

WILFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of the AGM Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2010 at Wilford Social and Bowls Club at 7.30 pm

PRESENT

Stephanie Taylor (ST) Chair
Roger Steel (RS) Vice-Chairman
Brian Hardy (BH) Treasurer
Dave Boulton (DB) Secretary
Sheila Atherton (SA)
Daniel Atherton (DA)
Josie Foster (JF)
Peter Stiles (PS)
Andrew Rule (AR)
Frank Wakelin (FW)
Residents

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elaine Stenson (ES)
Steve Brewer (SB)
Felicity Walker (FWR)

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| 1 | Apologies Bill Roughton (BR), Maureen Godfrey, Chris Allsopp | |
| 2 | Minutes of 19th July 2010 Meeting The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and approved as correct. | |
| 3 | Outstanding Actions It was noted there were no outstanding actions from the last meeting. | |
| 4 | Ruddington Lane Play Area ST informed the meeting of the background to the consultation process in relation to the re-development of the play area and opened the floor to FWR. FWR informed the Group that a £50,000 improvement plan for the Play Area had been approved and stated that the consultation process had revealed that three areas needed developing: play area, seating, outdoor fitness equipment (including a sport area). FWR highlighted the waste aspect if all existing equipment was disposed and intimated that it would be more efficient to add to existing equipment. FWR stated that in order for all additions suggested to be installed additional funding would need to be sought and such funding would need to be sought in the name of the Group. FWR highlighted that any additional funding would be capped at £50,000 and would be subject to a two phase screening process; the first of which would take around 10 weeks to complete; and the latter 20 weeks to complete; assuming applications were completed promptly a decision would be made around Easter 2011. SA enquired precisely where the WCG was in the process FWR stated that there would be a period of further | |

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| <p>consultation then the work would be tendered out to contractors. FWR confirmed with the WRG that further consultation would be undertaken regarding the potential removal of fences surrounding the existing site. BH sought clarification as whether any Section 106 money, from local residential developments, had been placed aside for the development of the play area FWR confirmed that it had. BH also requested confirmation that the £50,000 funding already in place was secure – FWR confirmed it was. FWR confirmed the agreement within the WCG that further funding should be sought and she would progress this on behalf of the Group.</p> | |
| <p>5 Cycle Route Improvements</p> <p>SB introduced the background to the proposals. SB highlighted that existing transport strategy sought to connect outlying areas of the City boundary to the City Centre. SB confirmed that links to Strelley & Hucknall Road had already been completed and that improvements to links between Clifton/Wilford and City Centre were next given that it was the second busiest cycle route in the City boundary.</p> <p>SB outlined that the plan proposed by the Council would be to restrict vehicular parking on the west side of the village due to the apparent indiscriminate parking which currently occurs. SB stated this would be undertaken with the imposition of further of further double yellow lines but that there would be no signage to indicate this in line with changes to existing policy. FW highlighted this was a particular problem on Grange Close where vehicles frequently parked at the head of the junction prevent access to the 18 properties within the Close. FW expressed that further traffic restrictions within Wilford would exacerbate this problem. RS formerly proposed that there were no further yellow lines in the village.</p> <p>DB stated that further yellow lines would transfer the problem of parking elsewhere in the village– SB compared the problems with further yellow with the improved visibility for cyclists caused by the additional parking enforcement mechanisms.</p> <p>RS suggested that the junction to Main Road needed improving due to cyclists cutting across the junction upon entering the village. RS stated this could be resolved by cutting into the lay-by and extending a cycle lane into it. This would also resolve the problem of buses entering the village and cutting the corner at the top of the village. SB to consider this.</p> <p>SB confirmed that part of the improvements would include improvements to the subway as it was part of the main route. It was confirmed that improvements would be undertaken by the Highways Agency, funding having been obtained through EMDA’s local transport plan, to improve links between Nottingham Trent University’s Clifton Campus and the City Centre.</p> <p>The WCG requested SB examine further issues including improvements to the Filter Light at the top of the village; and further action to prevent parking across Grange Close and action against cyclists cycling along the Bee Bank. SB confirmed that the filter light would be looked into and the latter problems could be looked into in conjunction with Wilford’s local community support officers.</p> <p>The WCG confirmed no further parking restrictions were wanted in the village.</p> | |
| <p>6 Footpath Maintenance – Rear of Vernon Avenue</p> <p>The meeting raised the issue of responsibility for the maintenance of the area at the side of the refurbished footpath on Vernon Avenue. It was confirmed that the allotments association were responsible for the boundary up to the back fences alongside the allotments but that it was believed the land on the other side of the pathway was the responsibility of the Council and had been maintained by them in previous years. ES confirmed she would investigate where the responsibility lay and report back to the Group.</p> | |
| <p>7 Library Site / Asset Transfer</p> <p>The meeting was informed that there had been an exchange of correspondence between RS and David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure). The correspondence had more recently been addressed to Councillor Andrew Price rather than the Community Group. RS stated that previous communication from Cllr Trimble had indicated that officer time would be made available to the Group. RS advised that Paula Kerzon had been assigned to assist the Group with its plans for the library site.</p> <p>The Group acknowledged that the sub-committee should progress the necessary applications to form a</p> | |

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| 8 | <p>Wilford Bowls Club</p> <p>BH informed the Group he was attending the Next Steps Meeting (see 7 above) and would be speaking on behalf of the Wilford Bowls Club in his capacity as their accountant. He outlined his proposed speech.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Area Committee Update</p> <p>ST informed the meeting that BH had attended the last Area Committee meeting in her place. BH informed the meeting that proposed changes to the Area Committee representation would mean that each Group in attendance would need to nominate specific authorised representatives by an annual appointment process.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>“Ward Walk” Feedback</p> <p>ES informed the meeting that a recent Ward Walk had taken place in the village. BH informed the meeting that he had raised the issue of the timings of the filter traffic light with officers from the Council who had confirmed that it may be possible to arrange for filter times to be extended by a couple of extra minutes. BH also stated he had raised the issue of a repeater sign for the main road and again this was being considered. It was suggested by officers present that the cost of installing one would be in the region of £200-£300.</p> <p>The Ward Walk had also examined the Pigeon Bridge and revealed the cleaning of the underneath of it was still unacceptable and that the possibility of installing spikes on the underside had been proposed. ES stated consultation would be undertaken on this.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Crime Issues</p> <p>As PC Brown was not present at the meeting, this item was not discussed.</p> | |
| 12 | <p>Older People’s Event</p> <p>ES stated that this was an annual event promoting “fun” health activities for the over 60s to be held this year on 20 October. ES stated that there would be a shuttle bus organised to transport individuals with mobility issues.</p> | |
| 13 | <p>Wilford Community Facility Meeting</p> <p>DB advised the Group that a meeting of local community groups had been set up by the Council for 22 September 2010. He advised that the representatives from the local church would be present and that they were proposed to develop youth club in the Old Victorian Building. ES confirmed this “Next Steps Meeting” would take place at the Rugby Ground and that its purpose was to facilitate discussion between the various groups in the village as to what facilities were missing from the village. ST/RS/AR/BH from the WCG to attend.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>Waste Bins</p> <p>ES informed the meeting that the bins placed at Holly Avenue near the allotments had been installed and would remain in place subject to any crime related incidents. ES confirmed that the usage of the remaining bins would be monitored. To date the monitoring of the bins on St Ervan Road had revealed a lack usage which may result in an alternative siting.</p> | |

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| 15 | Bank Mandate – Changed Signatories It was agreed that RS and ST to be placed on the Group’s bank mandate replacing BR/SA. | |
| 16 | Any Other Business There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting | |

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S Taylor
 Chair

18 October 2010