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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley (PH - Chair), Sophie Blaken (SB - Vice-Chair), Clare Roughton (Treasurer), Bob Atherton (BA), Daniel Atherton (DA), Robert Dodson, Pam Duesbury (PD), Sarah Filz (SF), Ann Gerty (AG), Rebecca Ironmonger, Rob Nicholas, John Pickles, Jeremy Pratt (JP), Bill Roughton (BR)
Also Present	Clr Andrew Rule (AR), Clr Roger Steel (RS)
Where	Virtual Meeting via Zoom
When	19 October 2020
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes & Actions from 21/09/20 Meeting3. Parking Permit Update4. Heritage Trail Project Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Walking Guidebook Update5. Iremongers Pond Update6. Litter Picking Update7. Upcoming Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bee Bank Daffodil Drive- Halloween Pumpkin Competition- Wilford Christmas Lights Festival8. Any Other Business	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Lyndsey Barnes, Cristian Nardoni, Sarah O'Connor, Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JS-C), Terri Slade	
2	Minutes & Actions from 21/09/20 Meeting	
2.1	Minutes approved, actions included in AOB.	
3	Parking Permit Update	
3.1	RS reported that this scheme was now at the final, signature stage but may not be implemented until the New Year as everyone is working from home, occasioning delays. SB queried whether the time window as discussed at previous meetings had been dealt with, ie the suggested change from restricted parking 9.00 am to 5.00 pm to restricted parking 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, thus allowing for safe school drop-offs and pick-ups, which would still resolve the issue of commuter parking. RS replied that the letter sent from WCG highlighting this would be considered by the portfolio holders. This generated much discussion, AR and RS advising that this was a city-wide problem and the council would take a reasonable view during pick-up and drop-off, with the enforcement team not arriving before 10 am. BA felt that	

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	bending the law at certain times of the day would cause confusion and SB reiterated her fear of an accident waiting to happen. AR agreed that the issue should be re-considered, but the overall conclusion was that we would have to wait and see the reaction to the letter that had been sent.	
4	Heritage Trail Project Update	
4.1	PH reported that she had taken 25 Walk Guides to GT News, of which 20 had been sold; 50 to the Co-op, which had all been sold; and 25 to The Ferry. She asked members to let her know if they could take some to sell around the locality. AG offered to deliver these.	AG
4.2	<p>DA reported that he had sent ca 15 applications to charity trusts, etc, with no response so far, so it is possible that we will be relying solely on the Heritage Lottery Fund application. JP urged emphasising the fact that we have had the Walks Guide compiled and printed as one of our efforts to fund-raise. DA continued that in the current Tier 2 situation the Clifton Bridge workers would not be able to help on any of our projects, but would reconsider if and when we go down to Tier 1.</p> <p>AG raised the point that there are two issues around the telephone box – the refurbishment and the placement. There was some discussion about the land, with the conclusion that even though it is not owned by anyone we can apply for the requisite planning permission, and in that regard an encouraging response had been received when the concept was first raised with the Planning Officer in 2017. AR will assist with identification of the correct channels to use, but he advised applying for planning permission post-refurbishment, as it carries a time limit. Meanwhile, AG and DA would secure written confirmation that the telephone box can be placed in the position identified. JP felt we had spent far too long dealing with the project and immediate action was needed. The point was made that we are not allowed under the Heritage Lottery Fund rules to embark on the project before funding is agreed, but we need to match-fund – hence our present efforts. The cost will be at least £2000, and SB expressed concern that this was a big chunk out of our budget. It was resolved that as the money would largely be coming from the Heritage Project application, currently on hold because of COVID, the appointed sub-committee should meet at the end of the year to move matters forward.</p>	AR AG/DA
5	Iremongers Pond Update	
5.1	BR reported that the site has again been awarded the Green Flag. The bailiffs were very keen to restock the pond, and this will be funded from fishing permits, to the tune of £1000. Membership is currently buoyant. BA asked for the orchard map to be updated with the latest acquisitions.	BR
6	Litter Picking Update	
6.1	PD and JP reported that the Wilford Group is now picking individually at times to suit themselves rather than meeting at a set time, so that the rule of six is not broken (a record number of 19 had met at the last allowable group meeting). They are following designated routes to cover the area and reporting the number of bags collected at the end of each month.	
7	Upcoming Events	
7.1	RS reported that he had acquired quotations for the Bee Bank daffodils. Funding would be covered by a combination of WCG and Councillors' Allowances, for which thanks were given. RS had made a sketch and offered to project-manage the planting. The plan was to plant the bays individually and with the committee's families, moving on to inviting other families, with contrasting varieties of naturalised bulbs. However, when put to the vote it was decided to keep the project simpler and less expensive with all the flowers being similar.	RH

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7.2	PH had approached the Co-op for prizes for the Halloween Pumpkin Competition and had received the customary positive response. She had wine, selection boxes and selection packets, which DA would collect from her and allocate for the various family and children's prizes. He would also create certificates for the winners.	DA
7.3	In respect of prizes for the Christmas Lights Festival, SF, who had recently launched an online giftware company, offered a £15 voucher, which was much appreciated by the committee. The Ferry and The Tailors Arms had also offered vouchers. DA is to post the event on Facebook to see if other businesses would donate. There will be a 12-foot tree on the village green, for which RS will organise the socket and the electrics. In addition to the Christmas lights scheme, he suggested stringing lights along the Bee Bank, to be funded from the Councillors' Allowances. SB reported that Claire Rolley would be organising the decoration of the tree with ribbons and bows. JP was in favour of the annual tree on the green outside The Tailors Arms, the idea having been suspended because there could be no celebration round it on account of COVID, and AR was asked to investigate the cost of a tree without lights to see if this would be an acceptable amount to be spent.	DA/RS AR
8	Any Other Business	
8.1	In respect of the Christmas Lights Festival, it was reported that JS-C had suggested encouraging carollers to sing round the greens. Furthermore, a day each week in the run-up to Christmas could be set for residents to sing from their doorsteps.	
8.2	SB had dealt with complaints about the Wilford Facebook site with regard to businesses. She had re-worded some rules and membership questions as a result, all of which were approved.	
8.3	RS had dealt with the complaint that major damage had been caused to the Church Green by the Council's contractors. As far as he was concerned this was unfounded, as he had inspected the area and found only a 3m x 0.5m stretch on which there was no grass, which he had now treated. Other grassed areas had been reinstated and since received a first cut, to satisfaction.	
9	There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 9.38 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 16 November.	

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