## Wilford Community Group

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 At Wilford Social Club

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) Chair

Peter Stiles (PBS) Treasurer
David Boulton (DB) Secretary

Linda Stiles (LS) Frank Wakelin (FW)

Councillor Roger Steel (RS)

Residents

Representatives of NET

Item		Action			
1	Apologies Daniel Atherton, Sheila Atherton, Alan Foster, Brian Hardy, Pat Huxley PCSO Irene Toon				
2	Minutes of 16 <sup>th</sup> July Meeting Approved				
3	A long period of discussion took place regarding the current status of the tram works in Wilford and changes to the design as presented to the public enquiry. The key points were as follows:  NET have given safety talks at St Patrick's School and will do the same at South Wilford School  Links are in place with the Ironmongers Pond Association (IPA) and Nottingham Moderns RFC  NET reminded the meeting about sources of information available at the tram website as well as the hotline and email addresses, which include that of the Community Liaison Officer for Wilford  Fencing is now in place around the pond for works to commence  Works on the Toll Bridge will commence shortly  NET is working closely with the Environment Agency over flood defences  Significant changes have been made to the design of the tramway between the Toll Bridge and the eastern end of Coronation Avenue which have already been approved by the City Council with little apparent local consultation or scrutiny  The flood defences along Main Road and Coronation Avenue will be increased in height by 0.5 metres at the request of the Environment Agency (EA)  Main Road will be in-filled to the height of the flood defences. This is to cater for flood occasions where there is seepage through the flood bank onto Main Road which can currently be repaired but will not be repairable with tram tracks in place.  The EA would like the flood defences to remain grassed  Where the route turns into Coronation Avenue, the tramway will descend to street-level as it passes St Patrick's School				

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	o Part of the former railway embankment will be removed as per the original plans, but an additional pond will be created. Previous plans showed an overflow drainage pipe draining directly into the pond. Following discussions with the IPA, the additional pond will be created where the embankment is cleared. This will be filled with reed beds to filter the overflow drainage from street rain water during winter months when it will be boggy but drier during summer months. The design will be conducive to bio-diversity encouraging newts and invertebrates.  o NET reiterated that no further trees will be felled on Coronation Avenue.  o A vehicle access will be created for EA and emergency services access to the Pond. Bollards will prevent other vehicles from having access with keyholders to be confirmed.  o It was confirmed that the 27-space car park will be constructed as planned and will be lit, although this will be dimmed at night.  The removal of the former railway embankment at the rear of St Austell Drive will take approximately four months.  Work to lower Ruddington Lane will commence in October and the road will be closed. Discussions are taking place with local bus companies, with early indications that a shuttle bus will be provided between the southern end of Ruddington Lane and Roko to meet up with the service which will be diverted through Compton Acres.  The following concerns were expressed:  • RS questioned the level of consultation and scrutiny of the changes as these appeared to have come from them.  • DB and RS questioned the level of consultation from what was presented at the public enquiry. NET stated that the plans had been put to the City Council as required and been approved (seemingly unilaterally) by the planning office responsible for the scheme (Darren Abott).  • DB and RS stated that the level of consultation with local residents was inadequate, with notice being given just days before work started. RS stated that no consultation had been carried out with the local liaison group or with	
	<ul> <li>DB to contact Darren Abbott (Nottingham City Council) to express concerns about the process behind the approval of changes without consultation and scrutiny</li> <li>DB to contact Lilian Greenwood MP to make her aware of Wilford's concerns.</li> </ul>	DB DB
4	Parking Issues Following the agreement of the June meeting, AR has drafted a letter to Nottingham City Council expressing concern over the Workplace Parking Levy and its impact on Wilford, as witnessed by Councillor Collins.	AR

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5	School Bus Stop Signage RS stated that the City Council was aware of the parking issues at the entrances to both schools and is looking at options. At this stage, there are no firm proposals in place.						
	DB told the meeting that he had been informed by PC Matt Pooley that for the current signage to be enforceable, traffic regulations would be required and there was a financial cost to this.						
6	Library Asset Transfer AR and RS had a meeting with the City Council property department and Asset Transfer Department. A site visit to is to be arranged. RS reminded the meeting that the asset transfer had the full support of Councillor Collins.						
7	<b>Jubilee "Day Out" Financial Report</b> AR read out a letter from committee member Brian Hardy objecting to the application for the grant for the event. His letter stated that in the current climate of financial constraint, the money $(£5,000)$ could have been spent on more appropriate projects.						
	PBS stated that precedents had been set where such funding was available and mentioned the 1953 coronation where public funds were made available for local celebrations.						
	PBS reported that all the funds obtained from the City Council had been spent. The event made a surplus of £473.77 after payments to the Jubilee subcommittee made up as follows:						
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	Nottingham City Council Grant Event Surplus	£5,000.00 £497.04	Paid to Diamond Jubilee Sub-com		£5,023.27		
	Total	£5,497.04	Total		£5,023.27		
	Balance	£473.77					
	PBS proposed the motion that the amount of £473.77 presented to the Wilford Community Group committee be banked. The motion was approved with four votes in favour and one abstention.  PBS proposed the motion that the amount of £473.77 be added to current Community Group funds. The motion was approved unanimously.						
8	Portable Speed Camera  DB and SA are still to review the locations proposed by Parbinder Singh. RS has also identified some sites on Ruddington Lane linked to the developments on the former Becket School site.					DB/SA	
9	Appointment of Auditors  AR has stated that his company cannot audit the Group's accounts due to a potential conflict of interest with AR's role on the committee.						
	PBS suggested that his daughter (who is a qualified accountant and not a member of the Community Group) could audit the accounts. DB will check the constitution to see whether this is permitted.						
	PBS suggested that a change in the constitution might be considered by the Group to enable more flexibility in the appointment of auditors.						
	This issue will be carried over to the September meeting.					DB	

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10	Grange Close Signage  AR stated that he would discuss the issue with local residents at a social event taking place next week and would report back at the October meeting.	AR
11	Any Other Business  JF asked how many residents had received a letter through the door about issues with motorcycles being ridden illegally – she thought that delivery may have been to her as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. These seem to have been delivered to addresses in Coronation Avenue and Vernon Avenue, but not Holly Avenue.	

The meeting closed at 9:35