

# Wilford Community Group

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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Terri Slade (TS), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Bob Atherton (BA), Pam Duesbury (PD), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Robert Nicholas (RN), Hayley Spain (HS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JSC), Ann Gerty (AG).
<b>Also Present</b>	Cllr Andrew Rule (AR).
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	19.30, 16/06/2026
<b>What</b>	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
<b>0</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Apologies</li><li>2. Minutes &amp; Actions from 18/05/26 Meeting</li><li>3. Iremongers Pond Update</li><li>4. Litter Picking Update</li><li>5. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Safari Sale</li><li>- October Quiz</li></ul></li><li>6. Community Group Finances</li><li>7. AOB</li></ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Pat Huxley (PH), Daniel Atherton (DA), Jude Nicholas (JN), Stephany Schild (SS), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and Actions from 18/05/26 Meeting</b>	
2.1	See Appendix 1	
<b>3</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
3.1	JSC - Balsom weed pull has been started. If anyone can help that would be appreciated, it is easy to pull and can be left where pulled. Gloves and protective clothing required as its mixed in with nettles. BA – One damaged cherry tree not been able to look at it yet. These are coming into season.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Litter Picking</b>	
4.1	PD - PD & AG were both on the last pick and there were 8 bags.	

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<b>5</b>	<b>Community Events</b>	
5.1	Safari Sale – SB - Advertising will start in July and will contact the school to use car park and the afterschool club to use bathroom again.	SB
5.2	Quiz – Awaiting a date once rugby fixtures sorted.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Community Group Finances</b>	
6.1	Summary of WCG finances since last update at March meeting <b>Income</b> £2.71 interest into the reserve account. <b>Expenses</b> £5.94 payment for Onions on May Day. <b>Balances</b> Balance in current account £1537.74 Reserve account £4013.70	
<b>7</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
7.1	JM – The house opposite the pub with the stones, could this be resolved as they flick up as tyres go over them. Rolled to next meeting.	SB
7.2	BH – Has AR heard anything about cutting the bushes near Pigeon Bridge. AR confirmed meeting booked in to discuss it at the council. No evidence the council have sent the residents a letter.	
7.3	AG – Telephone box still doing really well, very popular. Can't get in it at the moment due to jigsaws. AG & JN regular clean this up.	
7.4	RN – Are we comfortable for removing stuff and taking it to the charity shop. Group happy with this.	
7.5	AR – Don't buy a BBQ as yet, Rugby club may have one we can use. To be confirmed.	
7.6	BA – Is there a possibility of installing a large recycling bin for bottles and cans with the general waste bins. AR will ask the council.	AR
7.7	HSC – Asked if AR anything back about the nettles on Vernon. Boots homes nettles, can they be cleared. HSC happy to clear it. AR will look into it further.	
<b>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 19:56</b> <b>The next meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</b>		

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## Appendix 1 - Action Log

No.	Action	Responsible	Due	Complete (Y/Next Meeting)
1	Litter towards the A52 is bad. Write and ask Highways to look into it.	DA	July	
2	Various improvements requested/agreed in relation to this year's Music Festival.	Tom/LB	July	
3	Contact Rugby Club re storage of large barbecue to be purchased for next May Day.	AR	July	
4	Purchase of more bulbs/plants for tubs.	JN	July	
5	Date of October quiz to be established, to be followed up by end July if not received.	SB/LB	July	
6	Costings to be provided for replacement of missing trees on Bee Bank.	DA	July	
7	Contact the school to use car park and the afterschool club to use bathroom again.	SB	July	
8	Stones outside end house on Main Road opposite the Ferry. To discuss at next meeting.	SB	July	
9	Speak to Council about having recycle bins in the village.	AR	July	
<b>Completed by June 2026 meeting</b>				
3	<del>Message to Ruth Brown informing her of litter picking to take place before and after the festival.</del>	SB	June	

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