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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Co-Chair (SB), Daniel Atherton – Co-Chair (DA), Jude Nichols (JN), Rob Nichols (RN), Joanne Mist (JM), Brian Hardy (BH), Pam Duesbury (PD), Ann Gerty (AG), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), John Pickles (JP), Bob Atherton (BA), Stephany Schild (SS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HSC), Terri Slade (TS)
Also Present	Sheila Atherton (SA), Claire Devonport (CD), Neil Devonport (ND), Roger Steel (RS), Paul Fearnley (PF), Lindsey Barnes (LB), Ray Hutchins (RH). Pat Hutchins (PH), Lynda Faust (LF), Ingrid Ward (IW), Philip Ward (PS), Jonathan Whellan (JW), Darryl Pearson (DP), Julian Taylor (JT), Hannah Satchwell (HS), Patrick Allison (PA), Maggie Kehoe (MK), Nick Kehde (NK), Tony Spinder (TSp), Neil Fullman (NF), John Warren (JWa) Jeremy Pratt (JPr), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Hayley Spain (HS), Cllr Angela Campdola - Portfolio Holder for Highways (AC), Cllr Coral Jenkins – Portfolio Holder for Environment (CJ), Bushra Hussein - Grounds Department and Residents Services (BH), Simon Reed – Neighbourhood Policing (SR), Tom Baker – Neighbourhood Policing (TB)
Where	Moderns Rugby Club, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 18 March 2024
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies 2. Local flooding issues 3. Local traffic congestion concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further action relating to Wilford crossroads petition 4. Local Crime Stats 5. Minutes & Actions from 19/02/23 Meeting 6. Community events 7. Iremongers Pond Update 8. Litter Picking Update 9. Community Group Finances update 10. Wilford Heritage project update 11. AOB 	
1	Introductions	
1.1	Apologies Sandra Stevens (SS), Ruth Brown (RB) Group Committee, Councillors and Police introduced themselves	
2	Local flooding issues	
2.1	DA – Roland Avenue concerns where the tram crosses Wilford and Ruddington Lane also BH wrote to Lillain Greenwood and the response led to this meeting	

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	<p>There is a plan to alleviate flooding in Holly Avenue as per Lillian Greenwood, but it seems to be getting worse. BH asked this meeting be advertised which was done.</p> <p>SA – Flooding is bad around Bader and Main Road where bungalows are</p> <p>JT – Aaron Close and allotments at the back. When water level at highest there was no water on allotment but when cleared from Wilford Lane the Allotments flooded</p> <p>TSp – On Maplestead Avenue sewage was in our property. Oct 2020 – Severn Trent cleaned up then haven't since due to them stating this is an "act of God". Severn Trent state they don't have maps of sewer system</p> <p>HS – Thanked for allowing her here today. Council has 2 sections to run the city – office for day to day and the other is the councillors who are elected. 55 councillors, 8 have a portfolio who report into office and portfolio holders. CJ and AC – flooding comes under both of their areas.</p> <p>There is a meeting due between Severn Trent (ST), Environment Agency (EA), Notts County Council (NsCC) and Nottingham City Council (NCC). Where they can take the concerns to, therefore don't have any extra news but can take points from this meeting to it.</p> <p>CJ– I am the Portfolio holder for environment and green spaces – We tried to get a senior officer for flooding but couldn't make it. I want to hear the specifics to take away to the meeting that is being held. I sit with ST and the EA – they have stated if there is a need they may be able to attend one of our meetings. Need to separate the bits for the council and ST. Also we can give direct email addresses for those responsible for the flooding and raise the concerns to allow a 3-prong approach.</p> <p>CJ stated if anyone have any other green space questions she could answer those</p> <p>NF – Winter was bad with extreme weather – flood defences are good , it's a drainage issue made worse by the Lidl/retail park as lost run off – I think that has made thing worse. It sits with ST, can the council enforce change? It will just get worse with current construction.</p> <p>HS - Meeting was arranged for this week but was cancelled, can take questions to them.</p> <p>BH – What we do with regards draining they go to flood hotspots and clear. It may mean these areas need putting on the hotspots - leaf fall should clear this.</p> <p>TSp – Tram flooded at the top and then Ashdown got flooded due to sewage, the normal drain water clearing fine. EA said to got to ST. ST said its act of God, council send back to ST. God didn't build the sewage system.</p> <p>HS – we came to listen as no one else was available, we will raise this with the stake holders</p> <p>JW – Asked who are the stakeholders, water does not respect the boundary so who is responsible, are Rushcliffe involved. This is worse since the tram, have they spoke to who did the tram and who is responsible</p> <p>HS – County Council, City Council, Via East Mids Engineering, NET Tram. Colleague from Rushcliffe too</p> <p>BH – These cross meetings do happen and the tram is usually there too</p> <p>PA – Water on Wilford Lane is foul water, hydraulic overload nothing to do with the river. It's the pumping system. This is what is backing up into allotment and Roland Ave. This is ST and they know it is not powerful enough. Until they upgrade and more buildings it'll keep happening. It's the pumps that cannot cope</p> <p>SB – Asked HS to add this as a question</p> <p>BH – Correspondence from Lillian Greenwood and would like to raise</p>	<p>HS</p> <p>CJ</p> <p>BH</p>

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	<p>Storms – letter from BH will be made available</p> <p>PF – There is a group of us who wrote to Rushcliffe with regards the development, they said that spoke to the flood risk authority who said there were no concerns</p> <p>HS – Depends on the boundaries</p> <p>SS – The water doesn't know, this needs to be a joint effort</p> <p>DA – The specific spot is that half is in county half in city</p> <p>CJ – We don't see this information as they don't always pass it on</p> <p>HS – MPs write back to the residents and officers to resident</p> <p>CJ – Copy in your local councillors.</p> <p>JM – A question needs to be asked where ST are with their investigations.</p> <p>CD – The water was clean on Roland Avenue and took a long time to drain, Contacted City council 2-3 times to get head round drainage assets and no one can give her an answer. Cannot keep clear if don't know where they are.</p> <p>BH – We do not know where the drains are and can provide</p> <p>CD – What we need it more drains as the crow flies we are near to the Wilford lane crossing but ours is not foul water.</p> <p>PF – Water is creeping up from the back and fills up at the lowland and the back and goes into the gardens</p> <p>JW – A lot around here is 1930s so that is why the council don't know where drains and pipes are. Might be useful to map</p> <p>BH – I can provide detail on mapping</p> <p>HS – Good point about the tram and so sit on tram committee so will raise it with the tram.</p> <p>SB – Can we do anything to push this stakeholder meeting? It is due to go ahead after Easter</p> <p>BA – Seek to emphasise the City Council do not know where the drainage is and are passing the buck. Roland Avenue didn't know that in 1930s there was a lake at the bottom – knows this as his neighbour use to jump into it before it was filled up. Pumping stations is for the 3 underground stream which council are not aware of.</p> <p>BH – We have dealt with this for 3 years and when it fills the drain is empties, the report implies something is to be done but what and when</p> <p>HS – We want to work with you and wanted to come to the meeting to speak with you on your opinions and the whole report will go to the meeting – we now have a good idea of what the problem is and the strength of feeling.</p> <p>BH – One thing we find, highways come with pump and blame ST and ST blame highways</p> <p>HSC – Asked if there would be any objection to a delegate from this meeting to being part of this stakeholder meeting</p> <p>HS – Has no objection to this but need to speak with the arranger to see if this is possible</p> <p>JWa – Wilford Lane - Any commercial stakeholders that are being flooded, can they help?</p> <p>Sophie – The road stayed open for too long whilst flooding going into peoples homes</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA</p> <p>BH</p> <p>DA</p> <p>HS</p>

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	<p>LF – Yes, real battle on day of Forest Match. How do we make it safe for the residents and act quicker</p> <p>HS – that is traffic management so will get back to you</p> <p>JM – First time Ruddington lane was also flooded so we were cornered off</p> <p>SA – What are the rules around planning drainage planning for it as loose soakaway when new buildings made</p> <p>HS – will get the answer</p> <p>CJ – I meet with the corporate directors and Andrew and I can raise this directly with them and feedback through the councillors</p> <p>JW -in 2000 when the Trent was topping the wall this didn't happen, higher than this winter and no flooding. Gresham has 2 plastic football pitches, this is on the boundary and the relationship between the two councils need to be managed.</p> <p>SS – my house is built up but most are built flat, if we keep building in Wilford we will get more flooding.</p> <p>AC – Portfolio holders meeting every 2 weeks and will go through it with them, will see if NET tram can come and speak to you.</p> <p>TSp – there was a problem with the sewage in 2000 but seems the village has surface and sewage issues. It was a lot worse this time. ST have said there is no record of the sewage system at top of the village</p> <p>LB - Wilford school have significant flooding on their field</p> <p>BA - Flooding in Wilford only came from rising drain water. Double edged sword that now there is buildings this is why there is more flooding. The capacity isn't there to get rid of the flood.</p> <p>JW - Need to speak to Net, you can hear it, in runs even in the hottest weather, env agency spent 8.5 mil to stop us flooding now being flooded internal</p>	<p>HS</p> <p>CJ and AR</p> <p>?</p>
3	Local traffic congestion concerns	
3.1	<p>SB – There is a 30 mph stretch in village that isn't signposted, there is also an issue at the crossroads of Wilford lane/Main road</p> <p>BH – Speed limit sign on A52 – wrote to the constabulary but couldn't help. Scott Harrison said that speak checks being done we qualify for a repeater sign. Emailed National Highways and they have responded to say they will be putting a sign up</p> <p>BH – Spoke to Scott Harrison who has said that they have looked at the crossroad reports and cannot see a reason of why it is worse than any other in the city. They look at cameras and accident reports however there are no cameras. Its not the polices fault but police get a bad name for it.</p> <p>JM – A hash box would be helpful at the top of the village – 100 cars queuing to get out of the village. Asked if we can change the sequencing, and these have be put to highways (Scott Harrison) and are getting nowhere</p> <p>LF – not just traffic and its not just the traffic its walking across there with children morning and afternoon</p> <p>PW - Ruddington lane have excessive speeds and is seen as an open road. Been lots of near- misses. Lorries and buses speed too. There is speed sign but a speed camera would be well received</p> <p>SR – Speed vans are head quarters not local. "Community speed watch" train community volunteers. If anyone interested please feed that back to us.</p>	

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	<p>JM – Wouldn't want to stand in village as would get abuse.</p> <p>SS – Where has the digital speed sign gone? It was owned by the group and Silverdale took it back when we didn't take the responsibility for it.</p> <p>BA – Speeding not much an issue in the village it's the standard of driving, council can send CPOs on parking. Which is very bad at times where people from school are not patient to wait and drive on the pavement when kids are there.</p> <p>SR – Inspections can be increased.</p> <p>DA – Suggested incorporating previous ideas for a Welcome to Wilford signs with a limit your speed message.</p> <p>SB – Warned about raising this due to arguments about where Wilford technically is.</p> <p>AC – We will get back to you with answers as soon as we can about these issues.</p>	AC
4	Local Crime stats	
4.1	<p>Update provided from the local policing and community safety team, SR and TB:</p> <p>Last month - 2 crimes responded to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - damage to motor vehicle - threat to a police officer <p>Crime in Wilford very low compared to rest of city.</p> <p>Damage to motor vehicle and threat to a police officer in the last month remains biggest issue locally.</p> <p>Thefts at Rugby club in January of personal possessions in changing room burglary and 2 x assaults on Wilford Lane.</p> <p>It's a good picture. But stuff is happening that we don't necessarily know about.</p> <p>Mindful that not everything is reported so encouraged all to report any crimes and incidents.</p> <p>We are not allowed to chase off-road bikes due to risk of injury.</p> <p>If anyone interested in Speed watch then the community group will help put in touch.</p> <p>SB – Will advertise this on the community page.</p>	SB
5	Minutes and Actions from 19/02/23 Meeting	
5.1	<p>DA – posters to put in notice board for agenda got delayed by Royal Mail, beyond our control. Will seek to find an alternative way of printing and delivering for the next meeting.</p> <p>AR - Bin is on the wish list and looking into fly-tipping</p> <p>SB - Everything else will be covered in agenda</p> <p>Minutes signed off</p>	DA
6	Community Events	
6.1	<p>SB – May Day booked and church given hall for free, Brownies are practicing – looking for volunteers. Comms will go out this week</p> <p>Community group are putting towards new dresses and PH will do some tailoring</p>	

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	<p>Church hall is for brownies to dress in</p> <p>DA – Suggested displaying history exhibit on the day incorporating highlights from the History Society archives.</p> <p>SB – School asked to borrow gazebos – no objections</p>	
7	Iremongers Pond Update	
7.1	<p>Informed works around pond and put a compound on rugby field and by the swales.</p> <p>IPA - BH: Dropped plans to put compound by the pond and for brush clearance alongside tramline. Their plans are to reengineer the banks and to change the shape of the banks to enable better access for vehicles. There will be surplus soil and they have requested suggestions. They plan on constructing hibernaculums for anything wishing to hibernate in the area.</p> <p>BA - Re-profiling of the embankment shows no clear motives but further answers will be shared in future meetings.</p> <p>PH - Applications with ST and East Mids community fund for a shed for the ride-on mower. Has got the slabs for the base and will let know of funding. Will go on the allotment. Made of green galvanised steel.</p>	DA
8	Litter-Picking Update	
8.1	<p>DA - Concerns about litter on tram path and Emmanuel field. Inside the fence in the hedge row.</p> <p>RB: I have emailed the Nottingham City Council Clean Champions and Rushcliffe Council and asked if they would help with litter picking equipment for the school. NES is a City school, but it is in the Rushcliffe borough.</p> <p>I have received positive replies from both councils agreeing to either give equipment or to loan it to the school. Rushcliffe have told me they are going round the local primary schools with a presentation to talk about litter.</p> <p>JP and I met up and decided to contact Rushcliffe and ask if we can meet up with the ladies who are organising the presentation to see what it involves. The idea is that we can either join forces and or adapt it for the NES. We are open to ideas and are waiting for a reply. Sandra Stapleton Head of NES has been included in all the correspondence.</p> <p>JPr - Would like to see the presentation and mindful with Easter coming up and may take a while to launch</p> <p>SS – Can Beckett school be included?</p> <p>JPr – Emmanuel first</p> <p>BA – any movement on an extra bin?</p> <p>AR – on the wish list for funding</p> <p>JPr – All are welcome to come litter picking</p> <p>PW – A gauge on getting on top of litter problem is picking up less litter, can we have signage to take litter home?</p> <p>JPr – Idea with schools will help – picked up three bads with PD</p>	DA

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	PW – Filter lane onto A52 is getting worse DA – community pay back for litter picking but has to be raised by the councillor. DA to send details to AR	
9	Community Group finances update	
9.1	JN – received surplus fund £729.21 from historical society. A big thank you from the group. Proposal to add the funds to the heritage part of community funds and need to decide what to do with archive materials RN – Photos to go on the website – would like to donate some items like the name plates. Have photos of Wilford Lane also JN - £95 paid out last month and paid in £73 from calendars. SS has two. Have about £1700 in the heritage fund HSC – Central library has a good flood history section	
10	Wilford Heritage project update	
10.1	DA – Last element is the oral history segment – no update as yet. Next step is to get people together and look at archiving and do interviews who have been here a while as we as new people to get a good cross section of people. Can all be added to website and trail. Not just Wilford Village, all of Wilford.	
11	AOB	
11.1	BA – Contact in Rushcliffe said a Tollerton airport plans are moving forward for it to be turned into a large housing development.	
	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21:35. The next meeting on Monday 15 April 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	