

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 13th November 2018

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 2 from 5.30 pm

Apologies

Laura McWilliams had sent her apologies as she had to attend Policy Scrutiny committee which was on at the same time. The Horse Association reps had sent their apologies too.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 16th October were accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Sandra Lewis reported that the Hampton Street garage post had still not been fixed. Neil offered to do a site visit.

Action: Neil Murray

The 'saga' with the flooding in Carholme Road continued. Robert Parker had shared an e-mail trail with the Forum.

If the tenants didn't come forward, Anglian Water had a warrant for entry to the garages after January 2018. Robert had also met with Richard Davies, the County Council's Executive Member for Highways. Richard Davies had said that the responsibility for the situation was Anglian Water's.

George Woolfenden reiterated that he still didn't think that the problem could be solved by entering the garages. He had run Anglian Water three weeks ago but had had no response. It was noted that the drains only had four inch pipes, probably not enough space for what was carried. Julie Wearing noted that following the leak she had seen the work being done on the road and had noticed how close to the service the pipes were.

The issue of the new car wash and its impact was also discussed.

The Forum expressed frustration that the flooding problem had not been solved despite it going on for years. Rob suggested that the Forum released a press release to the radio and local newspapers regarding the issue and this was agreed.

Neil agreed to contact Lincoln City Council planning department about the plans for the car wash.

Action: Rob Parker/Neil Murray

The damaged sign at the bottom of York Avenue was still 'work in action'.

Francesca updated on ASB issues in Freshers Fortnight. In 2017 there had been seven reports and this year there had been twenty two. Overall, there had seemed to be a decrease in problems so the figures might have been a result of people being more willing to report issues and knowing the numbers to ring. Sandra noted that many West End residents now reported problems because they knew something would be done. Julie noted that people had been saying that on Facebook.

On reflection, Francesca did prefer the old model working more with the police. She had already begun to discuss ideas for how to tackle the issues for 2019 with senior management. Mark Wrigley commented that reports to the police were actually down this year.

Sandra noted that residents had said that they didn't get a good response if they rang 101. She felt that this was an education issue for operators. Neil Murray said that he felt that the situation had improved this year.

Francesca would let the Forum know in future meetings about the 2019 plans.

Action: Francesca Bell

Lucinda Preston had circulated Kay Rowntree's advice about dealing with people under the influence of drugs.

Francesca reported that Sheffield City Council had produced a leaflet about drug issues and the streets. It was aimed at professionals working in the field but could be adapted for members of the public. She would be simplifying the leaflet/adapting it. This work would be done soon

Action: Francesca Bell

Kay Rowntree had spoken to the owners of the motorbike shop on Carholme Road and there had been no further issues.

Long Leys including SID machine and neighbourhood forum

Jon Davies discussed the SID machine. LLRA was waiting for the Lincolnshire County Council money to be paid (an account had to be set up with LCC).

Jon thought the SID would be up and running in January and would be moved every two to three months. It was likely to be moved to points such as Hewson Road and West Parade. To be involved, WERA needed to have Community Speed Watch membership: Nigel Manders had applied for the association.

Jon reiterated the benefits of SID machines: they reduce average traffic speed; they have a dramatic effect on the top 5% of speeding; they collect data and therefore can be used to persuade Highways to take other measures.

The lamp posts needed to be made ready.

Jon then reported that the consultation on the new neighbourhood forum had closed on 7th November. They were waiting for the official designation. The new forum would be able to apply for grants up to £9,000. There would be a new consultation in March/April regarding what the forum would wish to do. They would probably use the hospital as a venue and the new Tanglewood Home had also offered a room.

Neil commented that it would be useful for the new forum to show that it was consulting with other areas such as the West End as it would show it was not parochial.

Highways

Rob had met with Richard Davies from the County Council regarding roads around the corner of Newland. He had persuaded him that the County Council should put off the crossing work in February and reschedule it for the summer when the roads would be quieter. Rob noted that the crossing wouldn't last much longer. He also mentioned the lane closures/path closure which would potentially cause so many problems. There would be some consideration with the County Council legal department about whether the County Council could change its mind about the lane closure without legal action being taken against it. There was the issue of whether the company could claim costs. In essence, this had moved from being a county problem to being a legal problem. Lucinda noted that there was an equality issue as the road was now difficult for people in wheelchairs or with prams to manoeuvre. Sandra noted that it took much longer to walk to town from that direction now. Jon commented on the issues for cars resulting from the lane closure. Rob would keep the Forum informed.

Rob reminded the Forum that the Council had taken away permission over Christmas.

Action: Rob Parker

Alexandra Terrace

There is a large crack in the footpath where a housing development is being built. Neil had organised and held a residents' meeting with the planning department. They had been assured that a suitable contractor would be appointed so that Yarborough Road and Alexandra Terrace would not be badly affected by the work.

Neil noted that when problems had occurred, the Council had stopped work and made the developer take structural advice. He said you would be able to see the metal sheeting on the hill. The County Council had given the developer a certain amount of time to fix the pavement problem otherwise they would carry out the work themselves and bill him. Neil reassured the Forum that he felt that the City and County Councils were doing the right thing. Neil said he'd find out if the meeting with the developer, structural engineer and head of planning had happened.

Action: Neil Murray

Lincoln Transport Plan

Every ten years the County Council writes a new transport plan. There is involvement from our City Council. Strategic objectives are set out for a period of time.

Rob noted that Carholme Road is a pressing problem and it would be helpful to have input into the transport plan consultation process that begins soon.

Neil mentioned that there was private sector interest in a park and ride on Bishop's Bridge. The County Council was not interested at the moment. Sandra reminded the Forum of the Park and Ride suggestion years ago that was suggested. Rob commented that no one will get on a Park and Ride if the journey isn't shorter than a car journey would be.

Rob also flagged up the upcoming Western Growth Corridor development. There was some concern about the impact of the development on traffic in Lincoln. Lucinda reported back from the traffic modelling briefing she had attended and how research had shown that WGC would not make the traffic situation any worse. There was a huge focus on encouraging WGC residents to walk, cycle or get the bus into the city centre.

Julie thought that traffic over the past few years had got worse, as did George. George discussed the impact of the university and other developments. Julie highlighted how poor some cycle paths were and that there needed to be input from cyclists into the plan. Rob replied that the Cycling Association for Lincolnshire had always had input into the transport plan.

Residents' Parking

There was a discussion of the extension to residents' parking. Neil had discussed the forthcoming consultation with WERA. It would give residents the chance to suggest changes

to the system. Jane Kilby noted that the students hadn't really commented on the reduction from three to two permits. Jon informed the Forum that students had started to park on Oakleigh Drive as they were being pushed further afield for parking.

ASB

Francesca reported that the new intervention team was now up and running although it was still minus a member of staff who would be starting on 10th December. Some issues might be 'dispersed' to other parts of the ward and she urged members of the community to report any problems. She also mentioned the ongoing problem of dog fouling in the ward. Sandra had spoken to residents about this. Lucinda had done some work on this including walking around with an officer and putting warning stickers on particularly affected streets. Lucinda agreed to write an article on the subject in the Parish Focus.

There was a discussion about how to identify and fine offenders. Francesca explained that they needed complainants to give their names when reporting problems but many were reluctant to give their name in case there were reprisals. It was suggested that pictures could be taken of people caught letting their animals foul the pavements. Politely asking people to put dog mess in a bag was also an option. Alison Griffith noted that some people would put the mess in a bag and then throw it into the trees.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Sandra said that the warden scheme was going well and noted how well Emma Carter and her team were doing in tackling crimes. Francesca replied that she was pleased as the previous postholder, Steve Beaumont, had been well known and that it was good that Emma enjoyed a similarly high reputation. Alison commented that there had been a mess left in Liquorice Park following fireworks there. All the rubbish, including a crate for the fireworks, had just been left. Lincoln City Council had been helpful regarding clearing up. She emphasised that the park is a communal space so people can't be stopped from going in it. Alison said that PCSO Pete Davies patrolled around the park regularly which was really useful.

Policing

There was a discussion around dangerous cycling. Mark needed to know where it was happening e.g. specific roads. Lucinda commented that there was issue about road safety/education around cycling. Deliveroo cyclists were cited as a particular problem.

There had been a spate of cycle thefts and Mark urged students to be vigilant. Some of them left their bikes without locking them up. He reported that there had been vehicle

crime on Maidment Drive and the theft of £30,000 worth of motorbikes from the shop on Long Leys Road. Mark, Pete and Kay kept on patrolling. Mark also reported on Operation Argentina in the city centre.

Grace Corn informed the Forum that there was an issue of harassment on the streets. A FB group had been set up and 2,000 girls had connected to it and discussed their issues. George noted that he saw 'hoodies' on Carholme Road and would often feel intimidated, even with his dog with him.

Action: councillors to meet with Grace Corn

Julie raised the issue of people driving the wrong way up the one way streets. It was not just a question of people making a mistake or being cheeky: she had seen some particularly aggressive driving from one driver. The Moor St/West Parade corner was an issue. Mark said that it would be useful to be passed registration numbers, if that was possible.

George said that there had been an issue with restless horses on the West Common and two of them had been tethered elsewhere because of this. He told Mark that the police should call the horse association if there was any problem.

Community issues

Neil raised the recent misunderstanding about the West Common. People could still cycle across to town and walk their dogs. He also mentioned the recent ASB issues on Beaumont Fee - he had spoken to residents in the area about the issue. He wanted to avoid the situation there had been in spring. He would be talking to the Pathways Centre.

Action: Neil Murray

Neil also said that there had been issues with the Derek Miller Court parking in recent weeks. He had been working on this problem and in future, people would have permits for the car park.

Street scene

There had been an evaluation meeting about the gala. It had been agreed that in future the gala would have indoor space so that it was not at risk of cancellation from the weather. It would take place at the same time of year. It was felt that it would be useful to have more residents involved.

Lucinda mentioned the second community litter pick on Sunday 18th November at 2 pm, meeting at the corner of Nelson Street and Carholme Road.

Julie raised the issue of other people's rubbish appearing next to church bins.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th January 2019

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Present:

Sandra Lewis	WERA
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Jon Davies	LLRA
Gary Stimson	LLRA
Mark Wrigley	Lincolnshire Police
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Jane Kilby	UoL Students Union
Grace Corn	UoL Students Union
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Rev Julie Wearing	St. Faith's Church
Francesca Bell	Lincoln City Council
Rob Parker	County Councillor/Chair
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary