

Wilford Community Group

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Co-Chair (SB), Bob Atherton (BA), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton, Terri Slade (TS), Stephany Schild (SS), Pat Huxley (PH), Robert Nicholas (RN), Ann Gerty (AG), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC)
Also Present	ClIr Andrew Rule (AR), Brian Hardy (BH), Roger Steel (RS)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 16 October 2023
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes and Actions from 18/09/23 Meeting3. Iremongers Pond Update4. Litter-Picking Update5. Community Events6. Community Calendar 2024 Marketing7. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Jude Nicholas (JN), Pam Duesbury (PD), Daniel Atherton (DA), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI)	
2	Minutes and Actions from 18/09/23 Meeting	
2.1	SB confirmed all actions will be discussed as part of this month's agenda.	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	BR updated that Jonathon cut the grass for last time – thanks were shared from the committee. There is a suspected issue with poachers stealing fish early hours of the morning with Peg 8 being a particular problem as it is out of sight. The fishing committee are deciding on the best solution. No update on the bridge. PH has the plans and will give them to BR.	PH
4	Litter-Picking Update	
4.1	SS confirmed litter picking went ahead. And noted that there doesn't seem to be as much litter around. The committee once again expressed their thanks to all involved.	

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Treasurer: Jude Nicholas, 93 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AJ **Secretary:** Terri Slade, 116 Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AL

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5	Community Events	
5.1	<p>SB – combined monies from the safari sale £216 including calendars, walking guides and books. So overall made slightly more for the Community Groups funds than May Day.</p> <p>DA (via WhatsApp) - Is there an appetite to do anything for Xmas? Bauble hunt, carols on the green? In collaboration with the church. Lillian Greenwood can cut a ribbon for the opening of the Wilford phone box around the same time.</p> <p>Do we want to do a committee Christmas do? This would be on the 18th. The group would like to do this again. AR will ask at the bar to check if this can go ahead.</p> <p>Agreed to do the elf hunt again SB to organise. Friday will be the final day to enter the elf hunt (22nd). SS offered to support.</p> <p>SS asked if we are to do a Xmas quiz at the meal. SS to organise for Xmas committee evening.</p> <p>DA (via WhatsApp) - asked if we could do a Xmas market on the green at same time as all other Xmas activities. 1st weekend of December. If DA wants to do this, then we will support but no great appetite for this.</p> <p>SB - The price for a newsletter is £106 for 2500 newsletters. We can market the calendar on them too. PH is happy to do the rota for delivery. AR, SS and TS happy to help with delivery. DA to coordinate.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>SS SB/SS</p> <p>DA</p> <p>PH</p>
6	Community Calendar 2024 Marketing	
6.1	<p>DA confirmed we can take online payments for the calendar. PH confirms these can be sold, cash only, at the Co-Op. SB will make some posters. BR to help with any photo campaign. Can deliver them for £10 posted.</p> <p>AG suggested selling them in the Ferry. PH to check.</p>	<p>PH/SB/BR</p> <p>PH</p>
7	AOB	
7.1	<p>BH wants to know if there is any news on the allotment tree. Confirmed these have been checked and all looked to be healthy. RN and BH to look at it together at the specific tree of concern.</p>	RN/BH
7.2	<p>BH – village road floods during the rain. Just past BR’s house. Can any drainage be put in. AR confirmed they changed the kerbs and they get blocked easily, especially in autumn when there is leaf fall.</p> <p>AR – Everyone happy for us to raise individual complaints about the flooding. All confirmed yes.</p>	AR
7.3	<p>AG – should we approach the Meadows Library to sell the calendar. AG will check with them.</p>	AG
7.4	<p>BA – When Holly/Vernon was repainted, there were parking spaces that have not been replaced. SB confirmed there was a parking restriction change so may have been part of the consultation and removed.</p>	
7.5	<p>RN – there was someone fishing on the unsafe viewing platform and needs attention to it. RN will speak to the fishing committee.</p>	RN
7.6	<p>SS - The bench on the green is broken and still there, wooden and now rotted. BR to remove and dispose of.</p>	BR

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7.7	SS – Can they replace trees on Vernon that were cut down? AR to look into this.	AR
7.8	RS – The floral display has come to an end and RN confirmed allotment committee have no appetite to take it on. There will be no summer display going forward. RN to get a quote for bulbs that come up yearly.	RN
7.9	RS – who will look after tubs when not in use. RN confirmed there will be layers of bulbs. SB confirmed lamppost ones and hanging baskets to be removed, just small tubs and big planters to be kept. AR confirmed he is happy to put the lamppost ones up on Grange Close.	AR
7.10	RS – Remembrance Sunday coming up. RS will put the poppies up on the trees.	RS
7.11	RS – Council cancelled the fireworks, could we do a crowdfunding exercise to get this up and running. This is an opportunity for next year. It brings in a surplus. SB requested that the Rugby Club contact WCG if they would like support with this.	
7.12	PH – When shall the marketing of the calendars start and be taken to Co-Op. The committee agreed this should be as soon as possible and SB will do the poster.	PH/SB
	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:15. The next meeting is on Monday 20th November 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	