

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 26th January 2021

via Zoom at 5.30pm

Apologies

Laura McWilliams, Hannah Coleman.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Hannah Coleman was looking to arrange a meeting with Laura McWilliams about policing. Robert suggested Lucinda Preston ring Laura regarding the meeting.

Action: Lucinda Preston/Laura McWilliams

Lucinda was going to look at what was happening with 136 West Parade.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Following issues with the Golf Club, Neil Murray had met with a representative of the club. He had told them that they needed to adhere to the Commons' environmental management plan. Neil would look at the legal framework for more guidance.

Action: Neil Murray

Lucinda had had some communications with City Council officers regarding the neglected allotment next to Liquorice Park. There was some movement on this issue and she would update with any next steps.

There had previously been some discussion about the ongoing issue of fly tipping near Long Leys and the blocking off of the entrance. Francesca Bell had looked into this issue and had asked for a steer from the Assistant Director. She said she would feed back to the Forum at the next meeting.

Action: Francesca Bell

The problems with bins on streets was ongoing. Sandra Lewis reported that the situation was better than it had been but that there were still one or two households not taking their bins in. Jacqueline said that the university would reproduce the cards for going through

doors. Rob Parker asked if the university could contact the relevant properties where bins weren't being taken in. Francesca said she would be happy for the university to lead on this as the Council was still struggling in terms of resources post-COVID. The SU would also be looking to produce a video again.

Action: Jacqueline Maye/SU

It was reported by Sandra that the large skip on Carholme Road was still there despite hopes for some action. She had met with Neil about this. Neil had reported the issue and would now ring the Chief Executive about it.

Action: Neil Murray

Regarding road safety around St. Faith's Infant School, Robert said that the school governors had met about policies and had discussed the issue. There was a variety of views regarding whether the school should take responsibility for the issue. He noted that the County Council would be running a pilot scheme around school safety and, to summarise, the school could put in a bid for some money. He would update the Forum at the next meeting.

Action: Rob Parker

Blocked drains on Hewson Road was still an issue although Neil said that some people are moving leaves themselves.

The repair work on Alexander Terrace had still not been carried out. Rob reported that the County Council had given the developer a limited amount of time to spend on the site now. If the developer didn't comply and the footpath had not been reinstated Rob said he would ask about what the legal process would then be.

Action: Rob Parker

Sandra said that the streetlight on Tennyson Street had finally been mended: it had taken a year to get done. Rob said it was signed off as completed.

Policing

It was reported that there had been the following incidents:

- 3 noise
- 3 people being drunk and disorderly
- 13 begging (vagrancy)
- 2 commercial burglaries
- 1 drugs
- 2 robberies
- 17 criminal damage (4 vehicles)
- Since 15th January 33 tickets for non-compliance in relation to COVID

The police had not been able to get to all the calls.

There had been reports of ASB on Foss Street.

There was some discussion regarding fines for students re: COVID. Rob said that in terms of the wide city/country, it was not really a Forum issue. Sandra noted the outrage in the community over the behaviour of some students - some had been walking in groups of 10.

The university does invoke its disciplinary procedures where necessary, on top of the fines students might get. It was confirmed that the university had been messaging students regarding compliance. Jacqueline said that she informed the Vice-Chancellor about fines. Rob asked if the university could publish the number of fines issued against students.

Long Leys

There was some discussion about the footpath appeal - LLRA was awaiting the County Council response. Jon Davies reported on the lovely community activities of the LLRA. There had been a TESCO grant which meant that Long Leys had been able to have its very own Father Christmas. He had driven along in a sports car: 300 people had stood on their doorsteps with their kids to watch.

There was discussion of partnership between the LLRA and Dial-a-Ride.

Community

It was agreed to put the gala on the agenda.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Alison Griffiths noted that Liquorice Park was thriving - the drug dealing had reduced. The trustees were hoping to have a 21st anniversary event.

Street Scene

It was reported that the No Entry sign at the bottom of York Avenue was not working: it was not lit up. Sandra asked if it was possible to have 'no entry' painted on the road. Rob didn't think that would happen but said he would check.

Action: Rob Parker

David Mitchell asked for an estimated date when the Rudgard Lane development would be finished. Neil said he would find out.

Action: Neil Murray

Any Other Business

Jon asked when the details of the Transport Strategy would be published. Rob replied that there was no expectation of a response to each submission.

The southern bypass would look to commence in five years' time.

Neil informed the Forum that Park ward residents had voted in favour of residents' parking.

The planning application for the police station was expected in the spring.

There was a discussion about Forum minutes and the WERA/LLRA websites.

There was a discussion about the Co-op Community Champions scheme. Liquorice Park had put itself forward. Lucinda said she would forward the information via email.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th March at 5.30 pm via Zoom

Carholme Community Forum, Tuesday 26th January via Zoom

Present:

Francesca Bell	Lincoln City Council
Kate Oliver	Lincoln City Council
Sandra Lewis	WERA
Rob Lewis	WERA
David Mitchell	WERA
Jon Davies	LLRA
Gary Stimson	LLRA
PC Mark Wrigley	Lincolnshire Police
Kay Rowntree	Lincolnshire Police
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Kayleigh Teague	UoL Union
Lucy Krogdahl	UoL Union
Callum Roper	UoL Union
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Rob Parker	County Councillor
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary