

# Wilford Community Group

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## Meeting Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Roger Steel (RS), Clare Roughton (CR), Christian Nardoni (CN), <b>Chair</b> – Rob Dodson (RD), Suzy Conway (SC), <b>Vice Chair</b> – Sophie Blaken (SB), Lindsey Barnes (LB), <b>Secretary</b> - John Ballard (JB)
<b>Also Present</b>	Andrew Rule (AR), Jeremy Pratt (JP), Neil Marriott (NM), Jae Marriott (JM), Phil Marsh (PM)
<b>Where</b>	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
<b>When</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017, 19:30 – 20:50
<b>What</b>	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
<b>0</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apologies</li> <li>2. Minutes &amp; Actions from 16<sup>th</sup> October Meeting</li> <li>3. WCG Committee Update</li> <li>4. Future Event Planning &amp; Community Events Diary Update</li> <li>4a. WCG Christmas Fuddle</li> <li>5. Wilford Parking Issues</li> <li>6. Progress on WCG Future Fundraising Objectives</li> <li>7. Progress on Noticeboards at Ruddington Lane Park and Iremonger's Pond</li> <li>8. Update: Iremonger's Pond Association</li> <li>9. Update: Ruddington Lane Park</li> <li>10. Update: Ann Gerty Telephone Box Donation</li> <li>11. Any Other Business</li> </ol>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
1.1	Alice Veldtman, Bill Roughton, Pat Huxley, Pam Duesbury, Kirsty Barnes	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Actions from 16th October Meeting</b>	
2.1	Item 6 (WCG Future Fundraising Objectives: Church Hall Car Park Repair): SB advised that this item has now been subsumed under the auspices of the Church Hall Committee. Specialist contractors recommended that enduring remediation would require substrate repair to a greater depth than previously advised / quoted; as a consequence new quotations were being sought. NM and JM recommended a permeable, more ecologically benign re-surfacing material and would pass on the details to SB.	
2.1.1	<b>Actions</b>	
2.1.1.1	NM and JM to pass the details of the material they had installed on their own driveway to SB.	<b>NM / JM</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>WCG Committee Update</b>	
3.1	None	

**Chair:** Robert Dodson, 132 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA **Vice Chair:** Sophie Blaken, 146 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA **Treasurer:** Pat Huxley, 18 Leander Close, Wilford NG11 7BE  
**Secretary:** John Ballard, 127 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA **Area 8 Committee Nominee:** Roger Steel, 1 Holly Avenue, Wilford NG11 7AF

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<b>4</b>	<b>Future Event Planning &amp; Community Events Diary Update</b>	
4.1	See the 2017 – 2018 WCG Community Diary available via the <a href="http://www.thisiswilford.org.uk">www.thisiswilford.org.uk</a> website. JB advised that the Diary now included activities / classes run at Emmanuel School and that he had also contacted the Becket School for potential inputs from them.	
4.2	SB and PM said that access to the Diary appeared to be somewhat cumbersome requiring the user to download the Diary from the <a href="http://www.thisiswilford.org.uk">www.thisiswilford.org.uk</a> website ( <i>which requires two mouse clicks</i> ) and recommended storing the data instead on a platform like Docs; a platform enabling shared ownership, but 'edit' rights need to be granted by SB. JB agreed to investigate and SB said that she would send JB links to facilitate this change.	
4.2.1	<b>Actions</b>	
4.2.1.1	Provide input and updates to the 2017 – 2018 WCG Community Diary for these very important reasons: (a) it showcases / celebrates our vibrant community; (b) it will significantly assist broader WCG fundraising efforts (see below).	<b>ALL</b>
4.2.1.2	SB to send JB links so that he can investigate and implement changes.	<b>SB / JB</b>
4.3	Upcoming WCG events discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Christmas Tree Light Switch On, 8<sup>th</sup> December 16:00 on the green outside Wilford Coop – by popular demand PH to play Mother Christmas</li> <li>b WCG Christmas Fuddle 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - £6 per head; varied fare including vegetarian and vegan options</li> <li>c WCG May Day Event, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Diane Rolley</li> <li>d Potential Quiz Night at the end of January 2018 to aid WCG Fundraising (<b>see item 2 Minutes &amp; Actions from 16th October Meeting, above</b>)</li> <li>e Summer Event 2018 – TBC</li> <li>f World War I Celebrations - Armistice Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (ideas: Remembrance service, Fancy dress, Music from the era, Indoors party)</li> </ul>	
<b>4a</b>	<b>WCG Christmas Fuddle</b>	
4a.1	It was confirmed that the event would now be attended by approximately sixteen people. As event organiser, RD stated that the outcome of his discussions with the manager of the Ferry meant there would be limited - and in some cases no - menu options for potential attendees with different dietary requirements. SB suggested that it would probably be more expedient for these people to supply their own food.	
4a.1.1	<b>Actions</b>	
4a.1.1.1	JB to provide RD with more detail about the number of event attendees.	<b>JB</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Wilford Parking Issues</b>	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a As per usual on this topic, there was a far-reaching discussion which ranged from the impact of the Ferry PH scheme to thwart parking in the pub's car park, to effective measures implemented elsewhere, to the broader recounting of anecdotes about Wilford parking misdemeanours. JB reminded the meeting that this topic had been discussed at length at the meeting on the 17th March, when it had been decided, at RS' recommendation, to call a public meeting.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>b RS described his initiative to ease access for the local bus turning right into Vernon Drive from Coronation Avenue due to cars parking on the corner. RS described a 'Park Considerately in Nottingham' handbill that he thought would be useful. AR said that he would supply the WCG with the telephone number (Phone: 0115 876 1499, Twitter: @ParkingTeamNttm) of the Parking Enforcement Officer so that this could be distributed to residents via WCG social media as a means to report incidents and escalate community concern.</p> <p>c RS recommended the setting up of a WCG Parking Issue Working Party that could research parking issues in Wilford in greater depth; a suggestion that was dismissed by RD until the referral to the Parking Enforcement Officer had been adequately trialed. A traffic survey was similarly discounted.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Progress on WCG Future Fundraising Objectives</b>	
6.1	See item 2.1 above.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Progress on Noticeboards at Ruddington Lane Park and Iremonger's Pond</b>	
7.1	<p>a RD repeated his thanks to Parbinder Singh and AR in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.</p> <p>b The precise siting of these boards is to be finalised by PH, Bill Roughton, and Parbinder Singh.</p>	
7.1.1	<b>Actions</b>	
7.1.1.1	No further actions discussed or allocated.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Update: Iremonger's Pond Association</b>	
8.1	Nothing substantive to report with Bill Roughton currently in Nepal and Pat Huxley in Barbados.	
8.1.1	<b>Actions</b>	
8.1.1.1	No further actions discussed or allocated.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Update: Ruddington Lane Park</b>	
9.1	No developments from the previous meeting.	
9.1.1	<b>Actions</b>	
9.1.1.1	No further actions discussed or allocated.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Update: Ann Gerty Telephone Box Donation</b>	
10.1	No developments from the previous meeting.	
10.1.1	<b>Actions</b>	
10.1.1.1	No further actions discussed or allocated.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
11.1	RD expressed his thanks, on behalf of the WCG, to RS on another fantastically well organised firework event.	

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11.2	RD expressed the WCG's condolences to Frank Wakelin's family following his sad demise. AR spoke warmly about the part Frank had played in engendering his enthusiasm for civic participation.	
11.3	RD recommended that draft versions of WCG agenda be circulated via WCG's WhatsApp to glean inputs and updates.	JB
11.4	RD had received a letter requesting siting of a bench on the Green. RD will research and purchase a suitably robust bench and place it near the bus stop.	RD
11.5	RD reported the fact that school children had been bursting balloons and leaving lots of balloon litter on the floor, particularly on the pathway running alongside the allotments between the tram and Holly Avenue. JB will write to Derek Hobbs.	JB
11.6	SB expressed her thanks for those who participated in the Guy Competition. There were lots of entries: best class entry (from South Wilford School) got net play vouchers, the family and individual category winners won boxes of chocolates. SB offered her thanks to Sally Read for her coordination and enthusiasm.	
11.7	RS said that it was too late to plant daffodils on the Bee Bank this year, but recommended the inclusion of a date in the Community Diary for August / September 2018 as a reminder.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Next WCG Meeting [Christmas Fuddle] – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 19:30 start</b>	