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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken (SB), Daniel Atherton (DA); Bob Atherton (BA), Ann Gerty (AG), Cristian Nardoni (CN), John Ballard (JB), Sarah Filz (SF)
Also Present	Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Roger Steel (RS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HS), Sandra Stapleton (SS), PCSO Mel Starmer (MS), PCSO Martin Fisher (MF)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 17 January 2022
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Apologies2 Minutes & Actions from 15/11/21 Meeting3 Police and Crime Update4 Iremongers Pond Update5 Litter Picking Update6 Heritage Project Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Telephone Box Restoration- Heritage Trail7 Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cherry Blossom Festival, Ruddington Lane Park- May Day- Jubilee Festival8 AOB<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Feedback on Calendar- Grass Coverage on Main Road and Village Green- Concerns with Bus Service	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Pam Duesbury, Rob Dodson (RD), Stephanie Schild, Terri Slade, Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Ruth Brown (RB)	
2	Minutes & Actions from 15/11/21 Meeting	
2.1	AG raised the question of the damaged fence, about which she had had no response from writing to the Council. This was on the agenda for a meeting AR was attending the following day.	
3	Police and Crime Update	

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3.1	<p>PCSO Mel Starmer introduced themselves. Wilford will be their area of focus.</p> <p>Statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29 incidents since November. Mixture of low level crime. - Most common is youth issues. - Week of action from 17th January to deal with these common issues. <p>PH thanks team for their attention at Iremongers Pond.</p> <p>BA praises bailiff team for their work caring for the angling side. Raised concern with supposed 'Eastern European' group of anti-social users. Common issues of poaching from this community have been noted over the winter period. Biggest concern is the poaching of carp of which several thousand pounds had been invested recently. Head Bailiff had attended to a recent report of an open fire on Albert's Bay area of pond, two were recognised from previous sightings and another two not recognised – they were told to 'cease and desist' but were seen the following evening. The biggest concern is that the bailiff team are being pushed to a point of concern.</p> <p>PH raised concern about rough sleeping on site. Noted that the user may well be reusing the site. MS noted that there is cooperation between the policing team and NET to address those using the tram to travel between the local area and the city centre. JM noted that the timing is conspicuous with a locally known person. MF noted that the team are aware.</p> <p>HS noted that local vulnerable elderly residents are some of the greatest concern.</p> <p>MF emphasised that any events should be reported to 999 immediately.</p> <p>JM raised concern about two main offenders about idling at school pick-up and drop-off time. Further issues about illegal / unsafe parking. SB warned that because there are too few options for legal parking, parents are being forced to take difficult decisions about where to park. BH added the concern of the time some cars are idling especially during colder months. SB welcomed the progress with the renewed pavements along Main Road. PCSO team noted that they will talk to the community protection officers about how the most concerning issues and to make children aware of the issues. SS noted that the school is very limited with what they can do. PH noted that the concern with idling vans could be one of the issues that could genuinely be targeted especially idling.</p>	
4	Iremongers Pond Update	
4.1	<p>BR passes on concerns about poaching and rough sleeping. PH welcomed the news that the council team would finally be repainting the Iremongers Pond Sign.</p> <p>DA noted that Cherry Trees had been replaced and replanted around the Swales at Iremongers Pond and at Ruddington Lane Park.</p>	
5	Litter-Picking Update	

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5.1	<p>JB welcomed the 9 residents who attended in January. SS wondered whether the DofE team could join the litter picking group.</p> <p>RB noted that whether there is anybody interested in starting an additional Litter Picking group later in the day on a Saturday or Sunday, please contact RB and she will give you some help.</p>	
6	Heritage Project Update	
6.1	<p>DA noted that the Telephone Box door repair necessary for completing the renovation would require an additional £863.83. DA asked for permission from the group to go ahead with this – passed.</p> <p>Signage waiting for underground facilities information before going ahead with purchasing and installing signage.</p> <p>Oral History segment needs catching up with SS about plans.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>DA/SS</p>
7	Community Events	
7.1	<p>Xmas Lights – update:</p> <p>DA noted that interest was incredibly low and unfortunately there was no scope for going ahead with the competition. The change in rules from ‘nominating yourself’ to ‘nominating a neighbour’ appears to have garnered less interest.</p> <p>May Day - 02nd May:</p> <p>SB confirmed that the Brownies have confirmed they will be attending with May Pole dancing. New Rev George White to attend the next meeting and will confirm the use of the BBQs. SB to ask PCC (Church team) to partner with WCG for this event. SB asked for any help or volunteers. CN, JB (and Diana), AR, DA volunteered.</p> <p>Cherry Blossom Festival - 22nd April (Earth Day):</p> <p>DA to contact schools about organising a picnic at the site and engaging the Embassy, Japanese NTU and so on.</p> <p>Jubilee Festival – 04th June:</p> <p>Date confirmed. Sub-committee to be set up with anyone interested.</p>	<p>SB and Volunteers</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA</p>
8	AOB	
8.1	<p>Feedback on Calendar:</p> <p>Popularity did not match with the resulting level of sales. Some concerns were raised about the price – SF noted that the quality of the photos and calendar might not have been seen as worth £10 but there were positive signs. SB suggested offering them for donations at the co-op. Group in agreement that the calendar went well and the result was positive. PH to consult with vendors.</p>	PH

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	<p>DA suggested leaving item until July meeting to discuss plans for the coming Christmas / New Year.</p> <p>PH noted to welcome Mike Wade and Julian Taylor in the future to discuss with reference to future calendars. SB welcomed possibly having a break for a year. DA raised possibility of doing greetings cards instead.</p> <p>Grass along Main Road:</p> <p>DA raised concern (initially of RD) of quality of grass coverage left following road/gas works along Main Road and at the Village Green. AR has raised the issue of grass missing on the Village Green and along Main Road. RS noted that the Holly Avenue side of the green has an issue with levelling of the soil. JN and BA offered to assist RS with raking and levelling Village Green land.</p> <p>Local Bus Service Concerns:</p> <p>AG asked whether any information/statistics were known about the quality of service and usage of the new local bus service replacing the local link. RS noted that it was very much a compromise and that the new circular route was in addition.</p> <p>First Aid Course for local residents:</p> <p>AG offered possible quotes of First Aid courses. West Bridgford Fire Station is offering sessions to community groups – AG hoped that this might be worth taking this up. Noted that this would be a very positive action for the community group. AG offered to chase up the possibility.</p> <p>HS noted the first service for the new Reverend (GET DATE) and the opportunity to welcome them. PH apologised that they could not make this meeting but would be present at the next, hopefully.</p> <p>BH noted that the bus stops are not accessible since work has been completed. Asked what the Cllrs could do to pursue this. BH also raised concern about the sanitary condition of the Pigeon Bridge. RS agreed to take this further.</p>	<p>AR RS/JN/BA</p> <p>AG</p> <p>RS</p>
9	<p>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.15. The next meeting is at 19.30 on Monday 21 February at the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</p>	

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