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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Vice-Chair (SB), Daniel Atherton – Secretary (DA); Bob Atherton (BA), John Ballard (JB), Stephany Schild (SS), Terri Slade (TS), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Rob Nicholas (RN)
Also Present	Rvd. George Trevor White (GW), Carol Goodrich, John Robinson, Cllr Roger Steel (RS), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), John Robinson (JR)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 21 February 2022
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Apologies2 Minutes & Actions from 17/01/22 Meeting3 Welcome of new Vicar4 Police and Crime Update5 Iremongers Pond Update6 Litter Picking Update7 Heritage Project Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Telephone Box Restoration- Heritage Trail- Oral History8 Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cherry Blossom Festival, Ruddington Lane Park- May Day- Jubilee Festival9 AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Pam Duesbury (PD), Rob Dodson (RD), Sarah Filz (SF), Ruth Brown (RB), Ann Gerty (AG), Cristian Nardoni, Lindsey Barnes, PC Nigel Bradley (NB)	
2	Minutes & Actions from 17/01/22 Meeting	
2.1	Outstanding actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grass along Main Road and at Village Green. Registered with Council and action to be taken by volunteers in coming month.- AG CPR Course West Bridgford Fire Station – groups of twelve, any interested invited to reach out to DA and AG.	

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3	Welcome of new Vicar	
3.1	GW: Delighted to say hello to everyone, a week into the job. Glad to have met several members already. Shared a massive thank you to everyone for being so welcoming. Excited to be here and to get stuck in. Shared excitement of the building momentum. Advertised the Friday 'firepit' social between 8pm and 9pm.	
4	Police and Crime Update	
4.1	NB sends apologies: had a quick look at the crime data and is very good indeed for the Wilford beat.	
5	Iremongers Pond Update	
5.1	BA: Pond is very flooded, there has been some issue with antisocial behaviour and rough sleeping, litter picking has been taking place especially to deal with the hot spot.	
6	Litter-Picking Update	
6.1	<p>RB: Last month January we collected a total of 26 bags. These winter months it is easy to collect the litter because the shrubbery has died down and we can see it easily.</p> <p>I have looked back over the last 3 years and the following is a breakdown of our statistics. We started in May 2018 and collected 198. We collected 160 in 2019. In 2020 lockdown we collected 78.</p> <p>In 2021, we have collected 299 bags, 15 of which are black (Rushcliffe) 5% and 284 are purple (Nottingham City) 95%.</p> <p>I know it is not good we have found all that litter, but it is wonderful we have so many different volunteers to help with clearing it.</p> <p>We have approximately 60 volunteers (which include the family members), and they keep coming.</p> <p>In January we had a lady and her daughter who volunteered. They came because a friend of her daughter told her about us. This is good news as we are teaching the next generation about how to look after the world we live in.</p> <p>We collected 299 bags in 21 sessions over 2021, 2 sessions per month, but November only 1 session was undertaken and December we have off for Christmas. That's an average of 14 bags each session.</p> <p>Pat Huxley has told us about the discarded camp in the woods by the pond. Pat has collected 6 bags. 2 of us helped her during our litter picking session on 12 February. Then Pat went back another day and collected 2 more bags. We have informed the City Council to ask them to clear the rest plus the tent and bike that was left. I have not had a chance to check if they</p>	

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	<p>have done this. I assume this will be of low importance against the problems created with the recent storms. I will monitor it.</p> <p>The spreadsheet for these statistics was created by Anna Wilmott who also assists me with posting our events and successes on Facebook. Thanks to Anna for her wonderful skills in collating our successes.</p> <p>I cannot thank the volunteers enough for all their excellent work, who turn up each time in whatever the weather throws at us.</p> <p>SB added a group thanks to RB and the team for all of their excellent and selfless work.</p> <p>Litter picking sessions are on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 8am. This coming Saturday (26th) is starting at The Tailors Arms.</p> <p>SS noted that there are a large amount of bottles being discarded along the tram line adjacent to Gresham Fields.</p>	
7	Heritage Project Update	
7.1	<p>DA noted that the telephone box delivery had been scheduled for the two previous days when the storms hit. To be installed this coming week should scheduling allow.</p> <p>Oral history – meeting to occur with Sandra Stapleton at Emmanuel to discuss. Hopeful that progress will be made and for a large group of residents to be involved and students to be involved in the interviews.</p> <p>Trail progress with council involvement to seek underground utilities to enable installing the signs.</p>	
8	Community Events	
8.1	<p>Cherry Blossom Festival - 22nd April (Earth Day):</p> <p>Embassy unable to provide official representation. DA to ask for local university lecturer to assist. Then to approach schools for low-key event.</p> <p>May Day - 02nd May:</p> <p>SB confirmed that the Brownies have confirmed they are rehearsing May Pole dancing. Volunteers sought for an upcoming meeting to organise and bring together ideas. SB shared excitement that this would be the community's first big event for two years.</p> <p>Jubilee Festival – 04th June:</p> <p>Date to be confirmed in case low attendance. Sub-committee to meet very soon to finalise date and arrange activities.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>SB</p> <p>DA</p>
9	AOB	
9.1	<p>SS: Asked whether the permit scheme is probationary and therefore can be terminated. AR confirmed that this was not the case but that both Cllrs would be taking up concerns against the suggested permit payments. SB suggested the group write a letter – AR confirmed that this would be a good idea. Group</p>	

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	<p>in complete agreement that the WCG would write a letter in opposition on behalf of the community against the proposed payments of the permits. DA to coordinate.</p> <p>JM asked what the allotment associations were doing to address food wastage and asked whether there was room for a community pantry. BA and TS confirmed that there would be little appetite for the allotments to be opened publicly but that efforts were being made to better share resources. DA noted that associations were welcome to attend events in the future and host stalls.</p> <p>BH noted that a letter had been sent stating the issues with the tarmac paths along Main Road for accessibility as well as the issue of pigeon droppings at the 'pigeon bridge'. RS noted that the issue with the bus stop would be solved soon. BH noted that the pigeon droppings issue was a concern and that Cllrs would be dealing with it again soon.</p> <p>BR noted that there were a large amount of tents along the riverbank.</p> <p>JR shared concerns with planning application for a new 18mtr 5g telephone mast at the entrance to Ruddington Lane Park. Noted that neighbours all united in objection given how much this proposed mast stands out and impacts the local area. AR updated that the head of planning has confirmed that the application agent has not given any new comments since October, last year. It appears that after concerns were shared, they began to look at alternative sites. During the meeting, an update was received by AR that a revaluation of possible alternative sites would be undertaken and only should any further updates come, the group and residents would be kept in touch.</p> <p>TS shared resident concerns about fly-tipping on the northern/western bank of the River opposite the Bee Bank. Noted that the site is possibly leased by Clifton Bridge Angling Trust rather than the City Council. AR noted that it depends on the lease – whether the trust or the council would be responsible.</p> <p>BA noted that there are suggestions from the bailiff team to make Iremongers Pond a members only site. The greatest concern right now is illegal fishermen catching and eating the fish. Noted that fishing would continue to be a serious growing issue. BR emphasised that the committee are focused on the park aspect of the pond whilst the fishing element is something less of their interest, that the concerns about fishing are beyond their interests. RS noted that the main problem with the proposal would be enforcement.</p> <p>JB welcomed and celebrated the growing daffodils and crocuses.</p> <p>RS noted that an action day on the 16th of March would be organised by the council. One of the actions mooted was a litter pick day – RS informed the team that the community has an absolutely fantastic litter picking team already. Asked what WCG might be interested in having done. BR noted that clearing the campsites around the pond, with the added help of vehicles etc. would be most useful. DA asked whether there were any locations along Ruddington Lane that would be worthwhile to target – agreed that there are no hotspots given the hard work of the litter picking team.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>RS/AR</p>

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10	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:24. The next meeting is at 19.30 on Monday 21 March at the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	

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