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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Pat Huxley (PH), Terri Slade (TS), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Jude Nicholas (JN), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JSC), Stephanie Schild (SS), Ann Gerty (AG), Alma Davies (AD), Ruth Brown (RB), Roger Steel (RS), Hayley Spain (HS), Ian Meadows (IM).
Also Present	Cllr Andrew Rule (AR).
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 19 January 2026
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1. Apologies 2. Minutes & Actions from 17/11/25 Meeting 3. Iremongers Pond Update 4. Litter Picking Update 5. Flood Action Group Update 6. Traffic and Speeding Petition Update 7. Community Events 8. Community Group Finances 9. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Pam Dewsbury (PM), Sarah O'Connor (SO), Daniel Atherton (DA), Robert Nicholas (RN), Bob Atherton (BA), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI)	
2	Minutes and Actions from 17/11/25 Meeting	
2.1	See Appendix 1	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	PH – Phase 3 of the orchard. Had students from Emmanuel. They were terrific so thanks to them. They were a credit to the school. Message sent to Sandra Stapleton (Head Teacher) to thank them. Thanks to Co-Op (Rob Taylor) to providing snacks and refreshments. Team from a mosque in Derby came and did some ground clearing so thank you to them. JSC – Chopping of the willows are being funded by an arm of Severn Trent. Area has been cleared well. PH – Next event at the pond might be getting the bridge erected. Architect has been spoken to. An engineer has also been spoken with. It is looking promising. HSC - Wellbeck Primary School have a group of children doing a science project and have done some wildlife observations around the pond.	

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4	Litter Picking	
4.1	<p>AD – Introduced self as a warden and ambassador of 'Keep Britain Tidy'. Joined in 2018 in Wilford then went to Clifton. Thank you for the efforts of the volunteers in Wilford. Councils and local councillors are appreciative of the work we do.</p> <p>Health and Safety is really important, 2 people have been appointed by Nottingham City Council to help assist the Clean Champions and review the H&S. Please wear your high vis jackets so you are seen for a safety reason and also to show we are volunteers.</p> <p>1600+ bags 2014 1844 bags in 2025.</p> <p>Please report any bags collected that are being put in dustbins. These can be reported online or via Ruth Brown.</p>	
5	Flood Action Group Update	
5.1	No update – to be removed as a standing item.	DA
6	Traffic and Speeding Petition Update	
6.1	AR - Filter light is a priority and is in the work programme.	
7	Community Events	
7.1	<p>SB – HSC, JN and SB been working at arranging the quiz for March 20th March at 7pm. Paul Wicks to host. To be held at the Rugby Club. Capacity of 80 + 32 + 48 throughout all three areas.</p> <p>Nibbles for the table, prize for winners and entry all included in the price. This is a fundraising event and need to decide ticket price. Pay in advance. Group agreed £7.50. All ages welcome.</p> <p>Cost to hire bar but if we sell over £1000 worth of beer we don't have to pay the £250 fee.</p> <p>Raffle will also be on the night.</p> <p>Posters to be done and go live sometime this week.</p> <p>May Day Celebrations are May 4th.</p>	SB
8	Community Group Finances	
8.1	JN – Since November £27 gone in from Safari Sale and phone box books got £30 from We Buy Books.	
9	AOB	
9.1	<p>SS – Since Xmas there is dog poop appearing near the allotments and surrounding areas.</p> <p>SB – Report it on 'Report It'. The more it is reported the more chance they will come out.</p> <p>SS – Potholes on Vernon and Coronation Avenue are getting bad. AR confirmed someone is coming to take a look.</p>	
9.2	RS – Parking attendant at school time last week giving tickets. Old Garage and Bus Stop single yellow line, timing does not exempt parking like it does further up. Needs to change so it doesn't conflict with drop off and pick up, it would stop a lot of anguish from the people that have to park there. They shouldn't park on both sides of the road.	

Chair: Sophie Blaken, Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA *Vice-Chair:* Pat Huxley, Leander Close, Wilford NG11 7BE, *Treasurer:* Jude Nicholas, Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AJ

Secretary: Terri Slade, Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AL, *Digital Secretary:* Daniel Atherton, Vernon Avenue, Wilford NG11 7AE

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	SB – Can the signage change? AR – Can be looked into. SS – Shouldn't have two schools in the village. SB – St Patricks have good parking facilities, and a lot use the tram and walk. South Wilford don't have that. JM – There is a pinch point in the village and it does need resolving. JSC – Lets be helpful to the parents. SB – Please confirm what limits on sign currently and what it needs to be.	RS
9.3	RS – Has some keys to the noticeboard for Bee Bank, Co-Op and Silverdale. SS to hold the Wilford ones and AR to give the Silverdale ones to the rightful person.	
9.4	TS - I am not at the next meeting (16 th Feb) need a notetaker. Request help on the group.	TS
9.5	RB – Thank you to Ian Meadows for all of his litter picking.	
9.6	AG – Notice on the Community Group Websites still says the allotment is on 'Holy Avenue' rather than 'Holly Avenue'. To be updated.	DA
9.7	PH – Knitting and Crocheting club 'Yarn' every Thursday at 13:30 at the Ferry. Drop in, join when you want.	
<p>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:35.</p> <p>The next meeting is on Monday 16th February 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)
1	No monies received from PayPal so DA to follow this up.	Daniel Atherton (DA)	Dec 25	NM
2	Rugby Club celebrates 70 th year in 2026. Want some grant funding and we would like the community to complete a questionnaire and will include it in the applications for funding. AR/SB to upload questionnaire to Facebook.	Sophie Blaken (SB) Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	NM
3	Research alternative Christmas lights.	Daniel Atherton (DA)	Dec 25	NM
4	The timings of the lights are getting worse. Not letting as many cars through. AR to investigate this.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	NM
5	Share new plans for 125 Main Road once available and the Community Group can then support and send a letter. As well as individual letters.	Katya Aleksic (KA)	Ongoing	Ongoing
6	Removed Flood Action Group Update from the Agenda as a standing item.	Daniel Atherton	Feb 26	
7	Posters for the quiz to be completed and go live.	Sophie Blaken (SB)	Feb 26	
8	Confirm what time limits on the sign near the school currently and what it needs to be.	Roger Steel (RS)	Feb 26	
9	Send a request for notetaker required for next meeting minutes (16 th Feb)	Terri Slade (TS)	Feb 26	
10	Community Website needs to show 'Holly Avenue' rather than 'Holy Avenue'	Daniel Atherton (DA)	Feb 26	

Completed by Jan 2026 meeting

	Share details of who to report flooding to it to and also log it with AR. Put reporting how to on the website.	Sophie Blaken (SB)	Dec 25	Y
	Confirm how much money is to come from the bowls club and arrange for its transfer to the community group bank account.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	Y
	Look at interest earning accounts and if aware of any please let JN know.	Jude Nicholas (JN) All	Dec 25	Y
	Chase the contractors about the pond bridge.	Daniel Atherton (DA)	Dec 25	Y

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	Send a request via the council to EA with regards the pond footpath.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	¥
	Still awaiting a date from the Rugby Club for the next community event, looking at early Feb.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	¥
	Discuss May Day with Rugby Club about May Day (4 th May).	Sophie Blaken (SB) Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	¥
	Hedge on Main Road Overgrown.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	¥
	Co-Op Noticeboard refresh.	Stephany Schild (SS)	Dec 25	¥
	No guidance from the council about the maintenance of hedges on Vernon Avenue. This will be chased.	Andrew Rule (AR)	Dec 25	¥
	Renewed attempt to get a light in the phone box. Potentially powered from a solar panel.	Daniel Atherton (DA)	Dec 25	¥