present before the parking scheme was brought in. A more widescale solution would be necessary. Also warned that changing timings would not be as quickly as we would like. <b>Confirmed to communicate with SB to write a letter and circulate with committee to submit for review.</b></p>	DA
<b>5</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
5.1	<p>BR – new contract/agreement to be signed, updated on successful Beavers event with AR kindly chipping in. Green Flag review upcoming. Noted that the orchard continues to grow, there are several planted trees awaiting sponsorship. PH noted £1172.68 fundraised through the Co-Op, invited residents to vote for the IPA through their shopping there. Signage should appear by 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Invited residents to come during the Green Flag review at 1:30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> May to help share positive stories.</p> <p>DA welcomed the Japanese Embassy confirming that replacement trees will be provided in October/November.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Litter Picking Update</b>	
6.1	<p>Great British Spring Clean: RB noted that, whilst discussing with DA about organising a litter pick at Wilford Field, there is an absence of litter! Exploring the neighbouring paths, there still remains little</p>	

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	<p>litter. DA suggested a Wilford Lane litter pick along Wilford Lane. RB asked for PD's thoughts. RB agreed to meeting at the corner of Compton Acres and Wilford Lane at 10am on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> May. RB and DA to liaise.</p> <p>General Litter Picking:</p> <p>NA noted that the School would be delighted to help with litter picking in the village.</p> <p>JM asked whether there was a group in Silverdale to volunteer through. RB confirmed there is a small group of volunteers, Alma is good contact, too. Noted that anyone interested in litter picking should go on the Nottingham City website and apply for up to four set of high-vis jackets and litter pickers. Will liaise with JM.</p> <p>AG asked whether the group could extend to the stretch of road between the Toll Bridge and Wickes. RB confirmed this would be possible.</p>	<p>RB / DA</p> <p>RB</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Heritage Project Update</b>	
7.1	No update – there is progress with the application having been submitted, with several enquiries from Heritage Lottery requesting information that has since been given. Result expected imminently.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Community Events</b>	
8.1	<p>PH – July Picnic on the Green – WCG needs to confirm whether to go ahead, the date and timing, and figure out activities. Provided in depth list of necessary planning actions. CR noted that there are still concerns about the June full relaxation of restrictions, suggested a more scaled back plan to factor this in. SB suggested BYOB to evade need for license, warned that there would possibly still be restrictions on distancing and responsibility for group to maintain safety. SB suggested rolling back the event to August to give more time for restrictions to be lifted – combining with previously suggested Safari Sale. RB agreed that given the changing dates and guidelines, the end of August would be safer. SS agreed that the clinically extremely vulnerable will appreciate the later date.</p> <p>SB suggested pushing the need to confirm a date until the June meeting. <b>Agreed.</b></p>	
8.2	<p>DA suggested forming a 2022 Queen's Jubilee Celebration sub-committee at the next meeting. AR, SB, PH agreed initially to be members. <b>To be continued at next meeting.</b></p> <p>RS – has a copy of the draft schedule of events for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and offered to the sub-committee.</p>	<p>RS</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
9.1	<p><b>PH – 2022 Fundraising Calendar</b></p> <p>Noted that we have three very professional photographers who would all be able to contribute enough to fill a calendar, asked whether the group would prefer to have a community competition restricting it to one successful submission per person. Further enquired about</p>	

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	<p>possible funding / fundraising. SB and PD welcomed the idea. AG welcomed the idea and would be happy to be part of the organising group. TS and SB agreed that it should be a community competition with one successful submission per person. DA noted that fundraising towards the Heritage Project would be very welcome, one successful submission per person and to incorporate the voting to be within the committee and not public. DA noted necessity to decide whether calendars would be reserved, pre-ordered or sold as stock. <b>To discuss in future.</b></p> <p><b>DA – Welcome to Wilford Signs</b></p> <p>Invited thoughts on whether to fundraise towards ‘welcome to Wilford’ signs or signs indicating ‘sites of interest’. SB noted that sites of interest would be less contentious. PH agreed but noted that boundary signs should not be ruled out. WCG voted in favour of sites of interest signage such as Village Green and Ruddington Lane Park. <b>DA to factor into future plans.</b></p> <p><b>DA – Lime Trees on Bee Bank</b></p> <p>Wished to note that a tree has been planted on the Bee Bank and asked for any notes on who planted the newest fruit tree. BR noted the gaps came only a year or so after the trees were planted. DA suggested the group fund two more substantial replacement Lime Trees, BR noted to replant the fruit tree elsewhere. <b>AR actioned</b> to look into sourcing two trees through the council. RB noted that trees had been replaced in the past – one by a pupil fundraising at South Wilford in 1999.</p> <p><b>PH – Queen’s Green Canopy</b></p> <p>PH to apply for trees from the Woodland Trust. DA noted the historic link to commemorative planting and the thought of a specific planting site in the area to celebrate the Jubilee, such as 7 trees planted somewhere such as on Ruddington Lane Park.</p>	<p></p> <p><b>DA</b></p> <p><b>AR</b></p> <p><b>PH</b></p>
10	<b>WCG Meeting ended at 21:10</b>	