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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Daniel Atherton – Co-Chair (DA), Pat Huxley (PH), Jude Nicholas (JN), Robert Nicholas (RN), Bob Atherton (BA), Stephany Schild (SS), John Pickles (JP), Terri Slade (TS), Pam Duesbury (PD), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI)
Also Present	Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Roger Steel (RS), IL Tan (IT), Colin Goddard (CG), Pavlo Grubyi (PG).
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 20 November 2023
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes and Actions from 16/10/23 Meeting3. Iremongers Pond Update4. Litter-Picking Update5. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Xmas Competition, Activities, Fayre and Lights-Switch On6. Community Calendar 2024 Marketing7. AOB<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wilford in Bloom Tree Planting- Community Newsletter- Open Spaces Activities	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Sophie Blaken – Co-Chair (SB), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Ann Gerty (AG)	
2	Minutes and Actions from 16/10/23 Meeting	
2.1	All actions are completed or are on this meeting's agenda, so will be dealt with later.	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	BR - Some possible drug dealings going on again needs to be kept an eye on.	

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4	Litter-Picking Update	
4.1	<p>PD - Litter picking still going well but better in the morning.</p> <p>SS – Less litter around but more dog poo. Discussion ensued on whether maybe a fox but agreed that it was more likely a large dog.</p> <p>PH – Thanked all those involved in the litter picking.</p>	
5	Community Events	
5.1	<p>Xmas Competition, Activities, Fayre and Lights Switch-On:</p> <p>PH – Xmas competition, elf pictures on the lampposts etc. Prizes of sweets or selection boxes.</p> <p>DA – Discussion on community dinner on the 18th. A form will be sent to fill in. SS to create the quiz. Meeting for a few mins before – urgent items only.</p> <p>AR – No Xmas lights switch-on at Tailors this year. Alternated between Noble Road (Clifton) and Wilford, which will be next year.</p> <p>RS – Church are putting a tree at the edge of the Village Green.</p> <p>AR – Tailors is to be a Sports bar and Indian Tapas.</p> <p>DA – Asked about the possibility of the group funding a permanent tree and lights near Tailors. Agreed to look into it.</p> <p>DA – Shared emails concerning appetite for a Christmas market/stall at the church hall.</p> <p>PD - Confirmed 16th December is drinks and carols at the Church Paddock and Tithe Barn.</p> <p>BR – Is Ferry open on Christmas Day for meals only, no drinks. DA confirmed that he believes this to be the case.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>DA</p>
6	Community Calendar 2024 Marketing	
6.1	<p>PH – Given some calendars to Compton Acres and in the Co-Op to sell. Posters have been placed in all notice boards to advertise. One calendar has been sold on-line, awaiting a call back. Has been advertised on all the local Facebook pages, too.</p> <p>DA – Suggested putting some more posters up including in phone box.</p>	DA
7	AOB	
7.1	<p>Wilford in Bloom Tree Planting:</p> <p>BA – Iremongers Pond Association (IPA) have been donated 421 trees thanks to DA's applications, 51 are already growing in the allotment therefore 472 in total. All trees are labelled for Ironmongers Pond but only roughly 150 can fit there. IPA will eventually need labourers to help plant them. Council and Environment Agency are happy for IPA to plant there but there are no plastic protectors for them, therefore the plan will be to plant twice as many as needed and half may survive.</p> <p>Ideas for the rest of the trees were asked for: suggestions included extending Community Orchard, to give away to locals, or to put them in corner of rugby field. Wilford Village Allotments Association would like half a dozen.</p>	

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	<p>BA - Suggested a 'Foster a Tree' scheme where local residents could look after saplings and keep it/give it back when they have matured enough to plant.</p> <p>RS – Could they be given to Gresham Marshes too? DA and SS noted that this was likely not an appropriate space for planting woodland trees.</p> <p>DA – Fostering of trees scheme agreed by group, offered to create a necessary webpage.</p> <p>PH – Asked for donations of 6-8ins pots that would be helpful for the trees.</p>	DA
7.2	<p>Community Newsletter:</p> <p>DA – Draft newsletter has been completed. Could be used for calendar sales and tree giveaway, will update the draft to include this and get printed ASAP.</p> <p>SS – Also can be used for elf walk.</p>	DA
7.3	<p>Open Spaces Activities:</p> <p>DA – Updated the group that there is a Christmas wreath-making workshop soon. Noted the possibility of the Council organising a range of activities at Ruddington Lane or the pond (such as bat walks, trails etc.), but only organisable by the council if there is a definite want for it. DA agreed to place a poll on FB/Email to confirm if there is an appetite for it.</p>	DA
7.4	<p>PG – Wants to put beehive in the orchard- scrub area down by the river; would be for honeybees. The suggested area is far from footpath and is being done as a hobby. Beehives are made from sustainable materials and hard to spot even when next to them.</p> <p>DA – Noted that WCG is unable to give permission as that is Rushcliffe area under environment agency. AR has offered to put PG in touch with the Environment Agency contact.</p> <p>BA and BR - Suggested better space in between Iremongers Pond and the river for which the IPA could give permission for, agreed to discuss separately from meeting.</p> <p>WCG agreed in principle to the plan but could not give permission for spaces.</p>	AR
7.5	<p>JN – Income from safari sale £65, £42 out for SB expenses this month. Over £3000 in the Community Group account. £1000 from the Heritage Fund in that.</p>	
7.6	<p>BR – Graveyard being pruned at present. Dead trees removed and requoteing for the chestnut tree.</p>	
7.7	<p>JP – Large trees outside Tailors one on the left is dead or dying, branches falling off and bark splitting. Asked if someone go check it before it falls. There is a preservation order, however if dead this won't stop it from being felled.</p> <p>DA - Possibly responsibility of pub owners.</p> <p>AR – will raise with the council, however may not have the authority to do anything.</p>	AR
7.8	<p>BH – Thanked RN for removal of trees from the allotment.</p> <p>BH – Drainage is a concern in heavy rain. Can anything be done about it? AR to continue to push in with the council.</p>	AR
7.9	<p>JM - Fly tipping on the path in between allotment and school – and black bin liners by the bin.</p>	

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7.10	<p>JM – Volume of traffic is becoming difficult at peak times. Yellow hash boxing required, also can they change the sequencing of the lights to make it easier to get out of the village. The new build is creating lots of vehicles on the road and parking on the pavement which should ease when complete.</p> <p>CG asked if we could get safety cameras at the traffic lights.</p> <p>DA – Offered to draft a petition online and place in the newsletter ahead of submitting to local authorities to address.</p>	DA
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.05.</p> <p>The next meeting is on Monday 18 December 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</p>	

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7.11	<p>SS - String lights on green to be moved up or taken down as they are neck height.</p> <p>RS – Will be raised in time for Christmas.</p>	RS
7.12	<p>RS – Floral displays coming to an end and looking to encourage the community group/allotment to take over.</p> <p>RN – Will plant something very low maintenance in the 4 big tubs near the green. Lavender ones will be looked after by the allotment committee.</p> <p>RS – Hanging baskets, where will they be going? These also may not be able to be maintained either due to watering.</p> <p>RS – Happy to donate all the surplus tubs to the allotment.</p> <p>DA – Suggested asking the church if they want the pots.</p>	
7.13	<p>RS – Poppies and lest we forget banner just been taken down today. RS can do Poppies on the bee bank trees next year. Nowhere for the banner if the pots are going.</p> <p>JN/DA – Confirmed somewhere can be found for them. Storage may be available at the church for them.</p>	
7.14	<p>RS – Been doing Christmas lights for several years. Lots of baubles, cables and a transformer and need storage for them. RS has approached the church who said they cannot store it.</p> <p>DA – Will check what storage we have with the church.</p> <p>RS – Who will be erecting the Christmas lights going forward, who can help.</p> <p>JN – If you set a date and time people will help. A few people confirmed they would help.</p> <p>RS – Used to donate from councillors’ allowance for church electric. AR to look if there is any budget. Need to calculate how much it is and RS is willing to donate if the community match fund it.</p>	DA AR
7.15	<p>RN – Campervan keeps appearing overnight and sometimes for longer.</p> <p>DA – Not criminal however can be moved on and but unlikely if not causing a disturbance.</p>	
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