

# WILFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

**Minutes of the Community Group Committee Meeting  
Held at 7:30pm on Monday 17th February 2014  
At The Ferry Inn**

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) – Chair  
Bill Roughton (BR) – Vice Chair  
Daniel Atherton (DA)  
Sheila Atherton (SA)  
Linda Stiles (LS)  
Brian Hardy (BH)  
Frank Wakelin (FW)

Also present: PC Matt Pooley  
CPO Allan Wadley  
Councillor Roger Steel (RS)  
And local residents

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<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Dave Boulton, Alan Foster, Pat Huxley, Parbinder Singh, Peter Stiles	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014:</b> Approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Asset Transfer:</b> No progress – still awaiting meeting with Nottingham City Council.	AR
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Tram Concerns</b> AR reported that Steve Tough (NCC) had replied to his most recent communication resulting from the previous WCG Meeting as follows (ST's responses in red):-</p> <p>4.1. It was been noted that the equipment installed to monitor vibration caused from the construction process has been removed last week and shortly afterwards sustained works have commenced causing a significant increase in vibration caused amongst other things vibration of light fittings. I have asked the residents concerned to provide additional recorded evidence of this if possible.</p> <p>The Vibration Monitor has been in place for a number of months at No.7 Coronation Avenue.</p> <p>Following receipt of the complaints recently about vibration, this was removed to download the data on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and was returned to No. 1 Coronation Avenue on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and has been in position since.</p> <p>Please note that the works fall within the parameters of the Code of Construction Practice and the 'Section 61' consent from the Environmental Health Officer for vibration. The limit is 5mm/s and the recordings were at 1.95mm/s.</p> <p>4.2. The residents of Number 7 Coronation Avenue note with concern the apparent security risk to their property caused by the relatively low fence that acts as barrier between their boundary and the construction area around Coronation Avenue particularly now the school term has started. They have requested this is examined and if possible in the interim period</p>	

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<p>to completion of the tram a taller fence replaces the existing one and post completion taller shrubs could be provided for the boundary to reduce the visual and acoustic effect of the tram once operational.</p> <p>Response to follow</p> <p>4.3. It appears that the lighting that illuminates the temporary walkway between the end of Coronation Avenue and the footpath that runs between the school playing fields and the river has either been removed or is none operational. Is it possible this could be replaced as a matter of urgency again particularly in view of the volume of school footfall that uses that area.</p> <p>Response to follow</p> <p>Rather than attempt to resolve these by email I wondered if it was possible to arrange a meeting between ourselves, and the residents of Coronation Avenue so we can deal with these issues on a personal level given the relatively niche area involved?</p> <p>In terms of a residents meeting, unfortunately I'm not supportive of such an idea as past experience suggests these are rarely productive. The Contractors Community Liaison Officers will continue to meet with individuals to deal with issues such as those you raise as and when they arise. I understand that meetings were held with two residents on Coronation Avenue a couple of weeks ago. We can also attend the Wilford Community Group meetings when requested.</p> <p><u>Speed of Construction Traffic/Access to the site</u></p> <p>Residents have again raised concerns with speed of construction traffic that moves through the village. When this was raised previously there did seem to be an improvement in the apparent reduction in the speed of construction traffic passing through the village. Could you raise this with the contractors again please?</p> <p>The contractor has regularly been advised about local concerns regarding construction traffic in Wilford Village. Most of the lorries that use Main Road are from sub-contractors, and the contractor has continued to remind them that local people are not used to such traffic and to be considerate when travelling through the village. The contractor did agree at the start of the works to limit large vehicle movements at school opening and closing times in the village and I understand that this has mostly been achieved.</p> <p>Additionally the volume of construction traffic in proximity to school opening times is becoming an issue from a safety point of view. This is a particular area of concern in the junction connecting Vernon Road and Coronation Avenue where construction has been observed crossing over the pavement in order to successfully negotiate the turn. You may recall that when you attended our meeting 20 February 2012 with Matt Orchard assurances were provided that there vehicle movement would be restricted until after nine o'clock to avoid any excessive impact on the school run. It was also suggested that the majority of vehicular access would be achieved using the track running along the former railway embankment to access the area around Main Road/Coronation Avenue. Can you confirm that as much as possible this is being used and if not find out why please?</p> <p>See below in 'liaison updates.'</p> <p><u>Liaison Updates</u></p> <p>It has been noted that whilst those residents who have signed up to receive email updates regarding constructions works continue to receive the email bulletin from Matthew Colver</p>	

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there appears to have been a reduction in the number of "hard" paper updates delivered to residents homes. This has been raised given that a number of residents do not have access to the internet and the paper updates were there only source of information in relation to the progress and timeframe of major tram works. If you could look into this for me I'd appreciate it.

I think the reduction in 'hard copies' is because these generally give notice of new works starting, and new works sites being occupied, which would create a change to the local environment and how people get about. More recently, works have been contained within existing sites. Nevertheless it is a fair point and I have raised the issue with the communications team.

For your information, I include below a summary of the expected programme of works going forward.

Between Wilford Toll bridge and the east end of Coronation Ave:

Works to build the trackslab are due to start at the end of February, once the track is laid on the Toll Bridge and after current preparation works are completed. All track works should be complete by the end of April 2014 and then tramstop construction and other ancillary works (paths, road junctions etc) will continue into June/ July. Works access to this section will continue to be via Main Road.

Between Coronation Ave and Wilford Lane:

Current preparation works for track construction will continue into mid February, then the ballasted track will start to be laid. These works should be completed by the end of April, then ancillary works (paths landscaping etc) will continue until June/ July. Access to this section for material deliveries etc will mainly be from the Wilford Lane end. However, there may be some access needed from the Coronation Ave end for small plant etc until the ballasted track works start. Once these start there should be little need to access from Coronation Ave, apart from some occasional access required for labour/plant etc.

Drainage Issues

The volume of mud deposited in the roadway gullies and on the pavement caused by construction traffic parking on the pavement has again been discussed. I note that when I raised this previously you suggested that Severn Trent would be responsible for the cleaning of the gullies, however I am right in thinking that as far the drainage network (excluding sewers) is concerned due to legislative changes the City Council is now responsible for the cleaning of drains? If so, you have contact details for the department concerned so I can raise this with them directly.

Gully cleaning is with the City Council and Highway Maintenance have confirmed that all of the gullies on Main Road have been cleaned within the last 14 days. I understand that the gully opposite No.41 Main Road was found to be blocked, and a works order has been issued to make repairs.

BH expressed concern that the footpath behind Vernon Avenue leading under the old railway bridge had been closed without notice to users. AR had been assured that closure notices had been posted at suitable locations advising of the potential closure. BH conceded that a notice now existed but had not been put up until after closure.

AR expressed his disappointment with the effectiveness of the Liaison Group which appears to have been replaced by a telephone number.

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<b>5</b>	<p><b>Localism Act – Assets of Community Value:</b>  DB (by report) advised that he had spoken to the council officer responsible as the deadline date had passed. She had informed him that the Club owners were first surprised that the application had gone in as they have no intention of selling the club, and second had some concerns about what this process actually meant for them. It is possible that they will object to the application. As this is a new process for Nottingham City Council, they don't actually have a procedure for dealing with these applications, so it will have to go to the portfolio holder and ultimately to Jon Collins for approval. DB didn't (but probably should have) asked why it didn't have to go to a planning committee. DB will continue chasing up the application.</p>	DB
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Street Drainage:</b>  See Drainage Issues in 4 above. RS advised that any blocked gullies in the village should be reported to NCC who have given the assurance that such gullies will be cleared within 24 hours.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Flood Defence Heights</b>  BH reported that a graduate team from the Environment Agency had taken the required measurements and would advise on the results in the near future.</p>	BH
<b>8</b>	<p><b>B-Bank Graffiti:</b>  AR still awaited a reply from the Environment Agency regarding the urgent removal of the graffiti.</p>	AR
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Group Sponsorship at Wilford Ale Festival:</b>  AR provided details of the Real Ale Festival's sponsor a keg promotion to raise money for various charities and thought it might be a good idea for WCG to get involved. The Committee considered that this was a commercial venture with which the Group should not be involved.</p>	closed
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>10.1 Vice Chair. BH expressed concern about how the position of Vice-chair within the Group had come to be filled as he had not been aware of any nominations at the last AGM. AR agreed to check back to ascertain the position.</p> <p>10.2 BH advised the Meeting that he had been invited to a 'greener Nottingham' event taking place on Friday 21st February. He agreed to update the Committee at the next Meeting.</p> <p>10.3 Crime Report.  Matt Pooley advised the Meeting of the latest crime figures which showed an 8% reduction in reported crime since 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013.</p>	AR  BH

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed.....(Chair)

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