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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Clare Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Bob Atherton (BA), Robert Dodspn (RD), Pam Duesbury (PD), Ann Gerty (AG), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Bill Roughton (BR), Stephany Schild (SS)
Also Present	Brian Hardy (BH), Joanne Mist (JM), Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Roger Steel (RS)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 15 November 2021
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes and Actions from 18/10/21 Meeting3. Police and Crime Update4. Parking Permits Update5. Iremongers Pond Update6. Litter-Picking Update7. Heritage Project Update8. Community Calendar9. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Halloween Pumpkin Carving Feedback- Christmas Lights Competition- Christmas Lights Event- WCG Christmas Meeting Social (20 Dec)- Jubilee Festival Sub-Committee (to meet by Zoom ASAP)10. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Dan Atherton, Lindsey Barnes, Sophie Blaken, Sarah Filz, Cristian Nardoni, Bob Nicholas, Sarah O'Connor, Terri Slade	
2	Minutes and Actions from 18/10/21 Meeting	
2.1	The widened pavement has now been completed. BH observed that the tarmac had not been laid to the edge so that at the bus stop pedestrians are stepping out onto what could become a very muddy area. RS pointed out that the workmen were still in the village so that an opportunity would arise to request that they insert a slab. BH also enquired as to the cost of the work and from which fund it was allocated. AR explained that it derived from an area capital pot devolved to all councillors, with strict rules governing the use to which the money could be put, and that he would research the cost. RS explained that the village footpaths had been improved over three different cycles, the recent undertaking being the last of these, with this one being widened because more children are attending the school, to which	RS AR

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	<p>more of them are walking. BR extended thanks to RS for helping to marshal the children on a daily basis.</p> <p>AG raised the question of the damaged fence, about which she had had no response from writing to the Council. This was on the agenda for a meeting AR was attending the following day.</p>	AR
3	Police and Crime Update	
3.1	No update to report.	
4	Parking Permits Update	
4.1	No update to report.	
5	Iremongers Pond Update	
5.1	<p>BR reported that an untidy camp had been set up, which AR has been following up. Alan Wadley had been alerted but no response had been received and the camp was still there. AR is forwarding the complaint to Alan's manager.</p> <p>The angling revenue is in a very healthy state. There is still ongoing discussion around angling being separated out from maintenance.</p> <p>BR was also pleased to report that engineering work on the bridge was being started by Pino at no charge, which was very much appreciated by the group.</p>	AR
6	Litter-Picking Update	
6.1	<p>Anna reported 23 bags collected in September and 27 in October. The last meeting of the year is Saturday 27 November at The Tailors Arms, there being no official meeting in December. SS enquired why the litter-picking started at the early time of 8 am, and it was explained that this enabled families to continue with their own full weekend of activity. AG expressed her thanks to Ruth Brown for organising the meetings.</p>	
7	Heritage Project Update	
7.1	<p>DA reported that Pino had offered the use of his forklift truck to help load the telephone box at the end of the week. The work on it would then take six weeks, so that hopefully it would be back before Christmas. JP had noticed a new slab next to the postbox, and RS explained that he had taken the opportunity to have the men working in the village lay it as the foundation for the telephone box. JM asked how we could ensure that it would be preserved and not vandalised. BR suggested mounting a solar-powered light, and PH a mock CCTV camera.</p> <p>DA also reported that Pino had offered to refurbish the church gazebo. PH earmarked the latter as a future project, as realistically it belongs under church jurisdiction. AG proposed that Pino be given a community calendar.</p>	PH
8	Community Calendar	
8.1	<p>The calendar is in the process of being printed at a cost of £600 for 200 copies. PH announced pre-bookings of 24 + ca 18 online + 12 to be given to the photographers + 1 for Pino. The Co-op would be selling them for cash only, not using a box, as this system was at times abused in the case of the Walks Booklet. Dan is to advertise it on our Facebook page, including the collage from the front cover, and PH will place posters on noticeboards.</p>	DA/PH

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	<p>PH reiterated our thanks to BR, SS and SF for running with this project. SS enquired if we would be doing Christmas cards next year, which was thought to be a possibility as the two top photographers who had submitted pictures for the community calendar would like to produce their own nature calendar next year.</p> <p>In respect of the photo used on the This is Wilford page, which is changed every three months, PH suggested using some of the photos from the competition.</p>	PH
9	Community Events	
9.1	<p><i>Halloween Pumpkin Carving Feedback</i></p> <p>This was once again a success. PH reported that the toys SS had made went down very well with the children, and the family who won the wine and chocolates were delighted.</p>	
9.2	<p><i>Christmas Lights Competition</i></p> <p>This will be run as last year, with contenders submitting photos of their lights, on which we will vote. The Co-op is donating Christmas food, the Ferry maybe a brunch, and The Tailors Arms a voucher. SF is donating a voucher, and SS is knitting a penguin.</p>	PH/SS
9.3	<p><i>Christmas Lights Event</i></p> <p>Prairie Brian had been in touch with PH to arrange a meeting in connection with this event.</p>	PH
9.4	<p><i>WCG Christmas Meeting Social (20 Dec)</i></p> <p>It was agreed that the group would meet for drinks on Monday 20 December in the Ferry.</p>	
9.5	<p><i>Jubilee Festival Committee</i></p> <p>This item is on hold until the New Year.</p>	
10	AOB	
10.1	<p>JM asked when the village trees were being trimmed, as some were overhanging the footpaths. AR is trying to secure a meeting with the tree inspector.</p> <p>BA felt the community should be better informed about the new retail park on Wilford Lane, so suggested regular updates on the Wilford page.</p> <p>Re the flowers on Main Road, RS reported that the canna were being removed and stored, and that he was expecting a delivery of winter planting – wallflowers, pansies, etc - from Woodthorpe Park. The tubs and hanging baskets would be going to Woodthorpe Park earlier than usual next year because of the Jubilee taking place in the first week of June, perhaps to be planted in red, white and blue. SS would like to have some bee-friendly plants.</p> <p>The group extended their thanks to RS and AR for the poppies decorating the village for Remembrance Day, and AR added his thanks to Kevin Quarton for helping him with the poppies on Ruddington Lane.</p> <p>RS showed the group a copy of the Ruddington magazine from which the Jubilee Committee may find a few ideas to supplement our own activities.</p>	AR DA RS
	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.23. The next meeting is at 19.30 on Monday 20 December at the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	

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