

# Wilford Community Group

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on Monday 19th November 2012 at Wilford Social and Bowls Club at 7:30pm

Present: Andrew Rule (AR) - Chairperson  
 Dave Boulton (DB) - Secretary  
 Peter Stiles (PBS) – Treasurer  
 Daniel Atherton (DA) – Minutes  
 Sheila Atherton (SA)  
 Brian Hardy (BH)  
 Frank Wakelin (FW)  
 Linda Stiles (LS)  
 Pat Huxley (PH)  
 Bill Roughton (BR)  
 Alan Foster (AF)

Also present: Parbinder Singh (Neighborhood Action Officer)  
 PCSO Irene Hazzledine  
 Councillor Roger Steel (RS)  
 Scott Harrison (Traffic Management Officer, NCC)  
 Local residents

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1	Apologies: Matt Pooley,	
2	Minutes of October 15 <sup>th</sup> were approved; subject to minor amendments and corrections.	
3	<p><b>Experimental Changes to Parking:</b>            Scott Harrison – Traffic Management Officer (NCC)            SH stated his remit was to prevent and combat irresponsible parking arising from the Workplace Parking Levy. To that end he was currently investigating parking displacement resulting from the introduction of the Workplace Parking Levy.</p> <p>He confirmed that the WPL is a charge to Business and not to individuals, to raise funds for the Phase II and III of the Tram extension. SH stated that the current charge is £288 per year per parking space which a company may choose to pass on to an employee.</p> <p>SH stated NCC had surveyed those residents directly affected and have put forward viable solutions which attempt to take account of the views of local residents. Resident Parking Schemes are one such method but are not being immediately offered to resolve issues in Wilford. Draft proposals have been circulated to local residents, funding has been ring-fenced by NCC to fund the</p>	AR/DB to try and secured meeting with the Schools to discuss the issues caused by parking.

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	<p>introduction of the schemes.</p> <p>The current proposals are experimental and their effectiveness will be reviewed in six months time and any alternations will be introduced at that point.</p> <p>BH suggested that when the tram service is introduced, the parking problem will be exacerbated as residents of local areas such as West Bridgford would commute into Wilford at night to catch the late trams in and out.</p> <p>SH indicated that smaller community buses would be introduced to transport commuters from these areas. SH confirmed similar fears have been expressed prior to the commencement of Phase I of the Tram but the fears had not materialised into any adverse action.</p> <p>BH stated that the current bus service had been adversely affected by the increased parking on Main Road around the two schools. SH confirmed this was being reviewed and that under the current proposals temporary parking restrictions were being introduced in the areas around Main Road.</p> <p>A local resident raised the issue of a lack of enforcement of existing double yellow lines, resulting in traffic being pushed further into neighbouring streets such as Holly Avenue and Bader Road. SH stated that due to a lack of resources it was physically impossible for all restrictions currently in force to be policed outside all schools in the City boundary.</p> <p>PCSO Hazzledine stressed that a hotline exists to enable residents to report illegal parking.</p> <p>PH raised whether there was any flexibility for the council to review individual situations to determine the possibility to tailor responses to meet those specific circumstances.</p> <p>SH responded that frontline emergency service are excluded from restrictions, but they are the only situations. Other solutions such as the previous "Walking Bus", and working in the local community would be the best solution.</p> <p>A local resident raised their concern about the access of emergency services in the village, especially at peak school times, where the village area is almost gridlocked.</p> <p>RS raised that he had been in communication with SH and had received confirmation that the school would not be included in the current solution consultation.</p> <p>RS suggested that the WCG should open dialogue with the school to find a solution. One solution proposed was the relocation of the Bus stop opposite Main Road Garage to be relocated directly outside the school. The Group should highlight the problems caused by school staff parking on the roads to avoid paying the Parking Levy.</p> <p>His view is that the group should meet with the schools governors to "thrash out a solution".</p> <p>A local resident asked when the Scheme would commence.</p>	

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	<p>SH stated that it was envisaged that measures would be introduced around December or January.</p> <p>A local resident raised the problem of off road parking, around grass verges and large pavements. SH stated that NCC has powers to take enforcement action against HGV's parking on footways. NCC are also looking what enforcement can be taken against motorists parking on footpaths, a possible solution being enforcing road only parking.</p> <p>RS stated that standard double yellow lines are generally ugly, but that after consultation with SH, and drawing on the comparison of Clifton Village, thin double yellow lines that are less apparent could be introduced.</p> <p>The Wilford/Clifton Lane crossroads were discussed in the context of a right turn filter light being introduced.</p> <p>PH raised that the group should send single letters to the signalling office of NCC.</p> <p>BR asked about the traffic monitoring cables placed along the south side of B-Bank main road. These had been cut twice, and as such would give poor results.</p> <p>PBS expressed his gratitude to Scott for his explanation and discussion with the group, AR seconded this.</p>	
4	<p><b>Asset Transfer Sub-Group Terms of Reference:</b> AR will circulate the draft T-O-R at the end of the meeting.</p>	AR to circulate T-O-R
5	<p><b>Tram Construction Concerns:</b></p> <p>A drop in session at the Emmanuel School occurred last 14 November 2012. AR consulted with Paul Mullins and was told that the next area meeting would be in January.</p> <p>AR raised the lack of earlier consultation regarding a height alteration to the tram and received confirmation that the Group would be alerted of any further consultation with residents in the Wilford area in respect of matters concerning the tram.</p> <p>BH raised the question about missing flood bunds in the flood defences. He is told that a wall will be built on both sides which will range from the embankment to the Ferry.</p> <p>SA raised whether this would affect insurance situations throughout the Village.</p> <p>PBS raised the issue of a lack of notice regarding the closure of the public footpaths under the railway bridges by Klondike Allotments and by Coronation Avenue Allotments. A resident advised that the Coronation Avenue Allotments will now close around March 2013.</p>	
6	<p><b>B-bank Footpath</b></p> <p>DB stated that it was suggested at the last meeting to write to Jon Lee about signage regarding the inability for</p>	

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	<p>wheelchair access at the north side of the B bank. The response was that the barriers were installed at an incorrect width which prevents cyclists, but does not allow for wheelchair access. However, if the barriers were made wider to allow for wheelchair access, would also allow for easier bike access. PH stated that a resident had complained to NCC. It was raised by both the resident's letter and observations from the meeting that cyclists were cutting round the barriers and cycling down on the Bank onto the road, which presented a further danger.</p> <p>SA raised whether a similar barrier at the south side would be more useful, to prevent cyclists accessing the B-Bank completely.</p>	
7	<p><b>Planter Relocation:</b></p> <p>PBS stated that the planter located at the north side of the B bank should be relocated to deal with on street parking in the area around the old Village shop (opposite Grange Close) at school opening/closing time in particular. The intended location, on the pavement, near the entrance gates to the Manor House Close was proposed, subject to the Group consulting with the local residents in the area. A photo was circulated to illustrate the problem, a majority of the Group concluded it would be best to move the planter, subject to confirmation from PS regarding the logistics of moving it and seeking the views of the residents in the immediate area.</p> <p>RS raised concerns that residents parked in this position, and that placing the Planter there would simply further displace the traffic to a separate spot.</p> <p>SA stated that the problem was that the car had been breaking the law, and driving along the path. It would be better to move this danger away from such a busy location. A resident sympathized with the residents in the locality of where the planter is to be moved too but stated that their action does encourage others to park in the same position and manner at school leaving times,</p> <p>AF raised concerns that the introduction of double yellow lines around the junction and entrance to Wilford Church Drive, Manor House Close, and Vernon Avenue would push further parking into Vernon Avenue itself.</p> <p>DB proposed that the Committee Vote on whether to, subject to the views of the residents affected and John Lee, move the planter to the suggested position. The Committee voted 6/4 in favour.</p>	AR will seek views of affected residents.
8	<p><b>Grange Close Signage:</b></p> <p>The new sign has been installed, and the issue is resolved.</p>	Item to be removed from future agendas.
9	<p><b>Safety Camera:</b></p>	PS will liaise with

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	<p>The post for the camera will be installed at around 8:15 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>SA asked how vandal proof the equipment is, BR stated that the manufacturer had stated that surprisingly little vandalism had been made to the equipment nationally.</p>	<p>applicable committee members.</p>
10	<p><b>Appointment of Auditors:</b></p> <p>AR will email the proposed constitution changes to the committee following the meeting. The Committee agreed that although the Accounts for 2011/12 had not been formally audited they should be published on the thisiswilford website in accordance with normal practice'</p>	<p>AR to circulate following the meeting.</p>
11	<p><b>Iremongers Pond Update:</b></p> <p>BR updated the group on current topics regarding the Pond. The IPA was awarded an 80+ Green Pennant Award. But unfortunately since the access has been restricted, and due to a wet summer, the site has not been able to receive efficient maintenance. The IPA are currently formulating a solution.</p> <p>The benches removed from the South Bank will be reinstalled to the North Bank.</p> <p>The IPA has looked to make a minor claim against the Rugby Club, via their Insurers, in respect of recent damage caused by joyriders to two bins at the Pond. They are awaiting a response from the Club.</p> <p>The tram contractors will create three new ponds near to the Pond site and that the discharge pipe that was intended to be installed will now not be. The IPA is satisfied with this outcome.</p>	
12	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>DB informed the meeting that there was a meeting at Clifton Cornerstone on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November relating to community issues.</p> <p>DB noted that the December meeting of the WCG will be the tenth anniversary of the Group. He raised whether the Group should advertise this, this was agreed. DB stated that he would contact local press.</p> <p>BH stated that the corner by Holly Avenue that measures previously introduced on Holly Avenue to control the path taken by the Refuge Collection Vehicle, had subsequently been destroyed by the vehicle.</p> <p>The issue of litter around Ruddington Lane was raised, it was proposed to look into relocation of existing bins to deal with this.</p> <p>BH thanked RS for the reinstatement of the 3:00pm local link.</p> <p>It was noted that carolling would take place on the Village Green on 21 December, organised by the Church.</p> <p>PCSO Hazzledine updated the group of the annual crime.</p>	

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	Wilford's crime is down, whilst vehicle crime has risen by 21.2% due to motorbike theft, and the forced entry of unlocked cars. Although this appears alarming, it is an increase of just 5 on last year.	
The meeting was closed at 9:24pm by Andrew Rule.		