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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Sophie Blaken – Co-Chair (SB), Daniel Atherton – Co-Chair (DA) Terri Slade (TS), Pat Huxley (PH), Joanne Mist (JM), Brian Hardy (BH), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Pam Duesbury (PD), Clare Roughton (CR), Bill Roughton (BR), Jude Nichols (JN), Rob Nichols (RN), Bob Atherton (BA)
<b>Also Present</b>	
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	19.30, 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<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 15/04/24 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>- May Day Wrap-up</li><li>- Safari Sale</li></ul></li><li>6. Traffic and Congestion Concerns</li><li>7. Flooding Concerns</li><li>8. Community Group Finances</li><li>9. Wilford Heritage Project</li><li>10. AOB</li></ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Stephanie Schild (SS), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Hayley Spain (HS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Ruth Brown (RB), Ann Gerty (AG), Jonathan Whellan (JW).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and Actions from 15/04/23 Meeting</b>	
2.1	Minutes accepted. All covered in the meeting.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Iremongers Pond Update</b>	
3.1	BR – Environment agency are to be doing some work on the bank. They have cut a walkway through the brambles under the archers.  PH – Bob applied to Severn Trent and PH applied to the EMA fund who have agreed to give us £2000. We need 3.5k for the bridge.	

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	<p>DA – Met with Grand Central Heritage in Ruddington who are going to give us railway sleepers for steps, benches, the bridge and the embankment. Can be picked up from Wednesday. Need someone with a Hiab to put them by the pond. May be able to get a free bridge design.</p> <p>BR – Grass cutting has been done and are going to change the profile of the bank and use soil to cover the pipe on the rugby field.</p>	DA															
<b>4</b>	<b>Litter-Picking Update</b>																
4.1	<p>DA – Ruth sent a litter picking update.</p> <p>Below is the statistics for our litter picking group in 2024 to date.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Number of purple bags</th> <th>Number of black bags</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>January</td> <td>14</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February</td> <td>16</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March</td> <td>13</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April</td> <td>15</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note Jeremy and I visited Rushcliffe Borough Council to discuss ways in supporting us and the Nottingham Emmanuel School to manage their litter.</p> <p>We have a few ideas, which we need time to think about and discuss with Sandra Stapleton, head teacher of the school.</p> <p>Councillor, Haley Spain attended a litter pick in April. Hayley is a governor at Farnborough Comprehensive School. Hayley has given us some ideas to think about, plus she has given the Nottingham Emmanuel School contact details for a Nottingham City Councillor who wants to discuss further the CN28 project.</p>	Month	Number of purple bags	Number of black bags	January	14	0	February	16	6	March	13	2	April	15	1	
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<b>5</b>	<b>Community Events</b>																
5.1	<p>May Day Wrap-up –</p> <p>May Day Wrap-up – SB – May Day was very successful.</p> <p>Thanks to the Co-Op for tea and coffee and serving on stand. The History team for their stand, the Church for the use of the Hall and WCG for all volunteers.</p> <p>For the first time, the donations did not cover the cost of the event. There was a gap of £135.93, that the community group has funded. Over the 2 years we have broken even. It is an event that brings the community together, so if we had been told that was the cost we would have done it anyway.</p> <p>There were likely several things that impacted the donations, a stall across the road was selling toys, this may affect margins as this happened when sellers were last allowed. It may have been driven by people not carrying cash or being frustrated at how long the queue for bbq was. We need to look at how we can improve.</p> <p>DA - Possibility to use a card machine for donations next year. Card machine to tap for £1 or £2 donation.</p> <p>SB – We could have a separate Sausage queue and Burger queue to help the line go down quicker.</p>																

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	<p>RI – Left ring on BBQ not working, had to use the same ring.</p> <p>SB - We could get something to heat the food to get ahead.</p> <p>DA – Gizmo Singh offered to use his for free next time.</p> <p>JN – A couple more rings would be useful for burgers rather than a BBQ.</p> <p>SB to investigate options.</p> <p>SB – Feedback was that it was a lovely day.</p> <p>All gazebos looking tired, may need to purchase more towards the end of the summer. Sandra Stapleton has offered storage at the Emmanuel School.</p>	<b>SB</b>
5.2	<p>Safari Sale –</p> <p>SB – Safari sale 14<sup>th</sup> September, already on the website, £5 registration fee.</p> <p>JN – Doesn't cost us much to run. Made approx. £200 on the safari sale last year.</p> <p>DA – Can we offer a space for it.</p> <p>SB – Need volunteers for the event. If we are going to offer space in the village to sell.</p> <p>TS – They could set up on the unadopted land opposite the green.</p> <p>DA – Alternative is other corners of grass on Brierfield.</p> <p>JM – The ones selling food could be charged more to pitch as they are making more.</p> <p>JN – If its commercial I agree but not if it's a community bake sale for example.</p> <p>SB – Idea of a Safari sale is about community spirit not to make money.</p> <p>DA – Would we want to advertise parking or not.</p> <p>JN – Parking permit not enforced at weekend.</p> <p>DA – Allotment association, any produce in September?</p> <p>BA – Not much, just some surplus and some seeds.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Traffic and Congestion Concerns</b>	
6.1	<p>BH – 2 speed signs have been added where it was asked for, near Silverdale Island. Put another one behind a tree near the mini island but that is coming from a 30mph area anyway.</p> <p>DA – Yellow boxing, Dave Bolton shared a comment to say why have we not got one as there are lots of others.</p> <p>JP – The hatching at bottom of Compton Acres appeared overnight.</p> <p>BH – Reply from Scott in highways, appendix no.1</p> <p>BH – Replied advised there is a lot of heavy goods vehicles and that he has a poor opinion of local drivers. Need to submit the petition to the local councillors.</p>	

**Co-Chair:** Sophie Blaken, 146 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA **Co-Chair:** Daniel Atherton, 8 Vernon Avenue, Wilford NG11 7AE

**Treasurer:** Jude Nicholas, 93 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AJ **Secretary:** Terri Slade, 116 Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AL

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	DA – Will push for 500 signatures on the petition then submit it (currently at 375).	
<b>7</b>	<b>Flooding concerns</b>	
7.1	<p>SB – Next multi-agency flooding meeting to look at the feedback and actions from the last meeting. One potential solution is to put a pump on Coronation Avenue to the pond. Reason Wilford Lane flooded was because the pumping station on the tram tracks reached capacity and Aldi may have impacted with their pumps.</p> <p>BH – Been in touch with Portfolio Holder and there is a way of sorting out the flooding and asked for a push and get things moving. Administration is very busy. Will chase again in the next month.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Community Group Finances</b>	
8.1	JN - \$4470 at beginning of month, £89.60 insurance, still £117 to pay out leaving us with £4363.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Wilford Heritage Project</b>	
9.1	<p>DA – Very good reception at May Day.</p> <p>We were nominated for a heritage award, but they don't do groups so would like to 'recognise' the group instead.</p> <p>RN – Split the photos into school, village and church. These can be used and brought out for different events.</p> <p>DA – We have some old metal signs that consisting of - an oak leaf and acorns (cast iron), which comes from the toll bridge, one is from the power station and one from the machinery in the power station.</p> <p>SB – Maybe an investigation and a design before we decide what we do with them.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
10.1	<p>BH – Understanding tightening up on advertising on FB. Paul Wilcox wants to advertise as wants to refurbish bikes and sell them. All profits go to Tree Tops Nursing Home.</p> <p>SB – We had a complaint about a lady trying to sell a sofa. Reissued the group rules on the page.</p>	
10.2	JM – 83 year old lady robbed on Ruddington Lane in her own home. JM would like to praise the police as they responded quickly and arrested the robber.	
	<p><b>There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:25.</b></p> <p><b>The next meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.</b></p>	

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## Appendices:

### 1

Dear Mr Hardy,

The Compton Acres junction located in Nottinghamshire County will be subject to greater number of movements from multiple arms and I would speculate caters for significantly more right turning traffic (into and out of Compton Acres) due to the size of the area that this road serves.

Generally we try and limit the use of Yellow Box markings in Nottingham City for a number of reasons.

1. There is a significant ongoing maintenance cost as they are placed in areas of high traffic and due to their size/placement, any areas of fading are quickly apparent.
2. Overuse of the markings can lead to drivers becoming indifferent to their placement as some locations will not be as critical to the highway network (leading to contravention of the marking where its need is not clearly obvious). This type of driver behaviour can then lead to obstructive traffic in other more critical locations, where any obstruction can quickly lead to severe congestion.
3. Drivers will often misunderstand the rules of entering yellow box markings, where Right Turners can enter and stop whilst waiting for a gap in the opposing flow of traffic.

Drivers turning right into Main Road or Ruddington Lane, may be reticent to enter the Yellow Box whilst needing to allow for opposing traffic, further delaying vehicles taking these right turn routes. Drivers turning left out of Main Road, may also find that their exit beyond a Yellow Box is not clear, which could delay traffic leaving Main Road.

We have received only a limited number of reports relating to traffic queueing towards West Bridgford, occasionally obstructing other traffic flows, so currently have no proposal to treat this junction with a Yellow Box Marking.

I'm sorry I can't be more positive on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Harrison