

# WILFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

## Minutes of the Community Group Committee Meeting Held at 7:30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 At Wilford Social and Bowls Club

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) – Chair  
David Boulton (DB) - Secretary  
Peter Stiles (PBS) – Treasurer  
Daniel Atherton (DA)  
Sheila Atherton (SA)  
Linda Stiles (LS)  
Frank Wakelin (FW)  
Pat Huxley (PH)  
Alan Foster (AF)

Also present: Parbinder Singh  
Councillor Roger Steel  
Chris Breese (Nottingham Post reporter), items 1 to 4  
And local residents

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1	<b>Apologies:</b>  Brian Hardy	
2	<b>Minutes of 19th August 2013</b>  Approved.	
3	<b>Tram Construction Concerns</b>  <b>3.1 HGVs Accessing St Ervan Road, St Mawes Avenue</b>  DB reported emails from residents in the area of St Ervan Road expressing concern that heavy goods vehicles that were ignoring road closure signs were attempting to avoid the closure by diverting along St Ervan Road, St Mawes Avenue and St Austell Drive. There was a risk that residents' vehicles could be damaged or HGVs get stuck due to the narrowness of the roads. It was agreed that AR would write to NET to request improved signage at the mini-roundabout and to request "Not Suitable for HGVs" signs at the entrance to St Ervan Road.	AR

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<p>PBS reported that the peak-time lights at the junction of Compton Acres and Landmere Lane appeared to be contributing to additional congestion in the area. He also reported that at the recent drop-in session, the NET representative said that congestion would be monitored. At the moment, it appears that “peak-time” does not include Friday evening rush-hour and when Nottingham Forest were playing at the City Ground. It was agreed that AR would write to NET to request the lights be operational during these additional times.</p>	AR
<p><b>3.2 Road Cones Layout</b></p> <p>The changes to the cones and lane layouts at the crossroads have improved congestion there and no further action is required.</p>	
<p><b>3.3 Main Road Car Park</b></p> <p>DB reported that NET had confirmed that the City Council will have powers to charge for or restrict the use of the car park to prevent it being used as a park-and-ride scheme. The committee discussed the probability of areas near the three Wilford tramstops being used as park-and-ride sites and it was agreed that now was the time to consult with residents about options for parking when the tram service commenced. DB agreed to draft a paper with initial options and pros/cons for each for consideration at the next committee meeting. This would be followed up with a public meeting.</p>	DB
<p><b>3.4 Other</b></p> <p>AR reported that he had discussed the speed of construction traffic along Main Road at the latest NET drop-in session. The NET representative said the drivers would be briefed.</p> <p>AR also reported discussions about the height of the flood defences with an Environment Agency (EA) representative. The additional half-metre added to the flood defences on the Iremongers Pond side was to cater for climate-change predictions. The EA representative agreed to come to a future WCG meeting if requested. RS suggested that a meeting be organised in conjunction with the Silverdale Community Association. AR agreed to contact Colin Mackie.</p>	AR
<p>There followed discussion of the condition of the roads near the construction site, especially along Coronation Avenue where some repairs had taken place. AR reported that the Highways Agency will bill NET for any repairs that are required as a result of tram construction.</p>	
<p>RS reported that the local PCSOs had been requested to remind cyclists between the Toll Bridge and Coronation Avenue to dismount at peak times. LS reported a similar problem near the Wilford Lane closure.</p>	
<p>AR reported that NET were providing a chaperone service to Ferry Inn staff who needed to get home across the Toll Bridge after work.</p>	
<p>DA reported that he had contacted NET about the lack of late night buses to Wilford now that the 1 and 4 services were diverted through the Meadows, but had not yet received a</p>	

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	response.	
4	<p><b>Proposal for 20mph Zones in Wilford</b></p> <p>Discussion took place about the proposed city-wide plan for 20mph zones. The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to documents and an email from the city council, the driver for the scheme was not safety or accident reduction but to discourage car use and encourage walking and cycling.</li> <li>• Enforcement would not be carried out by the council or by the Police, but would rely on enforcement by Community Speedwatch, the local community or local volunteers.</li> <li>• A resident asked if the 20mph limits would be legally enforceable.</li> <li>• It was also noted that current speed limits are not enforced so there was no confidence that 20mph limits would be enforced. This could result in additional street clutter with little or no benefit.</li> <li>• The meeting was unanimous in its view that speed limiting devices such as road humps or chicanes were unacceptable.</li> <li>• RS suggested that the Group could object to limits being imposed on certain streets but agree to their imposition on, for example, Main Road/Coronation Avenue adjacent to schools.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that any response would be delayed until the local consultation events had taken place and additional feedback was available from residents. DB would carry this item over to the October meeting.</p>	DB
5	<p><b>Extension of Main Road Parking Restrictions</b></p> <p>After discussion and reports of emails from residents affected, it was agreed that the proposed restrictions would affect teachers at South Wilford School, merely displacing their vehicle onto side streets; it would not resolve issues of inconsiderate parking which had been improved when road junctions were protected under the previous exercise of painting yellow lines. It was also noted that the data from the speed monitor showed that when teachers' cars were parked on Main Road, it was noticeable that vehicle speeds reduced.</p> <p>It was agreed that DB would write to the City Council objecting to the proposals.</p>	DB
6	<p><b>Asset Transfer</b></p> <p>There was no further update for the meeting and this will be carried over to the next meeting.</p>	



