

Wilford Community Group

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Pat Huxley – Vice-Chair (PH), Jude Nicholas – Treasurer, Bob Atherton, Pam Duesbury, Ann Gerty, Brian Hardy (BH), Rebecca Ironmonger, Rob Nicholas, Jeremy Pratt (JP), Bill Roughton, Clare Roughton, Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JSC)
Also Present	CLr Andrew Rule (AR), CLr Hayley Spain
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 16 February 2026
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes & Actions from 12/01/26 Meeting3. Iremongers Pond Update4. Litter-Picking Update5. Traffic and Speeding Petition Update6. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- March Community Quiz7. Community Group Finances8. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Daniel Atherton (DA), Joanne Mist (JM), Sarah O'Connor, Stephany Schild, Terri Slade, Roger Steel (RS)	
2	Minutes and Actions from 12/01/26 Meeting	
2.1	See Appendix 1.	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	All areas currently flooded. It is believed the Notts Wildlife Trust contractor has finished cleaning and tidying, amongst other things lots of willow cleared at the Trent end and the bank behind the Swales cleared. They still need to deal with the damage caused by 4x4s driving over the grass, the pathway not being wide enough to accommodate them. JSC to send a request from the Pond Committee, copying AR in, who will follow up the issue.	JSC/AR
3.2	Re the bridge project, a last sign-off is outstanding. DA is in touch with the engineer, with whom he will be visiting the area when dry.	DA
4	Litter-Picking Update	

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4.1	There is still good attendance at both venues. Participants have voted to move the start-time to 8.30 am, as of 14 March.	
5	Traffic and Speeding Petition Update	
5.1	Traffic flow at the crossroads is still being monitored, hopefully ultimately leading to a much-needed hatchbox. Any instance of being blocked when leaving the village should be reported.	
5.2	Traffic problems outside both primary schools at drop-off and pick-up times remain dire. RS has suggested that because parents are getting tickets for stopping outside the schools we apply to have the time of the no parking zone ending earlier. This has been previously tried by the committee, with a negative result. It is possible to park for 10 mins on a single yellow line, but the lines are double outside the schools. It was noted that JM is against this proposal and suggests that it goes to vote by the committee. Item to be rolled over to the next meeting.	
6	Community Events	
6.1	March Quiz: AR to establish if there will be a cost for the bar. If there is no charge, we will have broken even, as 51 tickets have been sold to date. PH to approach Co-op re raffle prizes.	AR/PH
6.2	May Day: This will be held at the Rugby Club, although the church cannot offer space for rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, as has been the case in the past. It is hoped that the maypole will fit in the Rugby Club instead, to which AR has access, so he and SB will measure the space.	AR/SB
7	Community Group Finances	
7.1	Only one of two tranches of money received from the Bowls Club – AR to investigate.	AR
8	AOB	
8.1	<p>BH: Wishes to record thanks for Frank Wakeling's donation to the Bowls Club.</p> <p>AR: Village flooding is now much better controlled, the Council having removed existent water and given an undertaking to keep gutters and drains in good order.</p> <p>HSC drew attention to the Intangible Cultural Heritage site, which aims to safeguard things before they are lost, ie culture, traditions, language etc. Maypole dancing is part of our cultural heritage, so this should be added to the site's inventory. HSC to send link to SB.</p> <p>JP: Delighted to record that there is no longer flood water at the tram stop, small things having been changed to make a big difference. Congratulations to all concerned.</p> <p>BR: Fencing at the Fairham Brook was heavily damaged, which is now repaired, largely thanks to John Lee.</p>	HSC/SB
<p>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:00.</p> <p>The next meeting is on Monday 16th March 2026 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</p>		

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Appendix 1 - Action Log

No.	Action	Responsible	Due	Complete (Y/Next Meeting)
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