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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Jude Nicholas – Treasurer (JN), Bob Atherton, Pam Duesbury, Rob Nicholas, Jeremy Pratt (JP), Stephany Schild (StS), Terri Slade
Also Present	Brian Hardy (BH), Nick Kehoe, Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Hayley Spain (HS), Sandra Stapleton (SaS), Roger Steel (RS)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 15 May 2023
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes and Actions from 17/04/23 Meeting3. Introduction of New Councillors4. Iremongers Pond Update5. Litter-Picking Update6. Heritage Project Update7. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May Day Feedback8. Community Calendar 20249. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Daniel Atherton (DA), Ann Gerty (AG), Sarah O'Connor, Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton	
2	Minutes and Actions from 17/04/23 Meeting	
2.1	All actions are completed or are on this meeting's agenda, so will be dealt with later.	
3	Introduction of New Councillors	
3.1	Congratulations were passed on to AR, who has been re-elected to Clifton West. His co-councillor Hayley Spain was introduced to the group. She will be advising us later re contact details and surgeries. Many thanks were extended to RS for his years of assistance to the group in his capacity as councillor.	
4	Iremongers Pond Update	
4.1	Green Flag judging has now taken place, with a very positive response. Eddy Curry, Head of Green Spaces, who toured the site with PH and AR, has offered support re trees.	
4.2	Rachel Hinton is starting yoga in the orchard one Sunday a month for an hour, the first session being held on 21 May. This will be advertised via social media.	

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4.3	There has been a rise in the drug-selling problem, over which AR has been in contact with the police, who will be monitoring the situation periodically. It was thought that the new CCTV by the Ferry has prompted the sellers to migrate to the pond area. SaS reported their presence at the end of the school day.	
4.4	PH undertook to chase for an update on the bridge.	PH
5	Litter-Picking Update	
5.1	StS considered the litter situation in the village much improved, whereas JP had noted a great deal of litter along Gresham Park Road. StS has taken photos in that area and is contacting the lady i/c the Nature Reserve.	StS
6	Heritage Project Update	
6.1	DA is expecting to launch the heritage project this summer and has discussed with PH combining it with the summer picnic on the Green. He is also anxious to start the oral history project.	DA/PH
6.2	The new library is going well, and AG and JN have started to monitor it, intending to continue this on the 1 st of every month. It was stressed that it is necessary to remove or cross through the book sticker on its return. Many books have been taken out, and there is now room for more. SaS may be able to donate additional children's books from Emmanuel School. All the jigsaw puzzles have been borrowed.	SaS
6.3	JN raised the question of amalgamating the heritage fund, which stands at ca £1100, with the main fund. It was agreed that this would be reviewed after the heritage project launch, for which some of the money would be used.	JN
7	Community Events	
7.1	<i>May Day Feedback:</i> Thanks were extended to the following: All volunteers for their contribution to the success of the day. The Co-op staff for bringing cakes, buns, tea, etc, and manning the stall. The Lapsed for organising and manning the sound equipment. The church for use of their hall. The people who donated cakes. It was confirmed that donations on the day covered the costs, with a small surplus which will be used for future events. Brown Owl has requested that future publicity should clarify that the May Queen will be selected at secondary school level.	SB
7.2	Another Safari Sale was set for Saturday 9 September, 10.00 till 2.00 - SB to confirm timing, with publicity firmed up for the June meeting.	SB
7.3	DA was delegated to fix a date for and organise the summer picnic in conjunction with PH.	PH/DA
8	Community Calendar 2024	

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8.1	BR is aiming to have the calendar ready for the end of August – in his absence this item is carried over to the June meeting. It was agreed that SaS should be put in touch with BR so that pupils from Emmanuel School can also submit photos.	DA BR
9	AOB	
9.1	BH reported Sunday night racing on the A52 – it was suggested that he call 101 on an individual basis, but also WCG would do so on behalf of the group.	BH/PH
9.2	SaS reported that Emmanuel School is holding a 20 th birthday party on Saturday 22 July from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm, £1 entry for adults, details of which she will share with the WCG. PH and StS will place posters on noticeboards, plus advertise on Facebook.	PH/StS
10	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20.09. The next meeting is Monday 19 June 2023 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	

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