

Wilford Community Group

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Bob Atherton (BA), Pam Duesbury (PD), Rebecca Ironmonger, Rob Nicholas (RN), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton
Also Present	Inspector Stephen Dalby (SD), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Sgt Simon Reid (SR), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Hayley Spain
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 17 July 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 19/06/23 Meeting3. Iremongers Pond Update4. Litter-Picking Update5. Community Events: Safari Sale6. Community Calendar 20247. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Daniel Atherton (DA), Pat Huxley (PH), Jude Nicholas, Jeremy Pratt	
2	Minutes and Actions from 19/06/23 Meeting	
2.1	All actions are completed or are on this meeting's agenda, so will be dealt with later.	
2a	Additional Item: Police Update	
	<p>New to the area and subsequent to a meeting with AR re local issues, SD from the City South Neighbourhood Policing Team attended with SR, explaining strategy and inviting questions/observations. Their area of responsibility is large and diverse. Currently it is not possible to report statistics for Wilford as these are included in the Clifton area, where the main problem is auto crime, for which some recent arrests have been made. SD highlighted priorities for the next three-month period, at the end of which the strategy will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary. Concentration will be on drugs, theft and anti-social behaviour as representing the key concerns.</p> <p>Committee members cited the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Drug use round the pond, which takes place in fits and starts but is well on the police radar. The team had recently conducted a plainclothes operation which will be repeated.- Fast scooters on the track at the side of the tram.- Motorbike theft in general, in respect of which BR felt not enough was being done.	

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	The group were encouraged to ring 101 to report issues and were also requested to pass on any relevant information from the Wilford Facebook page, to which the police do not have access. In addition, online reporting is via the following link: https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/do-it-online/report-online	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	BA reported that all areas were being maintained, including clearing paths when any obstructions were highlighted. On the agenda is still the planting of a tree in memory of Ian Coates.	BR/BA
4	Litter-Picking Update	
4.1	Ruth Brown submitted a report as follows. Our litter-picking has increased since January 2023 due to Anna Wilmott and Isabel Yussef organising a second group on the first and third Saturdays at 3.00 pm, alternately from the Harvester and the Ferry. We have three new volunteers and have welcomed several new families with children to the new group. The feedback from the children has been very positive and they want to keep litter picking. The effect of the additional group means we are keeping on top of the litter every month. So far this year we have collected well over 100 bags. The following is a list of the dates, times and places where we meet. The later time may be more convenient for any new volunteers. 1st Saturday: Harvester car park at 3pm 2nd Saturday: car park near the Ferry Inn at 8am 3rd Saturday: car park near the Ferry Inn at 3pm 4th Saturday: Tailors Arms car park at 8am BA speculated on how much we might have saved the council through our litter-picking, and thanks were extended to all the volunteers who are enhancing the beauty of Wilford through their hard work, with special thanks to Anna and Isabel for setting up the new group.	
5	Community Events	
5.1	<i>Safari Sale 9 September:</i> SB reported that a number of residents have already signed up for a stall. Bookings will be held open until the last week of August and all advertising is in hand.	SB
6	Community Calendar 2024	
6.1	BR reported that the calendar project had been advertised and entries are now awaited. A group has been established to select the photos.	BR
7	AOB	
7.1	A report had been received from DA. He has drafted a newsletter and only needs contributions from PH and BR to complete. It will be ready to distribute in August, ie before the AGM and the Safari Sale, in order to encourage people to attend. He suggested considering committing what remains of the Heritage Fund to other smaller projects - eg 'Welcome to Wilford' signs, and a more traditional and attractive set-up on the green to replace the current wooden structure. SB was not in favour of the 'Welcome to Wilford' signs in view of difficulties in establishing the boundary; the committee was in general agreement with this.	DA/PH/BR

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	Re meetings, there will be no meeting in August, with the September one being our AGM.	
7.2	JM observed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More cars were parking partially on the pavement, rather than fully on the road (this is not actually illegal).• A green Virgin box on Main Road needs attention. SB reported this online to Virgin via https://www.virginmedia.com/help/reportingdamage, and encouraged others to use this channel should issues with Virgin recur.• The pigeon bridge undergrowth needs cutting back – AR to report to City Council.• No work has been done on the trees that had been damaged – AR to follow up.	AR AR
7.3	There was general jubilation that the work around the bus stop had finally been completed, with BH thanking AR for following this project through with the council.	
7.4	PD raised the question of Emmanuel School's 20 th Anniversary celebrations on Saturday 22 July, for which we had offered to help advertise via our WCG channels. SB supplied an outline of the day.	
7.5	A resident had given SB an old local indenture which she wanted to give to someone who would appreciate the content. RN to discuss with and pass on to Ray Hutchins.	RN
7.6	Condolences were expressed on the recent death of Neil Marriott, with the deepest of gratitude for his celebrated contribution to various events in the Community.	
	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.30. The next meeting is the AGM on Monday 18 September 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	

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