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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley (PH - Chair), Sophie Blaken (SB – Vice-Chair), Clare Roughton (CR – Treasurer), Bob Atherton (BA), Daniel Atherton (DA), Robert Dodson, Valentina Dodson, Pam Duesbury, Ann Gerty, Daniel Horan, Rebecca Ironmonger, Cristian Nardoni, Jane Marriott, Neil Marriott, Adrian Nicholson (AN), John Pickles (JP), Jeremy Pratt, Bill Roughton (BR), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JS-C), Terri Slade
Also Present	Cllr Andrew Rule, Cllr Roger Steel (RS)
Where	Moderns Rugby Club, Wilford
When	17 th August 2020
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies and Welcoming New Members2. Minutes and Actions from 20/01/20 Meeting3. COVID Support Group Feedback and Congratulations4. Parking Permit Update5. Heritage Trail Project Update and Fundraising6. Iremongers Pond Update7. Litter Picking Update8. Wilford in Bloom!<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wilford Greenway- Bee Bank Daffodil Drive- Wilford in Bloom Open Gardens Competition or other suggestions9. Any Other Business	
1	Apologies and Welcoming New Members	
1.1	Apologies: Lindsey Barnes, Rob Nicholas, Sarah O'Connor, Diane Rolley PH explained the purpose of the WCG to the new members present, whom she was delighted to welcome to the group.	
2	Minutes and Actions from the 20/01/20 Meeting	
2.1	All actions taken/in hand.	
3	COVID Support Group Feedback and Congratulations	
3.1	The COVID Support Group of 150 volunteers had been a tremendous success and is a reflection of Wilford's generous community spirit. So many items of food had been donated that we were able to supply food banks in the area several times over. Heartfelt thanks were expressed to SB and PH for their work in organising this.	

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4	Parking Permit Update	
4.1	RS reported that the scheme is out for consultation, with street parking banned for non-residents between 9 am and 5 pm, and some limited waiting bays where visitors could park for a maximum of 3 hours. He assured the group that school drop-offs and pick-ups would be exempt from any restrictions. The situation for anglers was discussed – perhaps some form of special permit? There was concern that with the imminent re-stocking of the pond to attract more fishermen, they would be deterred if there were no suitable parking arrangement. Concern was also expressed that there are currently only two spaces in the car park for the disabled. Awareness of these issues having been raised, they would be included in future discussions, and it was now a question of awaiting the outcome. DA undertook to write a letter from the Community Group in support of the consultation.	DA
5	Heritage Trail Project Update and Fundraising	
5.1	DA reported that the application for Heritage Lottery Funding of £10,000 for the trail and the telephone box renovation was ready but had been put on hold due to COVID, no submissions being considered until December. Although a condition of an award is that no element of the project should have been started, it was felt that some background work could take place, for which other sources of funding could be sought. For example, the 44-page Wilford Walks booklet is now ready for printing with Hayman Graphics (printer of our newsletter), costing ca £1.20 a piece, the intention being to sell them for £5 each. PH had raised £550 by sewing and selling masks. There is also a Community Lottery Fund which we may be able to tap into.	
6	Iremongers Pond Update	
6.1	BR reported that a pleasingly high degree of activity had been observed at the pond during lockdown, which has now decreased to more normal levels. A working party had been held recently, with many tasks having been completed. The IPA is aware of various unsavoury characters in the vicinity and the issue is being worked upon. A big undertaking currently being considered is the raising of the bridge to alleviate flooding. BA reported that he had put forward a rough design to the Environment Agency, which had raised many queries, and a lot more work still needs to be done. In association with this potentially expensive project, PH reported that our application for funding from the Co-op has been accepted, and we are now waiting to see if we are selected as a chosen community group in competition with others.	
7	Litter Picking Update	
7.1	JP reported that litter picking was still going well, with new people becoming interested, including children. PH highlighted that our NG11 Clean Champions group, which includes Clifton and Silverdale, has won the award from Nottingham City Homes of Community Group of the Year for our efforts in keeping NG11 litter free.	
8	Wilford in Bloom	
8.1	DA reported that the 'Clifton Bridge Team' had offered the services of volunteer manual labour to help out with projects in Wilford. Perhaps they would have the expertise to assist with the design of the raised pond bridge and their input would bear some weight with the EA?	
8.2	Wilford Greenway: The railway bank used to have a path along it, which a member of the community, Ben, is seeking to restore. JP was concerned about the loss of wildlife if that were the case, but in fact the opposite has proved true, in that Ben has observed more of it since embarking upon the project. BA	

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	drew a parallel with the pond, where more wildlife has been seen since clearance. It was agreed that DA should invite Ben to the next WCG meeting, and AN undertook to ascertain who owns the railway embankment land.	DA/AN
8.3	Bee Bank: It was agreed that daffodil bulbs should be bought in October for the Bee Bank re-planting and that the schools should be involved in the project. RS was keen to vary the beds along the Bee Bank with different types of daffodil. Could the shape of a bee be made with flowers? JS-C suggested that the village green should be re-planted with daffodils as well as grass.	
8.4	Wilford in Bloom: DA proposed an Open Gardens competition in the spring, to be held separately from May Day, perhaps with vouchers for local restaurants as prizes.	
9	Any Other Business	
9.1	PH highlighted that Wilford Village Playgroup were seeking extra funding. It was agreed that the WCG would donate £100.	CR
9.2	SB confirmed the date for May Day next year as 3 May and will be working towards our event being held then, with any requisite adjustments in light of COVID to be made nearer the time.	SB
9.3	RS advised the group of the Wilford Support Scheme, with a ring-fenced amount of £1000 being set aside by the Council for residents in financial need as a result of COVID. Posters for the noticeboards had been prepared by SB and distributed, with no responses as yet.	
9.4	In connection with his Wilford Walks, DA had drawn attention to the difficulties of passing under Clifton Bridge, which had been taken on board by the contractors. He proposed an August 2021 launch of the Heritage Trail Project, deferred from this year.	
	There being no further business, the meeting finished at 9:00 pm. Next WCG Meeting – Monday 21st September, 7:30 pm start, venue to be confirmed.	

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