

Minutes of the meeting of Carholme Community Forum, held Tuesday 6th February 2018,
in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 2 from 5.30 pm

Chair: County Cllr Rob Parker

Present: See attached listing.

Apologies: PC Wrigley, Rev Julie Wearing, Trisha Pearson

County Councillor Rob Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the 28th November meeting were moved and accepted.

Veolia Waste Transfer Station– Appeal withdrawn

Rob Parker invited Jon Davies to report on behalf of the Action Group/ LLRA following Veolia's decision to withdraw their appeal against LCC's refusal of Planning permission for their proposed WTS in Long Leys Road.

Jon thanked the Forum for all the cross-community support received; although unsure why Veolia's decision was taken when it was, he felt the number of issues facing Veolia had achieved a critical mass they could not ignore. LLRA are to pursue costs from Veolia. The funds raised for the campaign are to be retained as a defence for the time being.

He expressed thanks to the local councillors, particularly Rob Parker in the key County Councillor role.

Neil Murray stated that CoLC were holding open their offer of help to Veolia in finding another site away from residential properties.

Rob Parker thanked Jon for his report and congratulated Long Leys residents Association on their campaign and its success.

Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting

George reported that cars are still parking illegally between 9am and 6pm at 175 Carholme Road. Rob Parker has asked County Council officers to liaise directly with George.

Rob Parker said he is to progress early agreement of a date for all 4 Councillors meeting with the City Chief Exec about common problems in University towns.

Rob Parker

Sandra reported that the post intended to protect Hampton Street garages from illegal parkers still does not work. This is a matter for Housing to resolve and is now over 3 months old

Tony Speakman to follow up- continues

Lucinda Preston reported that she and Alison Griffiths had met in December with local residents who are keen on the idea of a Carholme Festival. They are meeting again on Sunday 11th Feb. A date of 2nd June has been proposed with events on 2 sites – Millennium Park and St Faith's School Hall

Connor Delaney has not yet been able to talk to Rev Julie Wearing about a student input to the Parish Focus. Rob stated that the next issue would be for Easter.

Jane Kilby will be providing defibrillator training over several hours at St Faith's after Easter. She is keen to open this widely to residents and will advertise through Julie Wearing and Sandra Lewis.

Luci and Connor's proposed tidy up of Carholme will be on Sunday 18th March (afternoon) and will centre on the west End. This will form part of the students' Action Week.

All to note

Neil Murray agreed to arrange for a Planning representative to attend the next Forum to speak on how cycling fits into future developments in the City.

Action: Neil Murray

Neil reported on progress with the changes to Residents' Parking Schemes. The proposals had to go through the Council Executive, but from April 1st it is hoped to reduce passes per property from 3 to 2, to extend RPS on Burton Road, Willis Close and streets in Castle Ward and in a further phase to introduce RPS to Park Ward.

There was a discussion on the housing development on Rudgard Lane/West Parade. David Mitchell reported incidents including a digger being offloaded from a transported at 5.20 am, ignoring the working times, parking on double yellow lines and obstruction of pavements. There had also been garages blocked and examples of the garage holders being abused. He thanked the councillors for their support.

Neil asked for detail of the incidents of abuse, which he will follow up. He had witnessed much bad H&S practice during the demolition work and the scrutiny of work practices during construction will be tight.

Neil said he would be asking the Council to seek, as a condition for future significant developments, the use of companies who were members of 'considerate construction'.

Connor reported that the street lighting follow up survey was not complete, but that students were keen that their support be registered with the Executive for Regulation 7 (control of Lettings Boards) as their removal would reduce the risk of burglaries.

Action: Neil to relay to Exec

Rob Parker has spoken to Highways about signage on the Hampton Street/ Richmond Road crossroads and a damaged sign is to be replaced. Sandra Lewis reported witnessing a near collision due to a 'failure to stop' by a vehicle on Hampton Street.

Action: continues (LCC)

Rob is to meet Alex Rosen (LLRA) to discuss flashing speed signs for Long Leys Road.

Rob reported that the short lengths of double yellow lines adjacent to schools are advisory (not enforceable). A Traffic Regulation Order would be needed to install enforceable lines, and LCC are waiting until early in 2018/19 (after 1st April) before funding any TROs.

Action: continues

Forum Constitutional Arrangements

Rob Parker gave an update on the bank accounts, which are now active, although no change in the bank mandates have been auctioned as yet.

There was then a discussion on the 2010(approx) CCF Constitution as received from the City Council, which relates to residents as members of the Forum. This wording appeared to require the AGM to be open to all ward residents.

In practice, members attend as representatives of organisations of residents (e.g. WERA) or not for profit organisations (Lincoln University, Lincoln SU and Millennium Trust) which contribute to the public good in Carholme ward.

Some amendment to the Constitution was desirable to cover this, but it was felt that the Constitution was otherwise overall a good document.

Action: Tony Speakman to progress

Noise and ASB

Francesca Bell reported from CoLC's perspective, the overall situation is good. Sandra reported that some students appeared to be deliberately parking to take up 2 spaces- Jacqueline Mayer asked for any offending addresses to be provided to her for follow up. David Mitchell stated the 10 days after Christmas had been bad with students going out after midnight and returning at 4.30 am. Jacqueline is working now with first years who will 'move out' next September. Neil Murray said complaints to him are minimal although Sharon Clarke had reported an issue 'with no. 13' – Jacqueline said she had met that week with Sharon and the students. Francesca said ASB were aware of the case.

Lucinda reported smoke problems with some boats (some unlicensed) on the Foss Dyke near the flats- ASB have visited and Lucinda is to communicate with the Canals and Rivers Trust about unlicensed boats.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Policing

PCSO Pete Davies reported that Christopher Forsdyke, is now 'on strength' in the City centre alongside PC Wrigley. PC Nathan Addlesee (at the meeting) is spending time with Neighbourhood Policing and has been providing information to residents on home security, burglary risks etc. PC Addlesee said that any resident was welcome to seek advice from the Police at any time.

Pete Davies reported that groups of youths had been causing problems around Sainsbury's and the Coop on Carholme Road, but had now moved on. There had been 6 burglaries, 3 on St Georges and 3 in the West End. A vehicle was stolen from Vindex Close. Forensics are being carried out to try and identify the culprits. 5 vehicles have been damaged; there had been 2 incidents of theft and 4 cycle thefts.

There had been 3 arrests for drug taking in the Millennium Park/ Yarborough Road area.

Alison Griffiths welcomed the positive results from Police action, and reported that residents near Millennium Park were taking an interest in developments.

An incident of drugs being on sale outside Sainsbury's had been followed up and Pete had made 5 ASB visits from West End referrals.

Alison was concerned by an incident in Liquorice Park where a dog not on a lead had attacked other dogs. Verbal abuse had resulted, and Alison felt perhaps Liquorice Park needed an 'all dogs must be on a lead' policy. Alison was recommended to discuss the issue with the City Dog Warden on Newland Street West.

Action: Alison Griffiths

David Mitchell highlighted Deliveroo cyclists' (mis)use of the pavements, and Pete said that cyclists are now often stopped, and their cycles are checked (lights, brakes etc).

Ros Garrod –Mason reported a worrying incident of a motorist driving along the pavement.

Police priorities from the Forum were maintained as ASB, dangerous cycling on the pavement and speeding on Long Leys Road.

Community Issues

Rob Parker reported very good news, in that the Gresham Street Surgery is to be recontracted, retaining this crucial local facility.

Alison reported on support for improvements at Liquorice Park: Siemens has agreed to donate £1000 towards labour costs and a wildlife grant is to be made for £300. Neil Murray is trying to find volunteers to help, although Alison said the new steps need to be built professionally.

Jane Kilby spoke about the SU's 'Make a difference Week' in mid March which is to bring together students and residents around Brayford Pool, St Faith's Church Hall and Liquorice Park. Information is available on the SU website.

In response to a question from Sandra Lewis, Jane said details will be shared with WERA.

Action: Jane Kilby to share info.

Connor Delaney reported on a meeting with Virgin Trains East Coast who have a 'Large Community Fund' relating to access to stations. Applications can be made from April 1st.

Rob Parker asked for contact details, which Connor will provide.

Action: Connor Delaney to supply details

Rob reported on the 'West End Spaces' project who have a site between Carholme Road and Blenheim Road for a Children's Play Area. They are looking for Community Funds, and applying to Awards for All for children 0-7.

Following a question from Sandra Lewis, Neil Murray agreed to look at CoLC section 106 monies and to review the monthly funding newsletter.

Action: Neil Murray

Street Scene/ Planning

George Woolfenden reported that the CoOp was looking at providing a manual carwash at the Carholme road garage, and he was concerned that pedestrians may be at risk with increased traffic crossing the pavement. Rob said he would check to see what crossing arrangements were possible.

Action: Rob Parker

Highways

Rob Parker reported that the Highways budget was not increasing for 2018/19, with a focus on smaller schemes and filling potholes.

Sandra Lewis reported the no entry sign at the bottom of York Road was badly rusted and needs replacement, also a stack of breeze blocks have been left in the road.

Actions: Rob Parker

Jon Davies relayed a request for a grit bin in Albion Crescent and Albion Close. Rob said that the County might view LLRA as equivalent to a Parish Council so needing to pay for bins which would then be filled/ topped up by LCC. He will pursue the issue.

Action: Rob Parker

Carholme Gala 2018

Tony Speakman recommended members to hold a planning meeting during February, and asked for confirmation of involvement by interested parties.

It was agreed to hold the meeting, to be attended by reps from LU, the University Chaplaincy, the SU, WERA, the Scouts and the 4 local Councillors.

Rob Parker offered to organise the meeting.

Action: Rob Parker/ All to note

Other Business

Jon Davies stated the LLRA AGM is expected to be on Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm.

All to note

Rob Parker reported that Anglian Water had been unable to provide an update on the Carholme Road drainage/ flooding situation before the meeting. He will circulate their response as soon as possible.

Action: Rob Parker (Anglian Water)

Jane Kilby asked to record her thanks to Nigel Manders of WERA for his support during Freshers Week.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 20th March 2018, 5.30 pm in Committee Room 3 at City Hall.

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Present:

Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln	
Connor Delany	UL Students Union	
Jane Kilby	UL Students Union	
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park	
Sandra Lewis	WERA	
George Woolfenden	WERA/ Open Spaces	
Ros Garrod-Mason	St Faith's Church	
David Mitchell	Small Business Action Group	
PCSO Pete Davies	Lincolnshire Police	
Nathan Addlesee	Lincolnshire Police	
Gary Stimson	Long Leys Residents Association	
Jon Davies	Long Leys Residents Association	
Francesca Bell	CoLC Anti Social Behaviour (Acting Team Leader)	
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Neil Murray	City Councillor	
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor	