

# Wilford Community Group

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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Terri Slade - Secretary (TS), Pat Huxley (PH), Robert Nicholas (RN), Bob Atherton (BA), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JSC), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Pam Duesbury (PD), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Ann Gerty (AG), Hayley Spain (HS)
<b>Also Present</b>	Cllr Andrew Rule (AR)
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	19.30, 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
<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 18/11/24 Meeting</li><li>3. Iremongers Pond Update</li><li>4. Litter-Picking Update</li><li>5. Flooding</li><li>6. Community Events</li><li>7. Community Group Finances</li><li>8. AOB</li></ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Clare Roughton (CR), Bill Roughton (BR), Stephanie Schild (SS), Daniel Atherton – Digital Secretary (DA), Jude Nicholas - Treasurer (JN)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and Actions from 18/11/24 Meeting</b>	
2.1	SB – To pick up Andrew’s actions with him. Minutes accepted.	<b>SB</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
3.1	<p>BA – Meeting with NCC, EA and Notts Wildlife, have a scheme called ‘Rewilding the Trent’ which is going to be focused in Clifton and Wilford. Budget is potentially 17k. Showed them the orchard, then to the bridge and the badger sett, talked about clearing an extra bit of path. Seemed happy and should be able to improve habitat. Discussed cutting back some trees and talked about cleaning out the excess reeds in the Swales and tidying up what is there. Empty land may have wildflowers planted. Improving the bridge has been agreed.</p> <p>These are the first steps and may be a while off yet. Sophia Kourpas at NCC is coordinating the project.</p> <p>Remote update from DA – have been able to get agreement between all involved for bridge heightening. The Environment Agency and Council are both finally happy with our plans. Pino (at Bridgeways) has very generously agreed to install the bridge, and we’ve enlisted a local engineer to sign off on the plans. Progress will hopefully come as soon as the weather is improved.</p>	

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<b>4</b>	<b>Litter-Picking Update</b>	
4.1	PD – Everything was frozen so was difficult, however average volunteers is about 6 people.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Flooding</b>	
5.1	<p>SB - Closed the road quickly due to a system in place. NCC did not respond quickly so the police closed. Diversion signs were put in place along with flood signs being put up. SB setting up a group to see if we can get the system up and running quicker by holding the signage locally. Meeting with Severn Trent to look at the flooding timeline. Aldi have illegally connected to their sewers, this is being investigated as Aldi over-pumped when flooding happened previously.</p> <p>Everyone has agreed to a drop-in session for all the agencies included the NET. This will be in the spring in the daytime. NET put up a story to say spending 200k on ballast, during this flood event it was said they did not turn off the pumps, but they did.</p> <p>New houses at the retail park, their water excess goes to Greythorn Dyke.</p> <p>BH – Water that is coming down the tram tracks must have plans somewhere, SB confirmed agencies are denying a water course is there.</p> <p>BA – There is a stream in a pipe at the back of Vernon Avenue in the 1940s and the NET contractors said it is not on the drawings so ignore it, which they did and had to then pump out the water.</p> <p>JM – There are no drain plans on Holly Avenue. Please give them a heads up there is a water course and it will be raised in the planned meeting.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Community Events</b>	
6.1	<p>SB – Do we have the appetite to do May Day this year? 5<sup>th</sup> May. All agreed.</p> <p>SB – Safari sale to be 13<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Community Group Finances</b>	
7.1	Only one transaction since last meeting. £259.20, for the website renewal.	
<b>7</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
8.1	<p>Remote from DA - Traffic Petition: Andrew had been in touch with Jane Garrard about whether she could present it to full council on our behalf but no response yet.</p> <p>A bit of a labour of love but I've now uploaded WCG minutes dating all the way back to 2008. Hoping to get more minutes off Dave Boulton to go even further back (such as the establishing of the IPA in 2007). Only noting for interest.</p>	
8.2	<p>AG – Phone box being used as a bit of a dumping ground, having to be cleared out often.</p> <p>JM – Hospital will take surplus books.</p> <p>AR – The charity 'Good Companions will also take them.</p>	
8.3	TS – Apologies from me for the next meeting therefore unable to do the minutes on 17 <sup>th</sup> February, can anyone step in please? (Chair has agreed if there are no volunteers.)	

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8.4	BH – There was some burning being done on the allotment. This was sorted with them and was restricted to a few times per year. Allotment owners are buying incinerators and bringing stuff from home to burn. RN to raise with the allotment committee.	<b>RN</b>
8.5	AR – Waiting for the council to confirm flooding meeting dates.	
8.6	RN – Archives are sorted. Still awaiting scouts to pick up what they wanted.	
8.7	HS – 7.2 from last minutes, please update. HS to email SB. 3 <sup>rd</sup> of February is the quarry application deadline to object, quarry is in Barton in Fabis and Clifton and close to Larkhill. Individuals can object.	<b>HS</b>
	<b>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:18.</b> <b>The next meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</b>	

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