

WILFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of the Community Group Committee Meeting Held at 7:30pm on Monday 20th February 2012 At Wilford Social and Bowls Club

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) – Chair
Dave Boulton (DB) – Secretary
Peter Stiles (PBS) – Treasurer
Sheila Atherton (SA)
Alan Foster (AF)
Brian Hardy (BH)
Bill Roughton (BR)
Frank Wakelin (FW)

In attendance: Inspector Mark Stanley, Nottinghamshire Police
CPO Allan Wadley
Matt Orchard, Tramlink
Steve Tough, Nottingham City Council

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<p>1 Apologies Daniel Atherton, PCSO Irene Toon, Parbinder Singh</p>	
<p>2 Minutes of the 16th January Meeting Approved.</p>	
<p>3 Policing Strategy for Wilford – Inspector Mark Stanley (MS) MS reported that the force had received a number of communications from Wilford residents about the redeployment of PC Matt Pooley (MP) to the Meadows. MS reassured the meeting that MP remained the Beat Manager for Wilford but his workload had to be changed as a result of the change in Beat boundaries to match those of the new Area Committees. This had resulted in a loss of Meadows officers to the City Centre.</p> <p>In addition, MP's assistance was also required following a force campaign to address the number of cases of domestic abuse in the Meadows. The profile of this campaign has been increased in October 2011. The workload for MP on this scheme and of supporting a single Beat Manager in the Meadows has decreased and MP now works from Clifton again for Wilford.</p> <p>Resident's question – "We do not see much Police presence in Wilford since Nigel Brown retired, although we do see the PCSO and CPO. Have frontline policing numbers been reduced?"</p> <p>MS response – "Numbers have not been reduced; I just needed to redeploy some officers. Our tactic is to concentrate on known criminals who commit the majority of the crime. The presence of MP in Wilford should increase as the workload required for the campaign against domestic abuse reduces.</p> <p>Resident's question – "There are still vehicles travelling at excessive speed along both Clifton Lane and Main Road."</p>	

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<p>MS response – “I will liaise with the Traffic Department to monitor the situation.”</p> <p>The meeting thanked the Inspector for his attendance and he left the meeting.</p>	
<p>4 Tram</p> <p>Matt Orchard (MO) of Tramlink (scheme constructors) provided the meeting with information about the works timetable. Details will be published separately on the Wilford website.</p> <p>MO stated that the Toll Bridge would remain open during construction works “as much as possible” to maintain pedestrian and cycle access. There may be short periods where heavy lifting gear was working when access may be closed, but notice would be given beforehand. After construction, vehicular access will be prevented.</p> <p>The current plans show a formal crossing point outside St Patrick’s School, although this is under review. MO stated that although the route of the tram cannot be changed, specific details can be reviewed during the works. There will also be crossing points by the bridges in the embankment on the north side of Wilford Lane (Vernon Avenue, Aaron Close).</p> <p>MO confirmed that Ruddington Lane would be reduced in height by 2.4 metres and the tram track raised to provide an at-grade crossing. This will mean that Ruddington Lane will be closed for a period of time and bus companies will need to divert their services.</p> <p>MO confirmed that tram stops would be at Wilford Village (adjacent to Iremongers Pond), Wilford Lane, Ascott Gardens (Compton Acres) and Ruddington Lane.</p> <p>During construction, most heavy vehicles will travel along the route of the track behind the former railway embankment to access the area around Main Road/Coronation Avenue. There may be occasions when construction traffic may need to travel along Main Road. Much of the earth working will be to move earth rather than remove it. For example, the material removed from the embankment by Iremongers Pond to increase the flood area will be used to construct the flood defence at Coronation Avenue.</p> <p>Resident’s question – “Will the constructors work with the schools to reduce the number of cars in Wilford?”</p> <p>Response – “The scheme constructors will not be involved in putting schemes in place to help reduce traffic in Wilford per se, but we will work with the schools to reduce construction traffic travelling through the village at school run time.”</p> <p>This prompted discussions about parking (“park-and-ride”). A 28-space car park will be provided for leisure users but it is not the intention that this be available for all-day parking. Discussions would need to be held with the City Council about how this would be prevented. Similarly, Councillor Steel stated that residents should be prepared for a residents’ parking scheme and to think about how this should be put into effect with regard to numbers of residents’ and visitors’ passes per household.</p>	DB

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<p>Resident's question – "Will the annual fireworks event be impacted during the construction works? Will access be maintained to the field?" Response – "We don't know but will find out."</p> <p>Resident's question – "Are the constructors willing to meet separately with residents of Coronation Avenue?" Response – "Yes."</p> <p>Resident's question – "What will the impact be of a controlled tram crossing at Wilford Lane on the traffic flows through the Compton Acres junction?" Response – "The lights at the crossing will be coordinated with the Compton Acres lights."</p> <p>Resident's question – "What will be the impact of the proposed Sainsbury's development?" Response – "No planning application has been submitted, but if it does, it is the responsibility of Sainsbury's to ensure that there is no adverse impact."</p> <p>Resident's question – "What compensation measures will be put in place for residents of Coronation Avenue?" Response – "Claims for compensation can be made one year after the completion of the scheme. It is residents' responsibility to pursue claims – the constructor and council will not support the process or the claim as they will be the ones being pursued for compensation. We will provide details of the relevant process in the Land Compensation Act 1973 that covers this for publication on the Wilford website."</p> <p>At this point, a resident of Coronation Avenue said that some boxes were being installed on her property. MO confirmed that these were to measure noise and vibration so that readings could be compared now and when the tram was running. Information from these readings would be relevant to any compensation claim.</p> <p>Resident's question – "Were noise-deadening fences being installed at the rear of properties on St Austell Drive?" Response – "The public enquiry established that such fences were required but may not be installed prior to construction in case it is found subsequently that they are not needed. Current predictions, however, are that the fences will be required. In addition, the contract with the constructors states that a two-metre fence will be installed at the rear of properties between Wilford Lane and Ruddington Lane."</p> <p>Resident's question – "What security measures will be put in place along the route?" Response – "All stops are well-lit, have CCTV and Help Points. The trams themselves have CCTV. Tram stops have been designed to be open to general view and not be hidden."</p> <p>At this point, the discussions stopped so that individual residents could speak to MO and ST. AR thanked them for attending and the committee meeting continued with the remaining agenda items.</p>	DB
<p>5 Library Asset Transfer Councillor Steel reported that the site is still with the City Council and an</p>	

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	asset transfer to a local group, trust or social enterprise was still under consideration. The next step should be a feasibility study to look into the use of the site, income and expenditure. The preferred option from the residents' consultation remained a Post Office and Councillor Steel confirmed that Post Office Limited still considered the closure of the previous Post Office "temporary". Councillor Steel said that he was prepared to give some of his Councillor's Ward Allowance over to funding a feasibility study and he was working with the City Council to try to ring-fence some of the Section 106 monies from the former Becket School development for Wilford.	
6	Refuse Collections Councillor Steel reported that Holly Avenue had been receiving two visits from the refuse collectors following some confusion over rounds since the changeover to a Friday collection. There have been some issues around the large wagons accessing the Avenue, but Councillor Steel is working with the relevant officers to ensure that only one collection is made.	
7	Lilian Greenwood Meeting (Flood Defences) BH reported that he has received assurances from the Environment Agency that the defences on the north side of the river are the same height as those on the south side. Some residents are finding difficulty in renewing their home insurance because the government's Flood Insurance Statement of Principles which was agreed in 2008 is due to expire in June 2013. This commits insurers to continue to offer insurance to existing customers at "significant risk" if there are plans in place to reduce that risk within five years. Wilford is currently protected to a 1-in-100 year event risk level. It was suggested that where Wilford residents are having problems renewing home insurance, they should send details to the Community Group to pass on to Lilian Greenwood MP. DB agreed to place an item on the website and to inform residents for whom he has an email address.	DB
8	Sainsbury's Proposal AR reported that he had written to Sainsbury's. No formal application has been submitted but they still have plans to do so. Sainsbury's are willing to attend a Community Group meeting and AR will arrange this.	AR
9	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations AR has met with Reverend Phil Marsh and it has been suggested that a small event could be arranged to take place on the Village Green. A sub-committee of the Community Group will meet with Phil Marsh in the near future. It was suggested that the event could take the form of a barbecue, bouncy castle, face-painting, etc.. A resident asked that elderly residents be considered and something appropriate to them be included.	
10	Silverdale Island Congestion AR reported that he had contacted A-One who had referred him back to the Highways Agency. He is waiting a reply.	
11	Cribb Close Wall Ownership Parbinder Singh had informed AR that former Councillor Andrew Price had established ownership. AR will contact Mr Price to obtain further information.	AR

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12	<p>Rotary Club Donation PBS reported that the Group had received a donation of £100 from the Rotary Club Fireworks event and wished to record the Group's appreciation of this generous gesture.</p>	
13	<p>Funding Application PBS requested that this be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
14	<p>Any Other Business BR reported that it was till the intention to obtain a portable speed monitor that also displays a vehicle's speed to its driver. It will be purchased by Silverdale Community Association but can be used anywhere in the local area.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Signed.....(Chair)

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