Wilford Community Group

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held at 7:30pm on Monday 15th October 2012 At Wilford Social and Bowls Club

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) – Chairperson

Dave Boulton (DB) - Secretary Peter Stiles (PBS) - Treasurer Daniel Atherton (DA) – Minutes

Sheila Atherton (SA) Brian Hardy (BH) Linda Stiles (LS) Pat Huxley (PH) Bill Roughton (BR)

Present: Cllr Roger Steel (RS), Irene Hazzledine

ITEM		ACTION
1	Apologies:	
	Pardbinder Singh, Alan Foster	
2	Minutes were, subject to minor amendments, were unanimously	
	agreed and signed off by AR	
3	Treasurer's Report:	
	PBS presented the six monthly report per the Group's constitution.	
	The Bank account contained £1566.69 as 1 October 2012. The	
	finalised receipts/payments from the Jubilee Celebrations are to be	
	included imminently.	
4	Tram/Councillor Urquhart Public Meeting:	
	AR has sent a further letter to Cllr Urquhart requesting her	AR to follow up Cllr
	attendance at a public meeting in respect of the parking issues in	Urquhart for
	the village and the changes to the height of the tram.	response.
	DB informed the Group that Lilian Greenwood had forward a	
	response onto him in respect of her letter to NET. The response	
	stated that alterations to the height of the tram were in line with	
	the framework already agreed in the initial planning consent	
	agreed by NET. Those in the immediate vicinity of the tram had	
	been informed accordingly and there was no requirement to hold a	

public meeting.

The Group stated that it still considered a public meeting would be beneficial. BH emphasised that construction work would affect the local area heavily very quickly; therefore it is important to organise such a meeting quickly and urgently.

AR to contact Paul Mullins.

SA asked that the group organise the meeting with NET, with or without the Portfolio Holder (Cllr Urquhart), and that local Cllrs be invited to attend also.

The public meeting will be held separately to the general monthly meeting; so as to prevent the monthly meeting descending into solely NET liaison, and bypassing other agenda items.

BH noted that a number of trees had been removed from the railway embankment from Wilford Lane which appeared to be beyond the scope of those already marked for destruction. RS stated that NET were allowed to remove such trees that would obstruct the tram tracks, but that the Group should be kept well informed of all action being taken in this respect.

The Group concluded that the amount of information given to the local community was unsatisfactory and that the proposed meeting should give NET the opportunity to fully inform the Group of forthcoming action over the next six months.

DB concluded that advertising the discussion topics at the meeting should prevent the meeting from going off topic, particularly by becoming a sounding board for pro/anti tram opinion.

RS advised that NET had previously arranged a public liaison meeting regarding the tram at Nottingham Emmanuel School which had been poorly attended. The Group noted that the location of the school was not ideal for those residents without access to transport.

RS asked DB to write to the public liaison officers for NET to enquire as to why the group was receiving the weekly works plan that was distributed to ward councillors and members of the Local Liaison Group.

DB to contact Paul Mullins.

5 Parking issues and the Local Link service:

PCSO Hazzledine informed the meeting that parking two wheels on the pavement is not illegal; however driving along a pavement is illegal, any individuals who witness this this should phone 101 to report it.

RS stated that the parking issues originated around Ruddington Lane, and the crossroads; had increased since the introduction of the Parking Levy.

Following the public meeting at the former Maypole pub, at which Cllrs Steel and Spencer attended, a set of actions were proposed to alleviate these problems. The views of local residents were heavily incorporated into these proposals which have now gone to public consultation.

RS cited the proposed "non waiting time" restriction in force between one o'clock and two o'clock at the top of Ruddington Lane, as an example of a measure introduced to deter all day parking.

RS has stated that he would like to pursue further options regarding further parts of the local area, including around South Wilford School. RS welcomed any suggestions to be submitted to him ASAP. This includes the problems that could affect the local link services.

SA raised whether repercussions of traffic/parking calming policies would be taken into account. RS stated that the proposals would be made with the considerations of those residents in the immediate vicinity fully taken into account.

The Group concluded that this scheme risked pushing problems onto other areas, ie pushing parking problems from Main Road, onto Holly Avenue, Vernon Avenue, and Bader Road. PCSO Hazzledine reiterated the need to report obstructive parking to the police, and any illegal parking to the City Council. This could be done by phoning "101" and speaking to the operator.

Several members suggested painting double yellow lines around strategic corners, such as Grange Close, Holly Avenue, and Crib Close. This was noted by RS.

RS informed the Group he had attended two meetings regarding the Local Link's timetabling. He stated that the cancellation of the Saturday 3:18pm link was due to inconsiderate parking of Rugby Club members. After representations made by RS it had been concluded to reinstate the service cancelled previously.

BH enquired whether the 1.00 pm Saturday could also be reinstated. RS stated he would investigate.

SA raised that the group should be notified of any other decisions regarding the Local Link service, such as removals of service.

AR stated that the situation will be kept under review once the service was returned.

6 **Speed Monitor:**

DB raised that after Parbinder had agreed with a post to be placed at the northern part of the B-Bank; and that he would be happy to allow brief training for the group on how to use the camera.

7 Appointment of Auditors:

10.1 and 10.2 would be kept as used in existing constitution. There would be some alterations to all further points regarding appointing auditors. Proposals were discussed and it was suggested that alterations regarding a qualified auditor needed tightening in the alterations.

8 Library Asset Transfer:

RS is awaiting a telephone call from Gleeds to arrange access to site.

It was noted that the report provided by Gleeds is central to the feasibility/business plan requested from the Sub Committee previously as this detail the costs involved..

SA further called for a feasibility plan to investigate whether it would still be useful to repair the building should it be repairable, or whether applications for grants to further continue asset transfer would be needed.

The results of the Community Survey were briefly revisted.

DB raised whether the Sub-committee was set up to foster the asset transfer, or to continually support the site. RS stated that his intention was to continually support the project and progress it to fruition. DB proposed that it was the same situation as the Iremongers Pond Association, and would hopefully be as successful.

	DB asked that the sub-committee provide a formal mandate document of what their objectives/responsibilities are in respect of	
	any transfer to next meeting.	
9	Grange Close Signage:	
	AR will contact Parbinder Singh to confirm when the work will be	
	undertaken, as he was under the impression that it would be	
	finished in time for this meeting.	
10	Relocation of the Bee Bank Planter:	
	PBS stated that the first intended relocation of the planter currently near the Bee Bank cycle entrance was where the mobile library parked. He suggested that relocating the planter near Manor House Close would deter people from parking on the pavement at this point. Out of courtesy, AR proposed consulting the local residents who would be affected.	
	It was raised whether a notice regarding lack of wheelchair/pushchair access had been made at the south side of the B-Bank.	
11	AOB:	
	On the 26 th November is the annual Older Persons Event at Clifton Leisure Center - 10am till 2pm.	
	On the 3 rd November will be a Budget Consultation at Clifton Cornerstone regarding the NCC's budgetary proposals for the upcoming year - 6:30pm till 8:00pm.	
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	On the 7 th November the Christmas Lights will be switched on at the Clifton District Centre – 4.45 pm.	

The meeting was closed at 9:00pm by Andrew Rule.