

# Wilford Community Group

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## Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Attendees</b>    | Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Jude Nicholas – Treasurer (JN), Bob Atherton, Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Jeremy Pratt (JP) |
| <b>Also Present</b> | Brian Hardy (BH), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Hayley Spain (HS), Roger Steel (RS)   |
| <b>Where</b>        | The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford   |
| <b>When</b>         | 19.30, 19 June 2023   |
| <b>What</b>         | Wilford Community Group Meeting   |

| Item     | Description  | Action          |
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| <b>0</b> | <b>Agenda</b>  |                 |
| 0.1      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Apologies</li><li>2. Minutes &amp; Actions from 15/05/23 Meeting</li><li>3. Iremongers Pond Update</li><li>4. Litter Picking Update</li><li>5. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summer Picnic</li><li>- Safari Sale</li></ul></li><li>6. Community Calendar 2024</li><li>7. AOB</li></ol>  |                 |
| <b>1</b> | <b>Apologies</b>   |                 |
| 1.1      | Daniel Atherton – Secretary (DA), Ann Gerty (AG), Rob Nicholas (RN), Sarah O’Connor (SO), Stephany Schild (SS), Pam Duesbury (PD)  |                 |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Minutes and Actions from 15/05/23 Meeting</b>   |                 |
| 2.1      | <p>The meeting began with a minute’s silence in memory of Barnaby, Grace and Ian who died so tragically in Nottingham last week.</p> <p>Most issues will be covered on the agenda, except for follow up by PH about information on the bridge at Iremongers Pond. This will be carried forward now that BR is back from his work tour. We will contact Pino and try to get things moving this summer.</p> <p>There has been no notification so far from Sandra Stapleton (SS), Head of Emmanuel School regarding posters in the village notice boards. PH will try to get in touch with her.</p> | <b>PH</b>       |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>  |                 |
| 3.1      | It was decided to dedicate a tree to Ian Coates in his memory, at Iremongers Pond. Ian used to be on the committee and taught children to fish. Heidi Sewell Cooper has enquired about us showing some young people around the site in the very near future.   | <b>BR/PH/BA</b> |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Litter-Picking Update</b>   |                 |

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| 4.1  | There was no update from the local groups but it was noted that, although the number of people collecting was not high, the amount of litter was reducing around the area. There was some discussion about litter around Emmanuel School. JP had notified Streetwise and SS has stated that attempts are being made through the DofE Scheme and the situation is improving. JP will contact Ruth Brown with regard to collecting litter from the tram track in a future session.   | JP     |
| 5    | <b>Community Events</b>  |        |
| 5.1  | <b>Summer Picnic:</b> There was discussion about commitment to run this as PH could not commit to lead an event at this time. DA suggested Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July but this was not agreed to as it will be officially the start of the summer holidays, and on a Sunday, so it was considered that we could not expect large numbers to support it. However we will make plans earlier next year. AR and HS informed us that the City Council are planning events on Ruddington Lane Park at Easter 2024 and the summer of 2025. |        |
| 5.2  | <b>Safari Sale:</b> This will be held on Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September from 10am till 2pm. We hope to incorporate the launch of the Heritage Trail in some way. There will be a £5 charge. SB will put out some early publicity to notify residents of the date.  | SB     |
| 6    | <b>Community Calendar 2024</b>   |        |
| 6.1  | BR will report back in due course. SB asked if there was a chance it would be ready by 9th September at the Safari Sale.   | BR     |
| 7    | <b>AOB</b>   |        |
| 7.1  | <b>BH</b> recalled that there used to be closer amalgamation with nearby community groups, and that these were successful, notably with the group from the Meadows. Asked whether this should be reconsidered.   |        |
| 7.2  | <b>BR</b> added to information about IPA to mention the recent yoga sessions held on site recently.  |        |
| 7.3  | <b>JN</b> confirmed that the account was now fully operational online, making it easier for members to make claims for expenses. There is more than £4K in the account as well as monies still in the Heritage Fund.   |        |
| 7.4  | <b>PH</b> asked if there were any plans by the Council to improve the road surface on parts of Main Road. AR reported that some funding has been allocated for the worst parts notably on Vernon and Holly Avenues. Further enquiries will be made. A local resident has asked if anyone knows of someone who would be happy to share an allotment. PH will message the contact details of RN who is Chair of the Allotment Committee.   | PH     |
| 7.5  | <b>DA</b> sent a request to ascertain the interest in producing a Community Newsletter this summer. It was decided that it could be more worthwhile to wait till the autumn after the Safari Sale.   |        |
| 8    | <b>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.16.</b><br><b>The next meeting is Monday 17 July 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</b>   |        |

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