

Wilford Community Group

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Terri Slade - Secretary (TS), Jude Nicholas – Treasurer (JN) Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Bob Atherton (BA), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Pam Duesbury (PD), Laura Crosby (LC), Ann Gerty (AG), Robert Nicholas (RN), Pat Huxley (PH), Roger Steele, Emily Gammon (EG), Jeremy Pratt (JP),
Also Present	Clr Andrew Rule (AR), Clr Hayley Spain (HS), Jeff Mapp - Moderns Rugby Club (JM)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 21 st July 2025
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1. Apologies 2. Minutes & Actions from 16/06/25 Meeting 3. Moderns Rugby Club Renovation 4. Iremongers Pond Update 5. Litter Picking Update 6. Flood Action Group Update 7. Traffic and Speeding Petition Update 8. Community Events - Safari Sale 9. Community Group Finances 10. AOB	
1	Apologies	
	Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC). Dan Atherton – Digital Secretary (DA), Stephany Schild (SS).	
2	Minutes and Actions from 16/06/25 Meeting	
2.1	Put a post on TiW FB page to give instructions on how to pull Himalayan Balsam up. - Completed	SB
2.2	A sign will to be put in the phone box about only taking what you are reading yourself/family and not reselling. A note also to be placed on TiW FaceBook page about challenging people taking a large quantity of books. - Completed Make PCSOs aware – Moved to next meeting.	SB HSC
2.3	Conversation to be had with the Rugby Club to see if we can trial May Day there for next year. - Moved to next meeting.	SB/AR
2.3	Feedback to council on bushes on path and top of Wilford. – Completed Bushes to be cut back by the of the month and then its up to the resident properties.	AR

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2.4	BH confirmed they seem to have made higher a drain cover. Need to ask Callum Smith what this is for. Completed – See 6.1.	BH
2.5	Safari Sale date set for 13 th September, SB to speak to South Wilford CoFE School about their car park to place stalls. – Completed.	SB
2.6	No monies received from PayPal so DA to follow this up. - Moved to next meeting.	DA
2.7	BA to speak to DA about putting directions to allotment on Wilford Website. – Completed.	BA
3	Moderns Rugby Club Renovation	
3.1	<p>JM – The name Moderns comes from the 50s when they came from local schools to form their own club. Doug Scott is a sponsor and a founding member. The club was built in 1979 where it still stands. It is looking its age and it needs to be modernised/improved. The club is conscious that the village no longer has a social club. Asked what the club can provide for the local community?</p> <p>The club is celebrating its 70th year in 2026. They are applying for grant funding and we would like the community to complete a questionnaire to include in applications for funding. AR/SB to upload questionnaire to Facebook.</p> <p>AG – What can we put on the form to help? JM – Tell us what you want from the club.</p>	AR/SB
4	Iremongers Pond Update	
4.1	<p>BA advised Environment Agency (EA) confirmed they are still going to complete reinstation works but were not able to complete all of their targets last month, partly due to nesting season. What they were able to complete was levelling the new path, spreading topsoil has been left and filling in large divets. Its currently muddy but should reseed overtime, and with their later intervention. DA and BA have complained to the EA.</p> <p>No update on the bridge as yet.</p> <p>Himalayan Balsam (non-native, invasive weed): a good group of Notts Wildlife Trust volunteers joined together with a handful of volunteers and council workers to mass-pick the balsam – approx. 18 attendees. Most of it has been removed, just some in the nettles. Pond side of the path completed and other side east and west of stepping stones has mainly been cleared. The remaining has gone to flower and will be very visible, just needs to be pulled up and left on the ground. It pulls up very easily.</p> <p>JSC did some strimming in the area, needs to be cut low down.</p> <p>DA was pursuing getting additional funding for extending the orchard. Approx. 36 trees. Good news to be shared at the next meeting.</p> <p>There is a lime bike in the pond and a tent in the brambles. RN has reported this.</p>	
5	Litter Picking Update	
5.1	<p>PD – Approx. 6 people attend every time.</p> <p>JP – Planning to present at the Emmanuel School to talk about not dropping litter. Tram track is clearer now.</p>	

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6	Flood Action Group Update	
6.1	<p>SB - Next meeting set for 19/08/25 and now have all the necessary information for the Wilford Flood Signage Group.</p> <p>JM - original soakaway has been made higher on the corner of Holly Avenue. So wrote to the council for an update who confirmed new measures cost 6k. They are putting a pole on to measure the height/how much water is in the soakaway. This will send readings to the council. Should be pumped out if too high. We want to ensure that a pipe is fitted into the Severn Trent drain which is very close to the soakaway.</p> <p>Council (Callum Smith) are at loggerheads with highways - there is incorrect information circulating and they are missing the point. SB will go to the council to confirm the flooding dates. BH and JM are going to the solicitors at the council and if no action then they are going to the national press.</p>	
7	Traffic and Speeding Petition Update	
7.1	AR – Agreement for filter light to be fitted by the end of the year.	
8	Community Events	
8.1	<p>SB – managed to secure the school car park for some residents who are unable to set up a stall at home. Safari Sale going to be held on 13th September.</p> <p>WYCS Afterschool club says car park users can use their toilets. WYCS to have a stall.</p>	
9	Community Group Finances	
9.1	JN - £25 has come in for the Safari Sale. £3975.79 is in the account. Still awaiting money from Paypal.	DA
10	AOB	
10.1	<p>RS – Sent an email about lights on the green with some proposals. The price for 10 lengths is £650 and we've had two £50 donations. The lights are pendulum LED Christmas lights.</p> <p>JN – Confirmed that History Society funding to go to the heritage project accounts.</p> <p>AR - Bowls club funds to be sent once sorted with the bank. RS to chase up church for £250 donation.</p>	RS
10.2	<p>BH – Aware of all the work for the flooding, the only people that know are the people that come to the meeting. Would be a good idea to put a write up onto Facebook to say what we are doing.</p> <p>SB to put another update on FB after next flood meeting.</p>	SB
10.3	<p>BH – Need to discuss about better air. Has had help from HS to raise about the bonfires on the allotments. Several comments about the smell, top and bottom of village. Requested the group's support. Notices are out to say no fires or BBQs on bottom end allotments. This is now banned by the council.</p> <p>Concerned about people that struggle with breathing. Would be better to be an annual thing rather than weekly.</p>	
<p>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:17.</p> <p>The next meeting is on Monday 15th September 2025 (AGM) at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</p>		

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