

Minutes of the WCG AGM and Committee Meeting

held on Monday 16th July 2012

at Wilford Social and Bowls Club

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) – Chair
Peter Stiles (PBS) - Treasurer
Dave Boulton (DB) - Secretary
Daniel Atherton (DA) – Minutes
Sheila Atherton (SA)
Alan Foster (AF)
Brian Hardy (BH)
Frank Wakelin (FW)

Councillor Tim Spencer (TS)
Councillor Roger Steel (RS)

Parbinder Singh (PS)

Residents

Item		Action
1	<p>AR chairmans report:</p> <p>"This year has been a busy year for the Group, being involved in several important activities.</p> <p>"First was the Ruddington Lane Park that was opened officially in April, where the group was key in developing the plans and funding. Specially thanks to SA and DA who particularly engaged in the park scheme.</p> <p>"Second was the meeting with Lillian Greenwood MP organised by the group, and held last October, where many subjects were raised to which Lillian responded later to the group, and WCG publicised her responses on the ThisIsWilford website.</p> <p>"Next was the reorganisation of the local areas, where Wilford was part of area 9 it has been merged into a larger area 8, including the Meadows and Bridge area.</p> <p>"The area 9 funding was key to our Jubilee Celebrations, and we will look to keep our ability to be a part of the area committee.</p> <p>"The group also engaged with the renovation of the old Beckett site area, and played an important part in the assignment of street names, a list of which can be viewed on the web site.</p> <p>"We also looked into the redeployment of PC Pooley.</p> <p>"We also looked into the redevelopment of the Chateau area into a proposed Sainsburys Store, where we have inquired regarding increased congestion etc.</p> <p>"In October, the group, along with other local groups, began to organise the Jubilee Celebrations. The end result was a wonderful day where lots of local celebrations amalgamated into an evening celebration! A large, gracious thank-you to the "Gang of Five" whom without so, we wouldn't have had such a great day. Consisting of Sue Phillips, Phil Marsh, Roger Steel, Daniel Atherton, and myself of course.</p> <p>"The group also looked into the issue of congestion and parking throughout the area, and how it affects us."</p> <p>"On the subject of the previous library site, the group looked into a possible</p>	

	<p>asset transfer, of which we found the council had not prepared a system.</p> <p>"Last of all, the group has looked into the major issue of tramwork throughout the village."</p>	
2	<p>Peter Stiles, Treasurers report: The WCG ended the year with £643.02. Whereas we received a generous donation of £100 from the Trent Bridge Rotary Club.</p>	
3	<p>Tim Spencer now chairs the formal part of the meeting: Andrew Rule has been elected as Chairperson of the group. Peter Stiles has been elected as Treasurer of the group. Dave Boulton has been elected as Secretary.</p> <p>The committee elected is: Alan Foster, Daniel Atherton, Sheila Atherton, Linda Stiles, Frank Wakelin, Brian Hardy, and Pat Huxley.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">July Meeting 2012 Apologies: Pat Huxley, Bill Roughton, Alan Wadley.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of June Meeting 2012 A local resident has queried whether the problem of Ruddington Lane congestion and parking has been resolved. DB stated that the group had found that Gleeds had been told about the problem, regarding particularly by the Pinfold Lane and Crossroads, and is now being resolved. The group does not perceive the issue to be resolved, but any more problems should be raised with the group for WCG to further investigate. RS stated that the Maypole car-park relieved some issues until the car-park was closed, and that the problem is not resolved, but is simply being addressed. RS is also aware of problems further in the area behind the Co-Op, and further up Ruddington Lane. PBS stated that the problem of Grange Close signage will be resolved soon, and that NCC is in the process of contacting the residents about a new sign.</p>	
5	<p>RS update on parking: There are various elements to the parking issue. One being the workplace parking levy, where residents are parking locally to catch a bus to their workplace. Various parking problems around the Gleeds workplace have been noted, in-particular parking on Pinfold Lane adjacent to the "Cherries" development, where Gleeds was informed, and employees have ceased parking there in-particular. RS and TS both arranged and chaired a local meeting regarding the parking issues at the Maypole Pub, and the results of the survey in response have not yet been publicised, but will be soon. Some issues have arisen which will need to be discussed, such as residents on Ruddington Lane wanting Pinfold Lane to be double yellow lined. Whereas the residents of Pinfold lane do not want this. An idea of a One Way system have been raised at many points, but due to the Co-op car park being a private site, this would mean making the car park a public thoroughfare. It is apparent furthermore, that Gleeds business will be moving to the NG business park, and it is not known who will be taking over the site. It is further not known what results tram construction and stops will have on local parking, and these cannot be tackled until they happen. <i>The problem of Mapplestead Avenue is an issue that the residents should create a consensus and allow for RS to undertake it, as that he feels is his main role.</i> PS raised whether it would help to make the problem known city wide, as it must affect other areas.</p>	

RS said that this would happen in the future, and that the news would spread. He further stated that he had requested the whole of Ruddington Lane to receive important news regarding the road during upcoming construction work, and not just the 100 surrounding houses.

RS stated that what must happen now is that all of the offices of the NCC simply need to come together and determine a scheme to cure the problem, and have one united consensus.

The workplace parking levy's effect on parking on Main Road, outside of the School have been noted. As there are daily, 20 cars parked throughout the day, who are understood to be staff at the school. It is noted that the school is charging for car park spaces, and has registered spaces below the charging threshold and charges each staff member that wishes to park within school grounds. It can be noted that the money raised is then put into the School's funds.

A local resident raised that because the school is making money out of the parking levy, and so it is the School Governors who are at fault and should answer questions.

RS stated the answer to Main Road's problems lies in asking the school to resolve the problem.

Another local resident raised a new parking problem outside of the old Village Shop, where pedestrian thoroughfare is obstructed.

RS stated that the problem could be specific people, and particular enforcement could be used to alleviate the problem.

Another resident suggested that the residents should take a photo of obstructing cars, as it is their duty to inform local authorities of those who have parked "illegally."

PBS raised whether the group should move a motion to notify NCC that the Work Place parking levy was not conceived perfectly, and that it has put danger to lives locally.

PBS agreed that the parking on Main Road had problems that endangered lives.

RS stated that a similar problems resolution (Nottingham Trent University campus parking) just brought further problems for the local residents due to schemes against parking.

AR agreed with this motion.

PBS raised the motion of minuting that:

This Group considers the WPL to be ill-conceived and has serious impact on the quality of life and safety of Wilford residents.

With a relevant action of writing to NCC, and our local councillors.

The vote was given to the group and residents present, and a unanimous vote in favour was gained.

SA also raised having discussion with other areas, for us to understand problems present. Including Ruddington, Keyworth, Beeston, and throughout the city.

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Library Asset Transfer

AR stated that a meeting is to be arranged with appropriate officers, and is looking to have that sorted by the end of this week.

Furthermore, when Jon Collins visited Wilford two weeks ago, presented support for the asset transfer scheme, and gave support to give help in any means needed.

A local resident asked what would the use for the site be.

RS stated that a post office was no.1 choice, seconded by a coffee/meeting space, etc. The present condition is seriously dilapidated, and currently the subcommittee, of which RS is a member, will look to have a small price asset transfer, or a smaller sale price due to the condition and necessity for repair. But so far, NCC and the leader of the council are both in favour of the scheme.

RS's final statement is to "Watch This Space".

A local resident raised whether the building could result as a liability, due to it

being possibly structurally unsound. RS stated that this would become evident in the business plan, that would come into publication in the near future.

Many members of WCG called for a business plan to be conducted in the near future, to further process the subcommittees work, and then the group will support the cause fully. DB stated that we as a group have to complete the process ourselves, and that those on the subcommittee will need to lead a new business plan.

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AOB

DB raised the question of what has happened to the portable speed monitor. PS stated that the safety panel have conducted research health and safety conditions limited where it could go. And further that the scheme would need to be ran by local volunteers on an initiative. PS raised unfortunately that the process was not thought out entirely perfectly.

PS stated that the next step is to find an appropriate post for the monitor, and then to find local volunteers to work on the system.

RS stated that Ruddington Lane is in the process of evaluating whether there is a problem with speeding on the road.

SA said that she would locate the proposed site for the monitor.

Allan Foster stated that, on Sunday 9th September, there will be an open day at the Coronation Allotments, where it will be 50p to enter, and the holders will be selling produce.

Brian Hardy asked whether the accounts for the Jubilee will be stated at this meeting. PBS stated that the accounts will be formulated for the next meeting (August).

A resident of Ruddington Lane asked whether the traffic calming measures in place for the previous school will be removed, of which RS said that they will be.

Another local resident asked what happened to the Wilford Green bench, of which RS stated that it had been removed due to vandalism.

Furthermore, had any arrangements been made for the Ruddington bus, during the closure of the road for NET works.

RS stated that it was originally to be closed for 6 months, but may be reduced to 5 months and that alternative arrangements for the bus will be made.

Our second PCSO greeted the group, as her first time meeting WCG at a local residents meeting.

She stated that PC Pooley has now returned to Clifton Police station, and would like to draw attention to the Big Picnic in the park, at Clifton Playing Fields, details of which will be publicised.

The PCSOs are aware of the parking problems, and have been placing leaflets on offending cars, and are looking to work further in the area. Their contact details are available on the website, and in notice boards.

It was further asked to aggregate the local Residents Watch providers.

DB asked that if a resident would like to be a member of the WCG email circulation, please provide an email to the group, and they will be added to the list.

RS asked for any photos or videos of the Jubilee Celebrations to be forwarded to the group, as they would be greatly appreciated.

Furthermore that the local Carters Foundation is still available to give funding to local residents.

The meeting closed at 9:15

Chair.....

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