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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Pat Huxley – Vice-Chair (PH), Terri Slade – Secretary (TS), Jude Nicholas - Treasurer (JN), Daniel Atherton – Digital Secretary (DA), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Bob Atherton (BA), Clare Roughton (CR), Robert Nicholas (RN), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JSC), Stephanie Schilds (SS), Pam Dewsbury (PD), Ann Gerty (AG), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Roger Steel (RS), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Sarah O'Connor (SO)
Also Present	Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Katya Aleksic (KA), Ethan Baker (EB)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 17 November 2025
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1. Apologies 2. Minutes & Actions from 15/09/25 Meeting 3. Iremongers Pond Update 4. Litter Picking Update 5. Flood Action Group Update 6. Traffic and Speeding Petition Update 7. Community Events 8. Community Group Finances 9. AOB	
1	Apologies	
	Bill Roughton (BR), Hayley Spain (HS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC).	
2	Minutes and Actions from 15/09/25 Meeting	
2.1	Conversation to be had with the Rugby Club to see if we can trial May Day there for next year. - Move to next meeting.	SB/AR
2.2	No monies received from PayPal so DA to follow this up. - Moved to next meeting.	DA
2.3	Rugby Club celebrates 70 th year in 2026. Want some grant funding and we would like the community to complete a questionnaire and will include it in the applications for funding. AR/SB to upload questionnaire to Facebook. – Moved to next meeting.	AR/SB
2.3	Share details of who to report flooding to it to and also log it with AR. Put reporting how to on the website.	SB
2.4	Confirm how much money is to come from the bowls club and arrange for its transfer to the community group bank account. - Moved to next meeting.	AR

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2.5	Research alternative Christmas lights. - Moved to next meeting.	DA
2.6	Look at interest earning accounts and if aware of any please let JN know. - Moved to next meeting.	JN/All
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	BA – 12-13th December – 30 fruit trees to be planted, all been adopted. Llian Greenwood and Emmanuel School have adopted one each. DA – Has chased up on the pond bridge but not heard back. SS- Could a university engineering student do the bridge as a project? DA – Need a proper firm to do this but may try universities. Will chase the contractors. BA – Planting day should be very well attended. SB – Say to bring own drinks but coop will provide cakes and biscuits. Thanks to Co-Op. JSC – EA have damaged the path through the orchard and promised they would make good, but it is still not done. They have seeded the bank. DA – Will send a follow up cc'ing AR. Also updated that Emmanuel Students would be planting trees on the Friday with Lillian Greenwood MP attending.	DA AR
4	Litter Picking	
4.1	AG - Last week there were about 6 people and next week is the last one.	
5	Flood Action Group Update	
5.1	SB – NCC update to go here SB – River came out the bank recently and Wilford Lane didn't flood. PH – Thank you to everyone involved for getting the flooding sorted. AR – Regular water still collecting on Main Road, councillors from neighbourhood team (Andrew Rule and Hayley Spain + others) grubbed out all the leaves, but some of the drainage is full of silt so they are getting water jets on it. Some work signs popped up last Thursday so looks like they may have already done it. CR – Drain on the footpath on the way to the fisherman's car park on the bridge (behind Bell Lane) there is a broken drain. AR – Bottom of Ruddington Lane (Pinfold Lane) seems to also now be gathering water. BH – Holly Avenue not flooded yet but met new person at the flood meeting who came to see us (Flood Prevention Officer) but can only help once water has gone into houses. I (BH) have sent an email to Lillian Greenwood to ask for the rules to change. JSC – Councillor Edwards doesn't know who is responsible for measuring the water levels, still trying to find this out. JSC – Not flooded on Vernon and Coronation this time. SB – You can report any issues on the council website.	

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6	Traffic and Speeding Petition Update	
6.1	AR – Got a filter light to be fitted for as you turn right into the village and right onto Ruddington Lane. BA – The timings of the lights are getting worse. Not letting as many cars through. AR to investigate this. AR – Noted that they are monitoring the traffic via camera on the lights. We are still wanting a grid and would appreciate any safely taken footage of the traffic build up preventing access and egress into the village sent to me.	AR
7	Community Events	
7.1	AR – Still awaiting a date from the Rugby Club, looking at early Feb. SS – A Friday night would be good. HSC – Paul Wicks will be quiz master. SB – Still need to speak to the Rugby Club about May Day (4th May). SB – Christmas meeting to be a social (15th) – no formal meeting.	AR AR/SB
8	Community Group Finances	
8.1	JN – Only transaction is a donation of £22.96 from sale of the books from the phone box.	
9	AOB	
9.1	JM – Hedge on Main Road Overgrown – to be dealt with. BH – Thank you to everyone who is trying to maintain the bushes in the village.	AR
9.2	BH – Co-Op noticeboard is very full and old notices. SS – Will refresh it.	SS
9.3	JP – 125 Main Road had some objection to Planning are they here to talk about it? KA – We just want to raise the roof and have a bathroom and bedroom. Council have rejected so far. SB – Its worth keeping going as I struggled to get my windows changed but they did allow in the end. AR – This is because it is a conservation area however a student block going up in a conservation area in Mapperley so not sure why this is being refused. <i>Community group support your application and will write into the planners once new application submitted.</i> AR – Individuals should also write in to the planners when new application raised. SB – Share new plans once available and we can then support and send a letter. As well as individual letters. KA – Thank you, my neighbours have already done this too.	KA

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9.4	JSC – Bin on corner of the allotment is being used to scale the hedge to get into the allotment, by allotment holders. No guidance from the council about the maintenance of hedges on Vernon Avenue. This will be chased.	AR
9.5	DA – Renewed attempt to get a light in the phone box. Potentially powered from a solar panel.	DA
There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:10. The next meeting is on Monday 19th January 2026 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.		

November Action Log				
No.	Action	Responsible	Due	Complete (Y/N)
1	Conversation to be had with the Rugby Club to see if we can trial May Day there for next year.	Sophie Blaken (SB) Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	
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7	Look at interest earning accounts and if aware of any please let JN know.	Jude Nicholas (JN) All	Dec 25	
8	Chase the contractors about the pond bridge.	Daniel Atherton (DA)	Dec 25	
9	Send a request via the council to EA with regards the pond footpath.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	
10	The timings of the lights are getting worse. Not letting as many cars through. AR to investigate this.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	
11	Still awaiting a date from the Rugby Club for the next community event, looking at early Feb.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	
12	Discuss May Day with Rugby Club about May Day (4 th May).	Sophie Blaken (SB) Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	

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14	Co-Op Noticeboard refresh.	Stephany Schild (SS)	Dec 25	
15	Share new plans for 125 Main Road once available and the Community Group can then support and send a letter. As well as individual letters.	Katya Aleksic (KA)	Ongoing	
16	No guidance from the council about the maintenance of hedges on Vernon Avenue. This will be chased.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	
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