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Meeting Minutes

Attendees	Sophie Blaken – Co-Chair (SB), Joanne Mist (JM), Brian Hardy (BH), Ann Gerty (AG), Bill Roughton (BR), Clare Roughton (CR), Bob Atherton (BA), Stephany Schild (SS), Heidi Shewell-Cooper (HS), Pat Huxley (PH), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI),
Also Present	Clr Andrew Rule (AR) Jonathan Shewell-Cooper (HS)
Where	The Ferry Inn, Main Road, Wilford
When	19.30, 16 September 2024
What	Wilford Community Group Meeting

Item	Description	Action
0	Agenda	
0.1	1 Apologies 2 Approval of 2023 WCG AGM Minutes 3 Chair's Annual Report 4 Annual Accounts 5 Election of Officers 6 Election of Committee Members	
1	Apologies	
1.1	Daniel Atherton – Co-Chair (DA) , Clr Hayley Spain (HS) Jude Nicholas (JN), Rob Nicholas (RN) Bob Atherton (BA), Rebecca Ironmonger (RI), Terri Slade - Secretary (TS)	
2	Approval of 2023 WCG AGM Minutes	
2.1	Minutes were approved without objection	
3	Wilford Community Group AGM Chair's Report	
3.1	SB gave the following update. Hello everyone, As we look back at this year, I'm happy to share what we've done and how we've worked together. Dan and I have been leading the group, and it's been a busy year with lots of good things happening. Events and Successes	DA

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	<p>We've organised some great events that brought our community together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Elf Hunt: This was a fun event for families and children, and it was a big hit!● May Day Event: A lovely day where we all came together to celebrate and enjoy ourselves.● Safari Sale: This has been well received, allowing people to meet their neighbours and have a clear out/make some money. <p>Working on Community Issues</p> <p>One of our main issues this year was dealing with the flooding problems in our area. We've made some progress, but we know there's still more to do.</p> <p>Halfway through the year, we welcomed Brian to our group. He has worked really hard to get speed signs put up and is still working to make the crossing safer. His efforts have made a big difference, and we are very thankful for his hard work.</p> <p>Challenges and Thanks</p> <p>Even though it's been a good year, we've had some challenges, especially getting new volunteers. The people who are helping now have been amazing, but we know we need more people to keep doing all the good work.</p> <p>I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has given their time and effort to make Wilford a better place. Whether you've been looking after the library, helping at events, taking care of the notice boards, looking after the pond and planters, or picking up litter, or something I've forgotten to mention you've all made a big difference.</p> <p>A special thank you to Pat, who always goes the extra mile to make sure I'm okay. Your kindness has meant a lot to me.</p> <p>Looking Ahead</p> <p>I truly believe that Wilford is a better place because of our community group and all the wonderful volunteers. As we look to the future, let's keep working together, helping each other, and making Wilford an even better place to live.</p> <p>Thank you all for your hard work and support. Here's to another great year ahead.</p> <p>Best wishes,</p>	

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	Sophie Chair, Wilford Community Group	
4	Treasurer Report and Annual Accounts	
4.1	<p>Summary</p> <p>The Mayday event, Safari sale and Calendars all made a surplus after expenditure (£66.83, £65.91, £39.92 respectively).</p> <p>Additionally, we made income from sale of walking guides £68.50, a miscellaneous donation of £20 and a one-off generous donation from the Wilford Historical Society of £729.91</p> <p>If you exclude the WHS donation we did not generate sufficient income to cover the costs of insurance, the website hosting fee, the Christmas competition and newsletters printing (shortfall of £311.30) and this was offset by a reduction in the genal fund balance at bank to £2689.01 (after the walking guide sales were allocated to the heritage funds)</p> <p>Heritage funds at the bank have been increased by the WHS donation and the sale of Walking guides to £1781.82.</p> <p>Overall balance at bank is £4470.83 (increase overall of £118.62 after unrepresented cheques from YE 31 March 2023 were met)</p> <p>Comment- whilst I am not unduly concerned about the overall position, because of the healthy bank balance, I think we need to carefully consider any discretionary expenditure (we already know that the Mayday Event did not generate a surplus this year) to avoid further depletion of the general fund held at the bank.</p> <p>Jude Nicholas</p> <p>Treasurer.</p>	
5	Election of Officers	
5.1	Sophie Blaken - Elected as Chair Jude Nichols - Elected as Treasurer Terri Slade - Elected and Secretary Dan Atherton - Elected as Digital Secretary	
5.2	Committee members Elected	

Co-Chair: Sophie Blaken, 146 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AA **Co-Chair:** Daniel Atherton, 8 Vernon Avenue, Wilford NG11 7AE

Treasurer: Jude Nicholas, 93 Main Road, Wilford NG11 7AJ **Secretary:** Terri Slade, 116 Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AL

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	Claire Roughton, Bill Roughton, Pat Huxley, Bob Atherton, Joanne Mist, , Brian Hardy, Anne Gerty, Heidi Shewell Cooper, Stephany Schild, Rebecca Ironmonger, Rob Nicholas.	
6	AOB	
6.1	<p>SB and Andrew attended the latest flooding meeting. SB shared her notes from the meeting: Contact Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding concerns with drainage on the Lidl and Aldi sites. A separate point will also be raised with RBC in regard to Aldi pumping into the STW system during the recent storms, and what will be put in place to prevent this happening again. - Cllr Phillips</p> <p>Notes: Looking into if the drainage was implemented correctly. Rushcliffe council have accepted responsibility to investigate. Andrew is looking at it. Councillor Philips will chase for a date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nottinghamshire County Council will check if their pumping station adjacent to the Wilford Lane tram stop is working effectively – Jamie Earls/Blue Collier <p>Notes: The pump is being checked on the 25th of September. Jamie to email everyone.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nottingham City Council will look into the Ironmonger area with colleagues at the Net – Mark Jenkins <p>Notes: Callum is now the designated flood officer. Only just been handed over. Only given the actions on Friday. Callum to send a report.</p> <p>Steve - there was a walk out with Net and Mark Jenkins. They went from Wilford lane to the pond. They were open minded to the net drainage offering a solution. There is a need to add a pump at the bottom of Coronation avenue, as in a flood NET pumps stop working. Callum to lead this workstream.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Further investigation of outfall on Coronation Avenue – Peter Wells <p>Notes: This is a pen stock vale and hydrobrake. They are owned by the environment agency. They are not at the meeting and no one is able to say how and when a decision is made to open it. (Can Lillian chase this? Hayley to escalate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate if Severn Trent Water pumping station near to the Harvester can be upgraded – Adam Greest <p>Notes: Focus is on ensuring that the foul waste is not being mixed with the surface water. The water is currently getting into the foul network so the driver is to stop that happening. Looking at removing surface water and also looking at if Aldi or Lidil construction has caused surface water to get into the fowl sewer. Ashdown Close are being looked at for non return valves as some issues there may have been caused by the foul sewerage. Some of these solutions have been implemented already.</p>	

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	<p>No one captured the action to speak to Aldi about how they drained the land. This will be picked up next time. Seven Trent and Graham to investigate where the manhole that Aldi pumped into went.</p> <p>5. Check highway drainage systems in the area, including the beanie blocks, are working correctly – Jamie Earls/ Pete Wells (County) & Mark Jenkins (Nottingham City) Notes: The assets have been checked and cleaned county.</p> <p>6. Can Greythorne Dyke begin pumping earlier? Notes: Covered earlier this is not an option Andrew to send a list of impacted road.</p> <p>7. Discuss a coordinated approach regarding road closures – Jamie Earls & Mark Jenkins (Mark please let me know if this is someone else at the City) Callum and Jamie are going to work together on this.</p> <p>Claire raised how old the flood risk assessment is for the area, but no one knew when it should, or if it should be redone.</p> <p>It was highlighted that a section 19 was not instigated. Lots of communication work in place. If there is internal flooding report to Callum's inbox. Any information on floods share</p> <p>Next meeting for early November.</p> <p>HSC - Asked when the next community update meeting would be. SB took the action to raise it in the meeting in November.</p>	SB
6.2	<p>Safari Sale update.</p> <p>SB gave an update on the safari sale. The event raised £126.97 including a donation of £25. Three people have yet to pay, these have been reminded today. There was lots of positive feedback on the event and the organisation. SB highlighted that the focus of the event was community engagement and that she has had lots of feedback that people enjoyed seeing neighbours they haven't seen in a while and meeting new people.</p> <p>SB raised that there were less people on the top end of Wilford Lane in the sale, and that one resident had asked if we could have a central spot in the village for residents from the top end of Wilford. The group agreed it was a good idea but that we should check in with residents. SB to post to Facebook to ask the question.</p>	SB
6.3	<p>BH - Flooding on Holly Avenue - Memo to Lillian 10 months ago. Had a reply to say it was all organised and financed. Has a second letter to say that we now cannot do it. BH to look into what we can do next with AR.</p>	BH AR

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6.4	BH has just reapplied for a blue badge but had to do it with AR. Nottingham City Council not answering phones. If you have had an issue please send it to AR.	All
6.5	BR - Frustrated that the bench has been destroyed. Several people are willing to replace and Iremongers Pond have the funds. JSC and BR to remove the old bench this week.	BR JSC
6.6	JSC - Has the council said when they will cut the hedges on the path between the allotments and Vernon Avenue? AR is working hard to secure a date. Brian raised an issue with hedges on Main Road too. AR will investigate	AR
	There being no further business, the meeting ended at 20:18. The next meeting is on Monday 21st October 2024 at 19:30 in the Ferry, Main Road, Wilford	