

# WILFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

## Minutes of the Community Group Committee Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Wilford Social and Bowls Club at 7.30 pm

### PRESENT

Stephanie Taylor (ST) – Chairwoman

Roger Steel (RS) - Vice-Chairman

Brian Hardy (BH) – Treasurer

Dave Boulton (DB) – Secretary

Daniel Atherton (DA)

Sheila Atherton (SA)

Josie Foster (JF)

Maureen Godfrey (MG)

Bill Roughton (BR)

Andrew Rule (AR)

Peter Stiles (PS)

Frank Wakelin (FW)

Residents

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Sally Read and Steve Behrend (South Wilford School)

PC Matt Pooley

Paula Curzon (Nottingham City Council)

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1	<b>Apologies</b> None.	
2	<b>Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 Meeting</b> The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and approved as correct.	
3	<b>Outstanding Actions</b> There were no outstanding actions	
4	<b>South Wilford School Traffic / Parking Issues</b>  SR stated that school parking posed a long-standing problem that consisted of two main areas: maintaining pupil safety coupled with dealing with inconsiderate parking from parents. SR stated that 50% of pupils were transported to school by car and that the school had sent a letter to parents in December raising awareness of inconsiderate parking and requested courtesy be shown towards residents.  SR stated that discussions had been held with the Council and additional parking restrictions along the B-bank side of the village had been discussed – constructive feedback had been received – with the main difficulty being enforceability due to police resource shortages.  It was suggested that any action could result in the problem areas being displaced to other areas of the village within the immediate vicinity of St Patrick's School being affected.  More emphasis on using the school bus service was raised as potential solution – however it was suggested	

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<p>that because of the lack of supervision most parents were uncomfortable with this – despite the school providing a chaperone service in the evening.</p> <p>It was suggested that in the future the Church car-park may be available – however this was dependent upon the planning relocation of the Playgroup occurring.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the Harvester allowed parents to use its car park on a pick up and drop off basis at school opening and close times.</p> <p>MP suggested that whilst he would be prepared to take action against parents parking illegally he could not take action for inconsiderate parking – SR favoured as many police visits with tickets – MP stated a rapid response team could be arranged to “blitz” the problem.</p> <p>The Group recommended that going forward the more promotion of the arrangements at the Harvester was done, the Church, approaching the Council regarding putting further parking restrictions in place and engaging the church regarding the use of their car-park.</p> <p>MP advised residents that any traffic related incidents, ie broken wing-mirrors, should be reported to the police as this would give the Council further reason to take action.</p>	
<p>5 <b>Community Facilities Survey Result</b></p> <p>DB reported that approximately 200 forms had been processed and the results demonstrated that 90% of respondents believed Wilford needed a new facility and that most favoured a post office with the most favourable site for a new facility being the old library site. Despite this 50% of respondents stated that they did not currently utilise existing facilities in Wilford.</p> <p>ST confirmed that the questionnaire’s results gave the asset transfer subcommittee a mandate to proceed with further negotiations with the Council in the redevelopment of the library site into a Community facility.</p> <p>It was further suggested that the Post Office’s views should be sought in relation to developing the site for use as a post office.</p>	
<p>6 <b>Asset Transfer Meeting Update</b></p> <p>RS informed the meeting that the sub committee had met with the Council, specifically the Portfolio holders for Property and Community Services. RS outlined that the transfer could take several routes. RS confirmed that the Council’s asset transfer policy was due for publication in April but it was more likely to be released in May following the election.</p> <p>RS reported that Patricia Gilby from the Council had suggested that any transfer was completed by way of a company limited by guarantee and that Council support be more likely with the support from the questionnaire.</p> <p>ST expressed the view that any company limited by guarantee would be independent of the Committee. The Group acknowledged this.</p> <p>RS referred to the support for the Post Office as expressed by the Questionnaire and stated that the Post Office had only been closed as a temporary measure but any future Post Office would be unlikely to provide banking/pension services.</p>	
<p>7 <b>Voluntary Sector Meeting</b></p> <p>MG reported on a meeting she had attended that addresses the challenges facing the voluntary sector following the government cutbacks.</p>	
<p>8 <b>Nottingham Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026</b></p> <p>It was reported that the City Council were seeking feedback with reference to a transport plan for the City and were particularly looking for areas of importance. It was agreed that the questionnaire was too general for Wilford to provide a response.</p>	

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9	<p><b>Area 9 Committee Update</b></p> <p>ST reported that Wilford had been mentioned at the last Area Committee meeting in respect of replacement lighting for the Church yard.</p> <p>It was reported that the wind turbines in Clifton Grove were likely to be installed by the end of the year, it was highlighted that there did not appear to have been any consultation in relation to their installation despite the fact this had been proposed at previous Committee meetings. RS recommended that this remain on the agenda.</p> <p>It was reported that the Old Boy's Club had closed and proposals were in place for it to be used as a fire station.</p>	
10	<p><b>Ruddington Lane Park</b></p> <p>ST reported that Felicity Walker from the Council had submitted a funding application to Veola.</p>	
11	<p><b>Royal Wedding</b></p> <p>AR enquired whether a street party could be arranged to support the Royal Wedding. It was concluded that there was not enough time in which to make arrangements for such an event.</p>	
12	<p><b>Open Air Theatre</b></p> <p>BR, MG, DA, ST all opted to become members of a group responsible for organising and running the proposed theatre event at Ironmongers Pond. It was concluded the proposed production be held before July.</p>	
13	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>ST requested that going forward discussion be confined to committee meetings and not conducted over email outside of meetings.</p> <p>ST reported that ES had confirmed that the litter bin at St Mawes would be moved to the front of the Maypole.</p> <p>ST/BH noted that the Group is yet to receive funding from the Council – ES to chase.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.</p>	

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S Taylor  
Chair