

# Wilford Community Group

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting

### Held on Monday 17th September 2012

### At Wilford Social Club

Present:

Chair	Andrew Rule (AR)
Secretary	Dave Boulton (DB)
Treasurer	Peter Stiles (PBS)
Committee	Daniel Atherton (DA)
	Sheila Atherton (SA)
	Alan Foster (AF)
	Brian Hardy (BH)
	Pat Huxley (PH)
	Linda Stiles (LS)
	Frank Wakelin (FW)

Councillor Roger Steel  
Residents

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1	Apologies: Pardbinder Singh, PCSO Irene Hazzledine
2	Minutes were, subject to minor corrections, unanimously agreed.
3	<p><b>Tram:</b>DB The problem raised is of alterations to the tram route from the Toll Bridge to Coronation Avenue, and a lack of consultation between the contractors and community. Lilian Greenwood was informed and any further information will be fed to the group.</p> <p>BH raised a previous subject of differing flood defense heights between the South, Wilford banks and the North meadows banks. After further investigation, it has been found that the southern defenses are 0.4mtrs above the northern counterparts.</p> <p>PS asked whether any further information about the subject of the Ruddington Lane lamppost vandalisations raised by a local resident.</p> <p>DB informed the group that from Irene Hazzledine, several large pieces of heavy machinery were taken from the Taylor Woodrow Becket construction site.</p> <p>BR stated that he was informed that a heavy duty truck was taken from the Rugby Club's Construction site, and taken down Main Road, causing damage to sites such as Iremongers Pond (incl. Bins) and lampposts to the east of the former railway embankment. Roger Steel confirmed this as the case, and that the problem would be resolved soon.</p> <p>The date and venue of the next public meeting regarding the trams would be most probably at South Wilford schools, time tbc.</p>
4	<p><b>Parking Levy:</b> BH informed the group that the 3:00pm LocalLink that has ran through the village, will not be running in the imminent future due to parking problems.</p> <p>RS stated that he as a local councillor has looked into the problem already; and the group informed him that the problem was due to school parking. This could be due to workers at the South Wilford School were not parking within school grounds possibly due to the levy.</p> <p>A possible solution raised is whether parents would be able to use the car park as they do not work at the school, and it would alleviate the problem from Main Road. A</p>

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	<p>local resident raised that similar problems have arisen further throughout the city. AR stated that in the past, the local PCSO's had investigated the problem at the worst times, and that AR will ask them to possibly do this again. As they do not have the power to prosecute against illegal parking, but are able to inform the local police force.</p> <p>AR stated that the head of the NCC Jon Collins had previously pointed out that the Wilford local problem is "nothing in comparison to what there was in the Meadows". In group discussion it was noted that moving parent parking to within the school grounds could be cited as a health and safety risk for students, and that if parking is forbade on main road, then the parking would simply spill to other "thinner" roads. BH stated that it is not acceptable that the service will be restricted to the local residents due to those who do not live in the area parking irresponsibly.</p> <p>A local resident stated that both having already lost the Sunday service on the Local Link, and losing some times on a Saturday, it would be unacceptable to carry on losing services, and further that another local resident who is disabled and elderly, who totally depends on the service will be left out if the service is restricted. BH pointed out that when access to the bridge is further restricted, the local residents will be further constrained.</p> <p>RS stated that one route to solution would be to appeal to the drivers and parkers as a direct solution, and the second to inform the local police constabulary and pcso's. RS further stated that as the problem seems to have developed even worse after the summer holidays, possibly another route is to educate the new intake of students and parents of the problem.</p> <p>DB raised that currently the tram work contractors are still maintaining toll bridge closure solely at night, and will still look to inform the local area via the WCG of any day time closures.</p> <p>A local resident raised that it was parents picking up from both schools are more inconsiderate than other type of parkers.</p> <p>DB/AR to write to the head teachers of both primary schools to inform them of the problem and to seek cooperation in resolving the problem.</p>	
5	<p><b>Library Asset Transfer:</b> The subcommittee met with Mark Trowel, in charge of property at the city council; and the group has made arrangements with Gleeds to attend site and give a professional analysis of the site. The report from Gleeds, via production of a feasibility plan, will be central to the final production of a business plan. NCC is still very supportive of the asset transfer. The group is looking to produce extra keys to allow third parties entrance, and to allow Gleeds speedy entry.</p>	
6	<p><b>Safety Camera:</b> PS's proposed sighting of the camera was deemed unsuitable by DB and SA and as to whether it would be more effective at the other side of the B-Bank. SA stated that there could be a problem with trees and blockage, but that it would still be effective and useful to initiate over the winter to at least gauge a problem. Parbinder has emphasized the necessity of volunteers, and immediately DB, BR and AR all volunteered.</p> <p>DB to report back to the group.</p>	DB

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7	<p><b>Item 7 Appointment of auditors:</b> PS stated that previous possible routes to hiring auditors were unfortunately not possible as the wording of the constitution as "independent" is a difficult line to follow. Which leaves the group without a specific appointed auditor. AF stated that, in agreement with PS, it would be appropriate to allow a member of the committee to audit the accounts, who is independent of the treasurer.</p> <p>DB stated that the groups constitution did not have a mechanism to change the constitution. However it does allow for an emergency general meeting to be called, of which the public meeting could be made general, and allow for alterations to the constitution (allowing for an auditor from the association). It was agreed by the group to tidy up the wording.</p> <p>AR and DB to consult over a possible alteration, circulate it through the group, and then finalize it at the public general meeting.</p>	AR/DB
8	<p><b>Grange Close street signage:</b> AR stated that the whole street has received letters from the council stating that new signage would be implemented imminently. The signage will be clearer and at a more prominent point.</p>	
9	<p><b>Co-op litter bins:</b> PH stated that under contact from a local resident, a litter bin near the coop has been relocated, and that unfortunately litter is now appearing in their property. It is noted that the bin has been relocated to next to the Coronation Avenue Allotments. AR will raise the problem with Parbinder Singh. There is a further new problem being raised by a new take-out coffee facility at the Co-op.</p> <p>BH raised that dog litter had been prevented by the local pcso's but has now reappeared after prosecution stopped.</p>	
10	<p><b>Bee Bank alterations:</b> DB stated that the local residents were appreciative of the new implementations, and that those directly effected were happy with the results. It was pointed out that the new measure was not wheelchair friendly. An effective solution would be to simply warn wheelchair users at the other end of the B-Bank.</p>	
11	<p><b>AOB:</b> BH stated that as the group has only 3 officers of the committee. And that it would be a good decision to appoint a vice-chairman.</p> <p>DB stated that the constitution allows for one officer to be present to allow for decisions to be passed. The decision would be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>DB proposed that we co-opt BR as a committee member. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>A local resident asked whether the Sainsbury's Building proposal at the new Becket site was still to go ahead; and it was stated that it was still going ahead.</p> <p>SA raised that the group thank RS and AR for the tender care of the planters and the installment around Wilford Village Green. The group unanimously agreed this.</p>	
<p><b><u>The meeting was closed at 8:33pm by Andrew Rule.</u></b></p>		