

Wilford Community Group

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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Chair (SB), Pat Huxley – Vice Chair (PH), Jude Nicholas – Treasurer (JN), Daniel Atherton – Digital Secretary (DA), Joanne Mist (JM), Bob Atherton (BA), Pam Duesbury (PD), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Robert Nicholas (RN), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HS), Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (JS), Roger Steel (RS), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI)
Also Present	Cllr Andrew Rule (AR)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 14 th April 2025
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies2. Minutes & Actions from 17/03/25 Meeting3. Iremongers Pond Update4. Flooding Action Group Update5. Litter Picking Update6. Community Events<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May Day7. Community Group Finances8. AOB	
1	Apologies	
2.1	Terri Slade (TS), Ann Gerty (AG), Brian Hardy (BH), Stephany Schild (SS), Cllr Hayley Spain (HS)	
2	Minutes and Actions from 17/03/25 Meeting	
2.1	<p>SB – Christmas lights action not followed up with JN, RS to provide details when possible. AR updated the group that following a conversation with a former committee member of the Wilford Social and Bowls Club, there is £300 remaining in funds left from the club's wrap-up that they would like to submit to the WCG to provide for lights on the village green.</p> <p>Other actions are covered later in the meeting within the agenda.</p>	
3	Iremongers Pond Update	
3.1	<p>BR welcomed the change in season and blooming trees and flowers.</p> <p>DA reminded the group about plans for the bridge relying on engineer plans, EA access and Bridgeways volunteers.</p> <p>BA updated the group on DA's arrangement with Nottingham Emmanuel School to volunteer students to plant trees at the pond – the group agreed to fill in the hedgerow between the Community Orchard and Tram Stop. BA further noted that there still remains several hundred saplings growing following the group's collection of saplings from the City Council and Woodland Trust.</p>	

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	JS noted that around four weeks of no rain have passed, and water is still freely flowing into the pond. SB noted that there would be 6 weeks of reserves. SB suggested to action for the next meeting to check on whether there has been any interruption to flow.	
4	Flooding Action Group Update	
4.1	<p>SB updated that the drop-in session was very well attended. All feedback received was positive. WCG shared thanks to the Nottingham Moderns Rugby Club for hosting the event and to AR for assisting with organising.</p> <p>SB noted that a wider range of questions were answered than was expected, covering a wider geographical area than first focused on. Discussions with Adam Greest from Severn-Trent included on drainage and timeline of most recent flooding incident and that there is an ongoing issue with sewage near Wilford Crossroads. Next flooding meeting will be end of May / beginning of June. SB welcomed that the group is continuing to meet and there is progress, albeit slow.</p>	
5	Litter Picking Update	
5.1	No update received. WCG members celebrated the positive and hard work of the volunteers and encouraged all interested and able to support the group and volunteer.	
6	Traffic and Speeding Petition Update	
6.1	AR updated that the petition has not yet received a formal response from the council. Has chased up with the relevant offices but appreciates that the most appropriate officer has been on leave for the last week. Thanked residents who had already submitted formal evidence of speeding and congestion concerns – video or photo proof taken legally either as a passenger or as a pedestrian. Proof should be submitted to AR (andrew.rule@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) or WCG (wilfordcg@hotmail.com).	
7	Community Events	
7.1	<p>SB updated the group that the event would take place on the Village Green this year but likely for the final year and, in future years, move to the Rugby Club.</p> <p>As determined at the previous meeting, the group would no longer be able to keep the BBQ and chairs in storage at the Church Barn following this year's May Day event, further encouraging future events to be held at the Moderns Rugby Club. BA to provide IPA gazebo, any additional gazebos are welcomed.</p> <p>SB welcomed volunteers for more roles. Fundraising efforts to keep the event 'free for all' will be bolstered by the addition of two portable card machines donated by DA. DA and BA to bring back the previous PA system and DA to arrange a playlist for general music – suggested to include a shout-out for donations during the event.</p> <p>SB to confirm timings for the event and publicise to volunteers when possible.</p> <p>RS had enquired about the red chairs that the church had agreed to donate to the group and, with initial conversations, the chairs would be allowed to remain in situ behind the Carter Hall. SB noted that communications received from the Church suggested otherwise that the chairs would only be able to remain in that location until the May Day event after which they will be offered to the community for storage elsewhere. SB to confirm with church.</p>	

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8	Community Group Finances	
8.1	JN noted that the group's insurance does not currently cover hiring bouncy castles. PH noted that the member of staff that comes with the bouncy castle was covered by Public Liability Insurance and that this would remain the case.	
9	AOB	
9.1	AR wished to advertise the South Nottingham Real Ale Festival which will be held on Friday 2 nd and Saturday 3 rd May, 2025, at the Nottingham Moderns Rugby Club.	
	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:03. The next meeting is on Monday 19th May 2025 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford.	

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