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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Pat Huxley – Vice Chair (PH), Jude Nicholas - Treasurer (JN), Terri Slade – Secretary (TS), Daniel Atherton – Digital Secretary (DA), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Robert Nicholas (RN), Bob Atherton (BA), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JSC), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Pam Duesbury (PD), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Ann Gerty (AG), Alma Davies (AD), Michael (M), Sharon (S), Yvonne (Y), Graham (G)
Also Present	Clr Andrew Rule (AR), Clr Hayley Spain (HS)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 16/03/2026
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies 2. Minutes & Actions from 16/02/26 Meeting 3. Iremongers Pond Update 4. Litter Picking Update 5. Traffic and Speeding Petition Update 6. Community Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March Community Quiz - May Day 7. Community Group Finances 8. AOB 	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Stephanie Schilds (SS)	
2	Minutes and Actions from 16/02/26 Meeting	
2.1	See Appendix 1	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	<p>BA – Some vandalism/graffiti, carved names into trees and metal bench. Bin is disintegrating. RN had a meeting with regards allotments and confirmed Beth is now the go-to for the allotment so Sophia should have more time for the pond.</p> <p>BR - Council have put a replacement graphic on the board which has errors on it. Such as ‘Wildord’ village.</p> <p>DA – Confirmed forwarded full concerns about the signs to council via email.</p> <p>Ask for bin replacement and build the relationship back up.</p>	BA/BR

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	BA – Asked for trees from Woodland Trust and got 250. Provided with good-sized cuttings. 30 English oaks, 42 blackthorns, 60 hawthorns, 60 rowen trees and 37 crab apples. Planted 1 six-foot tall sampling between tram and pond. PH – Green flag application has gone in.	
4	Litter Picking	
4.1	AG - 10 people litter picking last weekend. AR – NG11 Clean Champions been out 3 times per week.	
5	Traffic and Speeding Petition Update	
5.1	DA – No update. To be removed from Agenda if no further actions. AR – Send any evidence to help with the campaign for a yellow box at the top of the village. BH – Anyone monitoring the camera? When I cross, I check for anything coming at speed even when green person on. AR – Camera cannot be used for enforcement – not monitoring speed.	DA
6	Community Events	
6.1	SB - Quiz is on Friday. Thanks to the Harvester and Co-op for donating prizes. 103 tickets sold. We may make £300 from ticket sales including the raffle and a game of Sticky 13s, we hope to fund May Day. BA – Sound system checked and working.	
6.2	SB – Need to measure to check may pole will fit (12ft high). More details next meeting.	
7	Community Group Finances	
7.1	42 more tickets sold totalling £390. 103 tickets sold in total. Money received from Bowls Club totalling £640.02, and another £2.19 into the account.	
8	AOB	
8.1	AG – Can we make the allotment on the website more prominent. DA – Already on website as visibly as possible for an independent organisation. Share the allotment on the This is Wilford FB page.	DA/RN
8.2	BA – Tree blew down near the bridge, this has been removed. Kids seen chucking bricks and stones at the ducks and swans. Suspect darts too. Walks are being upped around the pond. JSC - Simon reported an injured swan on the Swales recently.	
8.3	HSC – Graffiti in the alley near the Rivermead Flats, however Rushcliffe not the owners so this has been forwarded to the Environment Agency.	
8.4	BH – Path to the pigeon bridge, bushes are definitely growing on the side of the council, not the houses. Need trimming before they get bad.	

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	SB – They are the responsibility of the houses and council only agreed to cut them one more time. JSC – Council haven't told the residents and JSC has not had a letter. AR will speak to the council to remind the residents.	AR
8.5	BH – Pupils from Emmanuel are throwing bricks and stones at the electrical tram wires. AR – Needs to be raised via 111. JSC – This was happening in Clifton. So council are on notice.	
There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:02. The next meeting is on Monday 20th April 2026 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.		

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Appendix 1 - Action Log

No.	Action	Responsible	Due	Complete (Y/Next Meeting)
1	It is hoped that the maypole will fit in the Rugby Club instead, to which AR has access, so he and SB will measure the space.	AR/SB	Apr	
2	Ask council for a bin replacement.	BA/BR	Apr	
3	Remove Traffic and Speeding Petition Update from the agenda.	DA	Apr	
4	Share the allotment on the This is Wilford FB page.	RN	Apr	
5	Speak to council to remind them to send a letter to the residents about the bushes along path to the pigeon bridge.	AR	Apr	
Completed by March 2026 meeting				
1	JSC to send a request from the Pond Committee, copying AR in, who will follow up the issue about the damage around the Swales.	JSC/AR	Mar	Y
2	DA is in touch with the engineer regarding the bridge project, with whom he will be visiting the area when dry.	DA	Mar	Y
3	March Quiz: AR to establish if there will be a cost for the bar.	AR	Mar	Y
4	PH to approach Co-op re raffle prizes.	PH	Mar	Y
5	Only one of two tranches of money received from the Bowls Club – AR to investigate.	AR	Mar	Y
6	HSC drew attention to the Intangible Cultural Heritage site, which aims to safeguard things before they are lost, i.e. culture, traditions, language etc. Maypole dancing is part of our cultural heritage, so this should be added to the site's inventory. HSC to send link to SB.	HSC/HB	Mar	

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