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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley (PH - Chair), Sophie Blaken (SB - Vice-chair), Sarah O'Connor (SC - Secretary), Bob Atherton (BA), Daniel Atherton (DA), Lindsey Barnes (LB), Robert Dodson (RD), Pam Duesbury (PD), Rob Nicholas (RN), Adrian Nicholson (AN), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JS)
Also Present	Clr Roger Steel (RS)
Where	Zoom meeting
When	21 st September 2020
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies and Welcoming New Members2. Minutes and Actions from 17/08/20 Meeting3. Parking Permit Update4. Heritage Project Update5. Iremongers Pond Update6. Litter Picking Update7. Any Other Business	
1	Apologies and Welcoming New Members	
1.1	Apologies: Clare Roughton (treasurer), Bill Roughton, Cristian Nardoni, John Pickles, Clr Andrew Rule, Rebecca Ironmonger, Susan Anderson, Ann Gerty, Daniel Horan.	
2	Minutes and Actions from the 17/08/20 Meeting	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No letter as yet from WCG - to be discussed later- Discussion about ownership of railway bank and meeting with Ben to be deferred to a later date- £100 was sent to the Wilford Playgroup and thanks expressed to the committee	
3	Parking Permit Update	
3.1	RS informed us that the consultations were now complete though the end date is 23 rd . No dates have yet been established with regard to completion of the work. Further discussion followed and the decision was made to send in a letter from the WCG expressing concern about the hours 9-5 and the effect on school drop off and pick up times. DA submitted letter on Wednesday 23 rd September.	DA
4	Heritage Project Update	
4.1	Discussion evolved around the production of the Walking Guide. A cost of £3 was decided, with £4 to include postage and packing which PH is happy to do. The cost of production for 400 books is £390. Enquiries will be made about selling outlets at the Co-op and GT News. The Covid regulations make it impossible to use the local pubs as distribution points. JP offered to dispose of 30 booklets and other	PH

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	members said they knew people who were interested. DA will check on costs and arrange printing. Suggestions about inviting local companies to advertise to defray costs were considered.	DA
5	Iremongers Pond Update	
5.1	BA explained that the orchard trees have now all been renumbered, and the new and original maps will be double checked. The situation with regard to drug trafficking on the site is better and there are undercover police patrolling occurring to monitor the situation. PH has made an application for some Bramley Apple trees, which (if successful) will replace trees which have died or been damaged. The costs of fishing the pond will be raised at the next AGM and it is hoped this will result in a more serious and knowledgeable membership.	BA, DA
6	Litter Picking Update	
6.1	PD reported that the regular meetings were still occurring, socially distanced. The last event attracted 15 pickers including children. A Zoom meeting has been organised by Nottingham Clean Champions which PD will attend	
7	Future Events	
7.1	<p>- Bulbs for Bee Bank. RS will enquire about purchase. There is a fund of £85 put aside for these and more money is available from the donations to the Heritage Fund. Planting a variety for naturalising was suggested. Discussion about Risk Assessment followed, especially with regard to children assisting with the planting. There are 21 different plots and the suggestion is that a family would take responsibility for one plot and plant it at their convenience, by the end of November. This was agreed to take place once arranged. There was discussion about the village green and the disruption which had been caused at the time of pavement restoration. RS said that it was unlikely that the City Council would take any further action.</p> <p>- Halloween competition. It is intended to hold a pumpkin carving competition with photos submitted for judging, to show clear evidence of village location. This obviates the need to display the pumpkins outside the property as Trick or Treat cannot take place this year. PH will approach the Co-op to see if they could donate prizes for the best pumpkin.</p> <p>- Christmas Lights Festival. As there will not be a tree lighting ceremony at the Tailors Arms this year, there is to be a competition to find the best lit house to be judged on 19th December. PH will ask the 3 local pubs if they would donate vouchers as prizes to the winning families' RS spoke of a planned lights on the village green and along Bee Bank, and along the green in front of the Co-op</p> <p>- Secret Santa. It was decided to post chocolates through letter boxes as random acts of kindness (anonymously). PH will enquire if the Co-op would obtain chocolate Santas for us at a discount. This would be done during the first week of December</p> <p>- There will be carol singing (under Covid rules) in the Paddock on 20th December</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH RS</p> <p>PH</p>
8	AOB	
8.1	<p>- We were given information about the new signs at Gresham Marsh concerning scrub clearance</p> <p>- The community is asked to report any camping at Iremongers</p> <p>- Regarding Parking Permit consultation, it was pointed out that there would be concessions at school time for parking but this was not to be evident on the notices and could cause confusion. The council will inform the school of this. Agreed to include this in WCG letter for consultation.</p>	

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	- Discussion about the May Day event was put on hold as it is quite possible that this will, sadly, not occur	
	The meeting ended at 9.50pm The next meeting will be on 19 th October, by Zoom at 7.30pm	

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