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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Pat Huxley - Chair (PH), Sophie Blaken - Vice Chair (SB), Clare Roughton - Treasurer (CR), Daniel Atherton - Secretary (DA), Stephany Schild (SS), Sarah Fitz (SF), Pam Duesbury (PD), Ann Gerty (AG), Bob Atherton (BA), Rob Nicholas (RN), Bill Roughton (BR), Christian Nardoni (CN), Rob Dodson (RD), John Pickles (JP), Sarah O'Connor (SO), Terri Slade (TS), Adrian Nicholson (AN)
Also Present	Cllr Andrew Rule (AR), Cllr Roger Steel (RS), PCSO Martin Fisher (MF), PCSO Alan Wadley (AW), Sheila Atherton (SA), Brian Hardy (BH),
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	Monday, 20 th September 2021
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of 2020 WCG AGM Minutes2. Chair's Introduction3. Chair's Annual Report4. Election of Committee5. Treasurer's Annual Report	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Lindsay Barnes (LB), Sandra Stapleton (SST), Sergeant Nigel Bradley (NB)	
2	Chair's Introduction	
2.1	PH gave thanks to SB for kindly chairing meetings during COVID-19.	
3	Chairs Annual Report	
3.1	<p>PH: <i>We have had yet another year of lockdown and uncertainty, yet the Wilford Community Group continued to meet via Zoom links and managed to arrange certain events even at a distance. The Zoom meetings were well attended by many residents expressing views on local issues, notably the problems of parking at school run times. Many thanks go to SB who chaired the Zoom meetings with tact and efficiency.</i></p> <p><i>We have received the very good news that our request for funding from the Heritage Fund has been accepted and we are ready to start on producing our record of the History of Wilford; to renovate the phone box, and to produce signs around the community. This will be on our agenda this year, hopefully with a launch in the autumn. We were able to fund-match by the sale of masks, the proceeds of which allowed us to produce the Wilford Walking Guides, and so the sale of these added to the Heritage Fund coffers. These Guides were so popular that we had a reprint and they are still selling well. Our thanks go to the Co-op and GT News for kindly selling them on our behalf. Thanks also to DA for its compilation.</i></p> <p><i>Sadly, our outside events in May and July were not possible, but there was plenty to do in their place. In October we held a successful Halloween Pumpkin competition, and in December another lovely</i></p>	

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	<p><i>Christmas Lights Competition, with prizes kindly donated by our local Co-op and pubs. Our thanks to them. At Easter we had a wonderful collaborative event with the Wilford Playgroup, the Scouts and the Church to arrange the display of coloured-in Easter egg pictures by our community's children, which were displayed in every single street. Our youngest entrant was one year old! We offered chocolate eggs as prize draw bonuses and were delighted that so many extra eggs were donated by members of the community. Almost every entrant had an egg with small eggs offered as consolation prizes to the rest. There were some very happy, young smiling faces.</i></p> <p><i>We were grateful and pleased that our application to the Japanese Embassy for flowering cherry trees was honoured, both at Ruddington Lane Park and at Iremongers Pond. Though there has been some vandalism we are delighted to say that the damaged trees are to be replaced.</i></p> <p><i>Sadly, the City Council did not run, with our support, the children's event at Ruddington Lane Park as usual at August Bank Holiday. We can hope it will happen next August. We shall certainly request it.</i></p> <p><i>We held our very first Safari Sale in early September and had 30 contributors. It was so good to see so many people walking around, meeting neighbours and friends again and finding the occasional bargain. We have already been asked "When is the next one?" During this event some advance orders were taken for the Wilford Calendar which will be launched very soon. This will be a whole community effort with 13 different photos chosen from around our community. Details will appear soon.</i></p> <p><i>It is to be hoped that 2022 will allow us to run our large events again: Maypole dancing and a BBQ in May, the Heritage and Jubilee Festival in June and the Picnic on the Green later in the summer. We look forward to seeing many people involved in them, from all over Wilford. We have proved ourselves to be a strong, supportive and friendly community during many difficult months, and now is the time to enjoy it more fully.</i></p>	
4	Election of Committee	
4.1	<p>AR oversaw the election of the committee for 2021-2022:</p> <p>1 nomination for Chair – PH duly elected.</p> <p>1 nomination for Vice-Chair – SB duly elected.</p> <p>1 nomination for Treasurer – CR duly elected.</p> <p>1 nomination for Secretary – DA duly elected.</p> <p>Nominations for Committee taken as whole as consensus.</p>	
5	Treasurer's Annual Report	
5.1	<p>CR - Main Account:</p> <p>Opening Balance: £1939.81</p> <p>Deposits £1600 (ward councillor fund, honest inks, donation)</p> <p>Outgoings: £572.17 (website, playgroup donation, bulbs, secret santa and Easter egg hunt)</p> <p>Closing balance £2427.64</p> <p>Heritage fund</p> <p>Opening Balance: £390</p> <p>Deposits £1903.05 (masks, walking guides)</p> <p>Outgoings: £726 (booklet printing)</p> <p>Closing Balance: £1567.05</p>	

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	Position at 20th September 2021 Deposit 29/6/21 National heritage grant £9400 Deposit walking Guides £9.50 Heritage fund £10,976.55 Outgoing £25.18 domain fee Main Account £1914.63	

General Meeting Minutes

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0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes & Actions from 19/07/21 Meeting3. Police and Crime Update4. Heritage Project Update5. 2022 Wilford Community Calendar6. Parking Permits Update7. Iremongers Pond Update8. Litter Picking Update9. AOB	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Lindsay Barnes (LB), Sandra Stapleton (SST), Sergeant Nigel Bradley (NB)	
2	Police and Crime Update	
2.1	<p>MF (Martin Fisher): Aware of general issues in community. Anti-social and drug use around pond area are being challenged and addressed.</p> <p>BR warned that drug use is resurging around the Toll Bridge and Tram Stop. Noted that unusual people are there. MF accepted that though the police are not in full visibility, they are aware and are arresting suspects. The area is noted. BR thanks the team for doing what they are doing.</p> <p>RD noted the issue of motorbikes coming over the toll bridge and down Main Road and around the area. DA to email note of the issue at large to MF. MF emphasised that it is important to report whenever the issue happens. AR added that, across the county, there is a specialist bike team but local areas have to bid for it based on the number of local instances. Reporting the issue will add to the ability to bid for the specialist team.</p> <p>TS raised about anti-social use of electric scooters. SB noted that the scooters appear to be part of the wider drug issue. MF urged that these issues be raised.</p> <p>MF noted that incidents are graded based on how urgent/immediate the danger is. SB noted dangerous drunken driving that had not been reported to. MF advised that, if a crime is taking place, phone 999. If a crime 'has' taken place in the recent past, please phone 111.</p>	DA

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	<p>BA asked whether there had been any feedback on the bullet shells found on the Village Allotments. MF had no update. AR noted that no further information found after investigation.</p> <p>PH shared in thanks to MF and AW (Alan Wadley) for kindly joining the meeting in person.</p> <p>MF shared contact details. AW warned that crimes must be reported through standard means.</p>	
3	Heritage Project Update	
3.1	<p>DA gave update:</p> <p><i>We've had just under 10,000 to cover the reinstallation of a telephone box on the corner of Holly Avenue and Main Road that was very sadly taken out around 10 years ago because of a road traffic collision: that should happen in the next two to three months. The team in Durham are going to come and collect the box kindly donated by AG. Once restored, the team will install the cement base a week before and then restore the box to its former position. We've discussed as a formal subcommittee where we'd like it to be placed which is in line with the post box along the fence of the Dorothy Boots Homes.</i></p> <p><i>We've decided to have half Community Library and the upper half a large map of the community based on Heritage Trail with information points and links to the website of each area of information with space for us to write how the phone box came to us and how it is dedicated to the former Wilford Village Garage.</i></p> <p><i>The next point is to have the trail put in which has information boards at six locations, plus the pond plus possibly the riverbank. Each will feature history of the local area as part of this wider Trail. We have the funding for the production of the boards but we're looking into how to install it. We have one complication which is how to install the Crossroads board into tarmac pavement, but we're going to look into whether there's a contractor or Pinot might be able to assist us with that. Finally the third aspect is the oral history, which we're going to get in touch with the school over the next weeks to arrange.</i></p> <p><i>The plan is to have every element launched or ready to launch by the Jubilee Festival on the 4th June, next year.</i></p> <p>RS: Are the Wilford History Society involved? DA updated that the group is disbanding / in the process of slowly dissolving. The archives are hoped to be digitised as part of the project.</p>	
4	Wilford Calendar	
4.1	<p>PH: The sub-group has formulated a strong suggestion for the group to go forward with.</p> <p>To have a landscape series of photographs – one per month – with either a completely different front cover or a collage of all 12. A sub-group will then create a shortlist of photographs for each month from submissions. Most importantly, there will only be one photo per person allowed through to the final calendar. Notices will be put out inviting submissions. SA asked for timescales: SB to action and launch the submissions in the next two weeks. PH noted that some calendars had been presold. SA noted that submissions would need to be short timescale. Timescale to be set backwards.</p> <p>DA to get in touch with Barry Haynes about time scale for production.</p> <p>SS warned of photos including unrequested faces. Agreed to be aware of this.</p> <p>PH noted that the cost would be £10 per calendar and £12 for postage.</p> <p>SB noted that once pre-order quantity is known, the production will go ahead and profit margins for fundraising will be known.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>DA</p>
5	Upcoming Events	

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5.1	<p>Halloween: PH noted that the pumpkin carving competition was successful during the lock down and asked whether it was wanted to return again. Group agreed. DA to resurrect online social media side of competition. SS and PH happy to enlist the Co-Op and other contacts for prize donation and delivery.</p> <p>Christmas: PH asked about continuing the Christmas Lights Competition. Group agreed to go forward. SB asked whether the council would be funding a Christmas Tree outside of the Tailors Arms. AR and RS to look into possibility of a tree – Tailor's Arms to possibly be involved in lighting festivities. SB noted that the Church would be funding a tree on the Village Green in the event that this is not possible.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>AR / RS</p>
6	Parking Permits	
6.1	<p>RS noted that there has been no further action given no response from the portfolio holder. DA to continue to request their attendance. (Cllr Rosemary Healey)</p> <p>SB asked whether there had been any progress on ongoing monitoring of the situation. RS noted that there had been no further update – AR requested that the group continue to badger the portfolio holder and request that they attend to the situation and view the situation.</p> <p>JB asked whether there had been any monitoring of Ruddington Lane parking due to double-sided parking. SB noted that this was the end location of the new parking restrictions.</p> <p>Joanne asked what the outcome is desired: SB responded that it is wanted that restrictions not be in place during school drop-off and pick-up times. The run-off effect is greater pollution due to idling and so on. J warned that other areas ended up with a situation with no parking. SB noted that it must be different for different areas. RS clarified that the original scheme intended for Wilford was that there would be no parking along certain roads during school time and that local car parks are available for parking. SB noted that one of two car parks (The Ferry) is not advertised that whilst parents wont be fined for parking there but that this is not an ongoing solution to the council's permit scheme.</p> <p>BH noted that idling has long been an issue. RS noted that idling is illegal and should be reported.</p> <p>SB noted that the school leadership have attended numerous meetings and have been very proactive in responding to the issue: with staggered times, workplace parking levy payments to open up spaces from staff previously parked on the road, etc. PH warned that discussion was regurgitating from previous meetings.</p>	DA
7	Iremongers Pond Update	
	<p>BH updated that there had not been any meetings, the angling contract needed to be renewed and anti-social/drug use had increased over recent weeks. Discussion is ongoing about member-only angling.</p> <p>PH welcomed a meeting in the next few weeks.</p> <p>BH warned of a growing disparity between the 'friends' of the pond who care more for the park-area of the pond and the angling members who are more focused on the fishing element. BH noted that more local residents should be engaged who care for the area to ensure it continues to be of community benefit. PH welcomed local residents to become involved.</p>	
8	Litter Picking Update	
	<p>Ruth Brown RB provided update by email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 2021 number of bags 12 - May 2021 number of bags 30 - June 2021 number of bags 16 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 2021 number of bags 16 - August 2021 number of bags 22 - September 2021 number of bags 23 <p>Jeremy Pratt (JP) has arranged 2 social events.</p> <p>25.06.21. JP arranged and paid for the Harvester to provide tea and coffee for everyone after the litter pick. Then on 25.09.21. JP arranged for the same event again but this time the Harvester paid for the tea and coffee.</p> <p>I understand it was appreciated by everyone and a good time was had by all. Thank you to JP and the Harvester.</p> <p>AN noted that a later beginning time possibly once a month would be very welcome for those who appreciate a lie-in after a working week. SO agreed.</p>	
9	Any Other Business	
	<p>AG asked whether in a previous meeting a welcome pack had been produced. DA noted that a leaflet as an insert to the walking guide had been produced – noted that advertising would be welcome. PH would circulate to group. DA to advertise on website and Facebook, PH to add to notice boards inviting new residents to request a leaflet.</p> <p>AG also enquired whether some meetings could be held online as there was a greater attendance. Agreed to hold one in three – four meetings online to ensure some individuals, such as local principals and policemen could be involved.</p> <p>BR welcomed the number of new faces and volunteered to help with the calendar.</p> <p>JB asked whether concerns of bias towards the village end had been raised further. Noted that concern had been raised during organising the Safari Sale. PH shared the unfortunate concern that regular events cannot be organised on Ruddington Lane Park due to the lack of facilities but that the annual council supported event could not go ahead this year but would continue. SA noted that there had been an interest in getting involved from further along Ruddington Lane Park. SB noted that it should not be an ‘us vs them’ and that a great amount of care has gone into sharing action across the entire area; for example, ensuring that resources are spread across every single road equally. SB noted that it would be very welcome for residents who feel uninvolved to get involved. PH refuted that any area is neglected or left out. JB asked whether there was feedback from those involved in the Safari Sale – SB noted that it was all welcome and enjoyed, with lessons learnt for the next year including providing advertising leaflets to those involved to share with neighbours asking them to be involved.</p> <p>TS asked whether the community group would provide a token of gratitude and memory for former postwoman, Jackie. Agreed to be taken forward. SB to look into this.</p> <p>SF happy to assist with the calendars, in addition to selling in the Wilford Garage Store.</p>	<p>DA / PH</p> <p>SB</p>
6	Meeting ended at 20:47 – Next meeting on 18th October.	

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