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# **Meeting Minutes**

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Vice Chair (SB), Pat Huxley – Chair (PH), Daniel Atherton – Stand-in Secretary (DA), Clare Roughton – Treasurer (CR), Bob Atherton (BA), Pam Duesbury (PD), Andrew Knight (AK), Ann Gerty (AG), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HS), Terri Slade (TS), Lindsey Barnes (LB), Robert Nicholas (RN), Bill Roughton (BR).	
Also Present		
Where		
When	Monday 21st June 2021	
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting	

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1 Apologies	
	2 Minutes & Actions from 17/05/21 Meeting	
	3 Police and Crime Update from PC Nigel Bradley	
	4 Parking Permits Update	
	5 Iremongers Pond Update	
	6 Litter Picking Update	
	7 Heritage Project Update	
	8 Community Events	
	- Summer Picnic on the Green	
	- 2022 Jubilee/Heritage Festival Sub-committee	
	9 AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Christian Nardoni, Sarah O'Connor, Robert Dodson, PCSO Scott Clancy	
2	Minutes & Actions from 17/05/21 Meeting	
2.1	Approved.	
3	Police and Crime Update from PC Nigel Bradley	
3.1	Update given by NB:	
	Another decent month for the Wilford beat.	
	One theft of car from Kenny Avenue in June, recovered quickly nearby.	
	One off-road bike caught by police going into Silverdale Service Station whilst fuelling up, reported for driving offences.	

Chair: Pat Huxley, 18 Leander Close, Wilford NG11 7BE Vice Chair: Sophie Blaken, 146 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA

Treasurer: Clare Roughton, 83 Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AP Secretary: Sarah O'Connor, 11, Barnes Close, Wilford, NG11 7FZ

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	Dorothy Boot Homes, one large event was reported but not in breach of Covid regulations. Aware of AirBnB on site that causes some issues.  ASB on site of old Social Club.	
	Conclusion: a good month with no serious offences. Few to no reports of crime at Pond but heard concerns from IPA Committee regarding fires.	
	SS raised concern with illegal scooter riding around Iremongers Pond.	
4	Parking Permits Update	
4.1	RS noted there was nothing further to report. SB asked what the outcome of the review had been – RS reported that the outcome of the review had been to maintain the status quo and monitor.	
	AG asked whether both Cllrs had attended. AR and RS confirmed that this had been the case.	
	SB confirmed that the petition had been uploaded to the City Council website and would remain open until the 29 <sup>th</sup> of June after which the council would respond.	
	SBR asked when the monitoring would be completed. RS noted that there was not a date set for the next meeting regarding the review.	
	JS asked whether there were notes available from the review meeting. AR confirmed that this was a private meeting between the Cllrs and Officers and no public notes were made.	
	RS emphasised that concerns and comments should be made to the Traffic and Safety team who will be collating the responses.	
	PH noted with concern that it felt like the community had been let down with no response to concerns.	
	AG wished to thank AR for the donated funding (£200) towards aggregate to enable better road access to site. AR shared in concern at the delay to the delivery of the funding.	
	SBR shared in disappointment that the review had led to no change. Raised concerns of near misses, aggressive behaviour and ASB. Noted that the lack of any further date of review was very concerning. Also urged more to be done to address overgrown hedges between Bader Road and School Green. Shared in anger at the response and attitude in response to the review.	
	RS noted that the Cllrs are also disappointed. The plan to address the one issue with the permit scheme, school drop-off/pick-up, was in place and Cllrs were disappointed to see it taken away. Noted that the hedging would be possible to address. SBR confirmed that personal disappointment was that there was no review end date. RS noted that there was set to be a review which took place, the decision was made to do nothing at this moment in time.	
	SB noted that the petition, started personally and not on behalf of the Community Group, put forward a potential solution to change the timings. SB noted that the response from the Traffic team was that the statutory process had been completed – the full statutory process would need to be carried out again for any future changes.	
	JS asked how Traffic Management are collating and sharing responses to the Cllrs. AR noted that at the start of every year with new funding comes a list of 'hot spots' of where concerns are. JS asked for confirmation that therefore there would be no feedback until April, 2022. AR noted that Cllrs can ask. Also asked under whose authority Council Officers have made the decision that no further changes to the scheme would be made. RS confirmed that this was the authority of the Portfolio Holder, Rosemary Healy. JS emphasised that this was the person WCG should direct concerns to – suggested that the Community Group invite the portfolio holder to report to WCG the motives behind the decision. DA to invite Portfolio Holder to next meeting to explain and discuss the scheme and for a site visit with input from school and residents.	DA
5	Iremongers Pond Update	

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5.1	BA: the council have given a renewed lease document that is largely based on the original document signed when the group was first started. The IPA Committee along with AR, upon reading, largely agreed that the document as presented is too restrictive: it concentrates 97% on the pond and the pond's boundaries and makes no mention of the surrounding land nor vegetation. Further, it specifically excludes the group from doing anything with the swales. The belief is that this restriction is based on the council not wishing for anglers to go near the swales.	
	Amendments have been put together focusing on separating the pond and the fishing duties from a new 'Friends of' group. The IPA Committee would like to go forward with this suggestion from the council but with further additions to enable more activity by group to the surrounding land including the community orchard, cherry trees, etc. The IPA Committee would like to enable the existing bailiffs to take on a more administrative role for anglers and focus more on the park area of the pond.	
	JS noted that during a subsequent meeting with PH and the Environment Agency in order to gauge their view of the management of the site, the EA shared the view that, were the IPA Committee to not manage the site, no one would. This is a view shared by the council. To regularise responsibility for the wider area would be within their interest.	
	PH warned that there is blue-green algae in the water again. Signs have been put up and dog walkers should be warned. The new welcoming sign, promised by the council, is on its way and should be in place in the next few weeks.	
	BR noted that managing the carp fishing has been slightly problematic. Caring for the area as a park for the village is the best part and the responsibility for angling has become problematic.	
	JS noted that the EA officer has indicated removing floating debris of reeds from the pond/swales would be best but will come back with confirmation that the group can conduct this without any problems. PH noted that the officer also confirmed they would look into any issues with the plans for a new bridge.	
	RS asked whether there are any plans for additional picnic-tables, passing on concerns of local residents at lack of seating. PH noted that there are additional benches to be installed and that the picnic-tables came from council 106 funding and would be out of the financial capacity of the group. RS suggested that the group go for the new tables and look into any incoming 106 funding, RS will look into this. BR noted from memory that for £2000, the group received 2 tables and 4 benches. The IPA Committee confirmed that there was a need though slight disillusion with damage from ASB.	<mark>RS</mark>
6	Litter Picking Update	
6.1	RB: We had successful litter pick starting at the Roko car park at 10am.	
	There were Wilford and Compton Acres Residents, Councillors Gordon Wheeler and AR plus Ruth Edwards MP for Rushcliffe.	
	Areas covered were the edges of Wilford Fields, Roko car park, Wilford Lane, Bede Ling, Gresham fields, tram footpath, area at the back of the Harvester, Compton Acres and Main Road.	
	14 bags of litter were collected by 17 volunteers. This included 1 child.	
	Afterwards some of us signed in as guests in Roko, where some went swimming and some had a coffee and chat.	
	PH noted that subsequent group meetings have had good attendance.	
7	Heritage Project Update	

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7.1	DA pleased to confirm that the National Lottery Heritage Fund application has been successful with the full sum of funding to reach the WCG account shortly. Sub-committee to begin to convene between relevant and interested individuals/groups. To combine with Jubilee Celebration sub-committee to include/revolve around heritage festival for 2022 Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.	
8	Community Events	
8.1	SB suggested holding the Summer picnic on the green at the end of Summer and combined with the safari sale, such as the weekend of the 4 <sup>th</sup> of September – beginning with the safari sale and finishing with a picnic on the green.	
	AN noted that logistically, the map is organised centrally with donations accepted from those taking part.	
	DA suggested fundraising for WCG specifically.	
	WCG agreed to the date of the 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> of September.	
	SB and PH to go forwards with putting together plans.	SB / PH
	DA confirmed that sub-committee plans for the Jubilee would be best pushed until the next meeting.	
	AN offered any further help with event organisation.	
9	AOB	
9.1	AGM: PH noted concern with date of July meeting. SB proposed pushing AGM to September – agreed.	
	Calendar 2022: PH, SB and DA to discuss plans to present to the July meeting.	PH / SB /
	PH raised wildflower planting along riverside with initial funding from Co-Op — agreed the group will wait to see how planting goes before deciding on contributing.	DA
	AG noted that the hedge along Allotment Path is becoming overgrown and asked whether there would be any objections to trimming the hedge. JS noted that the council is responsible for the maintenance of the hedges as it is a public footpath – there would be no objection. RS confirmed that he would not object.	
	HS suggested preparation for the WCG ahead of the next meeting should ClIr Healy accept the invite: suggested bringing in the school, parents and community group. SB noted that should there be an accept to the invite, would pick up with the school to pull together a group along	SB
	with parents. HS highlighted the contact details for portfolio holder, Cllr Rosemary Healy: <a href="mailto:rosemary.healy@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">rosemary.healy@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a> and #07534344699	