

# Wilford Community Group

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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Terri Slade – Secretary (TS), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Bob Atherton (BA), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Pam Duesbury (PD).
<b>Also Present</b>	Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Hayley Spain (HS), Ray Fowler (RF), John Crosby (JC).
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	19.30, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
<b>What</b>	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
<b>0</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	
0.1	1. Apologies 2. Minutes & Actions from 19/05/25 Meeting 3. Iremongers Pond Update 4. Flood Action Group Update 5. Litter Picking Update 6. Traffic and Speeding Petition Update 7. Community Events - Safari Sale 8. Community Group Finances 9. AOB	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Jude Nicholas – Treasurer (JN), Daniel Atherton – Digital Secretary (DA), Ann Gerty (AG), Robert Nicholas (RN), Pat Huxley (PH), Roger Steele, Stephany Schild (SS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and Actions from 19/05/25 Meeting</b>	
2.1	Put a post on TiW FB page to give instructions on how to pull Himalayan Balsam up.  Moved to this month.	<b>SB</b>
2.2	A sign will to be put in the phone box about only taking what you are reading yourself/family and not reselling. A note also to be placed on TiW FB page about challenging people taking a large quantity of books.  Make PCSOs aware.  Moved to this month.	<b>SB</b>  <b>HSC</b>
2.3	Conversation to be had with the Rugby Club to see if we can trial May Day there for next year.  Moved to this month.	<b>SB/AR</b>

**Chair:** Sophie Blaken, Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA **Vice-Chair:** Pat Huxley, Leander Close, Wilford NG11 7BE, **Treasurer:** Jude Nicholas, Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AJ

**Secretary:** Terri Slade, Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AL, **Digital Secretary:** Daniel Atherton, Vernon Avenue, Wilford NG11 7AE

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2.4	Feedback to council on bushes on path and top of Wilford. Moved to this month.	AR
<b>3</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
3.1	<p>BA confirmed Sophia at the City Council has arranged for the Wildlife Agency to clear the Himalayan Balsam in three sessions starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at approximately 11:30am. DA and BA spoken to Nottingham Emmanuel to ask them to help which they agreed to as long as it is not near the nettles, no response received as of yet. We can trim but it doesn't get rid of it therefore the best thing to do is to pull up by hand and leave to die on site as it will spread if moved.</p> <p>DA has liaised with the Tree Council to explore the possibility of additional fruit trees for the orchard. No response received yet. It was discussed about whether the trees could potentially be sponsored.</p> <p>EA has confirmed with DA that they will commence their reinstatement work at the pond; clearing the damage they did, reseeding grass and levelling potholes and other uneven ground. They have agreed to explore enabling vehicle access to the footbridge for improvement works, due to commence later in the year – this could either be via the existing but overgrown path (levelling the unoccupied badger sett) or via a new route through the brambles. DA to confirm at next meeting.</p>	DA
<b>4</b>	<b>Flood Action Group Update</b>	
4.1	<p>Since last meeting SB confirmed there has been a Flood Action Group meeting and we now have an inside and outside of working hours emergency number. They will close the road when it gets to pavement height and signs will be arranged to be put up by locals when flooding occurs. Sewer near Co-Op to be checked and also the Aldi connections will be investigated.</p> <p>A section 19 report is being worked on by Callum Smith Technical Lead – Flood Risk Management, at the City Council. There is also a big mapping event and a hydraulic survey to be done. Another multi-agency meeting to go ahead soon.</p> <p>BH met with Callum who was very thorough and understood the problem with the soakaway. He said to BH that a soakaway is probably not the best thing and is going back to the council to understand what has been done in the last few years and report back to BH within the next few weeks.</p> <p>BH confirmed they seem to have made higher a drain cover. Need to ask Callum what this is for.</p>	BH
<b>5</b>	<b>Litter Picking Update</b>	
5.1	<p>Update received from Ruth:</p> <p>There were 10 of us litter picking on Saturday. Ann, Pam, Andrew, John, Georgie, Ruth, Maggie, Ian and Mike, unknown 10<sup>th</sup> person. 10 bags of litter. 6 bags left on Coronation Avenue and left 4 bags by the bin near the bus stop by the Co-Op.</p> <p>Thank you, thank you. That is amazing.</p> <p>Today (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June), Andrew, Ann and I will join the South Wilford school with a litter pick with the children.</p> <p>The next litter pick is Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June meeting at 8am in The Emerald car park, I will be there. Please do not park in the car park as you will receive a ticket. If you prefer to start litter picking from your home and meet at 9am at the end point by the bus stop that is fine too.</p>	

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	<p>Our litter picking group has regulars of around 10 litter pickers that come from a wide area of Wilford and Silverdale. Ian Meadows, Maggie Renny, Andrew Knight, Pam Duesbury, Jeremy Pratt, Mike Allen, Georgia and Wayne Truman, Ann Gerty, Ruth Brown, I am thankful for their commitment twice a month every month.</p> <p>Ian is litter picking in addition to the group sessions and he is constantly sending me emails of where he has litter picked and left his bag for me to report to the NCC. Thank you, Ian.</p> <p>Alma Davies informed me on 9th June the NCC will be cutting the grass on Ruddington Park on 12th June. I asked the volunteers did anyone live nearby and have time to litter pick the area in preparation. Andrew Knight came to the rescue and filled 2 bags over 2 different days, and he found some fly tipping for the council to pick up. Thank you, Andrew.</p> <p>As our volunteers live over a wide area, the way we litter pick has changed. We don't necessarily all meet at 8am at the pre-arranged meeting point. Instead depending on where people live, they walk and litter pick to the finish line as this makes more sense and uses their time more effectively. It does mean when some of us meet at 8am it looks like there is hardly anyone joining in but when we meet at 9am it is amazing how many people turn up with their full bags. I am so thankful and grateful.</p> <p>Last Autumn 2 teenagers contacted us (through their mothers) and asked if they could litter pick to help towards completing their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. They litter picked with us and at other times to suit themselves in the worst weather of the winter. We were impressed with their hard work, and they completed their award. With their parents' permission I told the Nottingham City Clean Champions, and a small story was added to the monthly litter picking newsletter about the 2 young ladies.</p> <p>These are the totals for each of the years we have been working (2025 year is work in progress).</p> <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Sum of Purple Bags</th><th>Sum of Black Bags</th></tr><tr><td>2018</td><td>198</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>2019</td><td>160</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>2020</td><td>183</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>2021</td><td>246.5</td><td>52</td></tr><tr><td>2022</td><td>191</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>2023</td><td>152</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>2024</td><td>154.5</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>2025</td><td>71</td><td>5</td></tr></table> <p>On average 6 to 11 bags are collected in total each time we litter pick. Thank you everyone.</p> <p>The Wilford Community Group would like to extend their sincere thanks for all the hard work the litter pickers do. Thank you!</p>	Year	Sum of Purple Bags	Sum of Black Bags	2018	198	0	2019	160	0	2020	183	0	2021	246.5	52	2022	191	9	2023	152	10	2024	154.5	15	2025	71	5	
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<b>6</b>	<b>Traffic and Speeding Petition Update</b>	
6.1	<p>AR confirmed he had a meeting along with HS and they have managed to get a filter light. A hatch box and camera are still a work in progress.</p> <p>Please provide any (legally taken) photos or dashcam footage of the junction when you come across the junction when blocked.</p> <p>As part of this the councillors are also looking to explore the tram crossing lights sequence to see what impact this may be having.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Community Events</b>	
7.1	<p>Safari Sale date set for 13<sup>th</sup> September, SB to speak to South Wilford CofE School about their car park to place stalls.</p> <p>List for people to sign up to the sale will be available next weekend.</p>	<b>SB</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Community Group Finances</b>	
8.1	<p>No transactions since the last meeting.</p> <p>Nothing yet received from PayPal so DA to follow this up.</p>	<b>DA</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
9.1	<p>BH talked about the Klondyke allotment fire at the Wilford Village allotments.</p> <p>SB has asked that BH speaks to the allotments or the council to complain.</p>	<b>BH</b>
9.2	<p>BH stated that there is an issue with people parking on the pavements stopping safe passage, mainly on a Friday. Bins also prevent this.</p> <p>AR confirmed only London have the ability to enforce not parking on pavement at present, but it is being reviewed.</p>	
9.3	<p>JC stated quality of the road (pothole) resulted in a pop tyre on his bike so had to go home.</p> <p>JC to speak with AR and HS and give the details.</p>	<b>JC</b>
9.4	<p>BA stated there are no directions to the allotment on the TiW website. The allotment website also isn't great. Could we put details on the TiW website, similar to IPA hosting, which could be accompanied by information on other local allotment associations. BA to speak to DA about this.</p> <p>BH asked how they are maintained when they are not being looked after. Confirmed there are inspections and emails to allotment holders every 6 months.</p>	<b>BA/DA</b>

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9.5	<p>AR confirmed there may be a family event at the Rugby Club for the village. Potential stage and pop tribute acts.</p> <p>The event held this past weekend (14<sup>th</sup> June) was not a pre-planned event, it was moved to the Moderns Rugby Club due to last-minute access issues at the previous venue.</p> <p>Any comments from this weekend's event to be emailed to the Rugby Club Manager (<a href="mailto:nottinghammodernsrfcmanagement@gmail.com">nottinghammodernsrfcmanagement@gmail.com</a>). They are also offering a couple of evenings to meet face to face, details of which can be requested by the above email address.</p> <p>SB stated this unplanned event may have made people anxious due to the proximity, size and short notice. However, the reality was very different. It was a lot smaller than billed.</p> <p>TS commented that the quick dismantle and clean-up after the event was very good. AR did some litter picking of anything that was left on site.</p> <p>Concerns have been noted by AR and fed back.</p>	
<p><b>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:14.</b></p> <p><b>The next meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</b></p>		