Minutes of LLRA Management Committee Meeting Thurs 16 January 2020 6:00pm

Purpose: Review of current issues affecting Long Leys residents

Present: Gary Stimson, Megan Cox, Jackie Ward, Jon Davies, Tony Wass, Keith

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Apologies: Emma Olivier-Townrow, Jim Hanrahan, Glenn Smith

Kindly hosted by: Gary

1. Introduction by Chair

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Gary welcomed the committee to the meeting.	

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of 14 November 2019 were accepted as a true record of	
the meeting.	

3. Treasurer's Report

Jackie advised that the expenditure since the last meeting included:

- £150 for Community Speed Watch equipment (offset by a kind donation of £125 from Jim).
- £11.98 for the refreshments at Carols on the Green

cars over 35mph. Registrations are then submited to the

police who send an educational letter to the vehicle owner.

The balance remaining of the 2019/2020 budget is £143 with no other planned expenditure (excluding Neighbourhood Planning which is fully grant funded by Locality).

4. SID Update

A handover meeting has taken place, with Glenn now responsible for managing the volunteers and ensuring the unit moves between locations in Long Leys and the West End.

The unit is now at L4 (opposite Emma's house) and will move to L3 (by Curtis) in a few days to allow a Community Speed Watch (CSW) session with volunteers recording speeding

Glenn

The CSW session is proposed for w/c 27 Jan. All the required equipment required has now been received.

Jon will speak to Wates regarding the CSW event to ensure that parked vans are not left on the road, which would negate the purpose of the activity.

Jon

5. Carols on The Green

The 2019 event was well attended with circa 40-50 residents. Keith was pleased with the way the event ran, although the torrential rain as the event finished dissuaded most from staying for a glass of mulled wine. The committee recorded their thanks to Keith for organising this event and to the other helpers that made it possible.

The 2020 event will be held 5-6pm Saturday 19 December. Keith will look to include Cloverleaf Care home in the event and contacts are being established between the church and the care home.

6. Carholme Community Forum (CCF) update

Minutes of these meetings can be seen at http://long-leys.org/carholme-community-forum/

Last Meeting: Tuesday 14 January 2020 attended by Gary/Jon Next meeting: Tuesday 25 February 2020

Key topics:

- Gary/Jon will be visiting the City of Lincoln Council (CoLC) CCTV operation on 17 January. Ideally CCTV coverage for security and health and safety coverage would be included as part of the Whittons Park children's playpark upgrade
- CoLC is considering a firework policy and is likely to encourage firework event organisers to register displays; allowing neighbours to take precautions to protect pets/ animals on the Commons. There is a national drive to make fireworks less noisy, which is being supported by CoLC.
- The Carholme Gala has invited LLRA to participate in the gala. Gary called for volunteers, but none were forthcoming.
- A brief discussion on the temporary reintroduction of the right turn from Newland into The Avenue took place. Most of the committee felt there was something wrong with a developer being permitted to close a lane on Newland for what will amount to two and a half years out of three. This will be raised at the next CCF where Highways and the developer will be present.
- The closure plan for the Skellingthorpe GP practice, includes a review of bus services, including Stagecoach Service 20 and PC coaches 777 (covers Burton Waters/Saxilby and the Carlton's.

7. Commons Advisory Panel (CAP) Update

CAP information can be seen at

https://democratic.lincoln.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=141

Last meeting: 16 September attended by Jon

Next meeting: Due to general elections the 9 December meeting was

deferred to 3 February 2020.

Matters to be raised:

- Location of benches
- Issues with horses blocking the West Parade/Long Leys Road path. This will include asking for improved drainage by the gate to stop water flowing over the path. The boggy nature of the grass seems to be encouraging horses to stand on the tarmac.
- The West Parade/Long Leys Road path needs regular cleaning in the winter to remove mud and horse manure
- A request will be made to convert the footpath running alongside the Common/the rear of houses on Hewson Road to a multi-use path and remove the no cycling signs.

8. Planning Applications

Nothing to report.	
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9. Footpath Adoption

Whittons Park:

RoW team still to complete their investigation on the application. Tony suggested that we wait for the grant of the RoW before considering how/whether some form of cycle route could be developed through Newt Hollow (edge of the site / non tarmac surface?). Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust have offered LLRA a lease on Newt Hollow, at nominal rent provided LLRA maintain it. Whilst worth consideration, a number of things have to happen first: RoW granted / Whitton Park Playpark upgrade progress / ideally needs to tie into Lincoln Transport Strategy and any potential grant funding.

Higson Steps

It was pointed out that the Higson Steps do not appear on the online version of the definitive map. Tony to explore why this is missing and to consider how we get it on the definitive map. See http://row.lincolnshire.gov.uk/map.aspx?act=Walking

Tony

10. Whittons Park Playpark Upgrade

A brief on the park upgrade was presented to CoLC in December. It is not likely to be considered until the end of April, when the Lincoln Play Strategy has been completed, although a request has gone to the strategy holder to consider where it sits in the priorities.

As part of the consultation on the playpark, residents nearby Whittons Park received either a letter explaining the plan or were spoken to face-to-face. None made any written objection to the brief.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Action Group (NPAG) Progress Report

All activities within this project can be seen at http://long-leys.org/neighbourhood-plan/

Progress on the plan has been somewhat overtaken by the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP) which is exploring some hundreds of potential housing sites across Central Lincs which have been proposed by landowners. A number are within Long Leys, although most may get ruled out as being outside the boundary of the A46. The CLLP is looking at sites which can accommodate 10 or more homes and Long Leys should know whether we get an housing allocation (and if so the size of it) around May 2020. In the meantime, there is little point in progressing the housing element of the Neighbourhood Plan until we have clarity from the CLLP. This is likely to extend the project by circa 6 months.

As a result, around £6k of this year's grant will need to be returned to locality, and NPAG will need to reapply in the new financial year.

In the meantime, NPAG will switch to doing a community survey on the Community Vision & Objectives (now on version 6) along with exploring more detail on a shop, community centre and footpaths/cycle routes. This will include a community newsletter explaining progress so far.

Jon/Jackie

12. Traffic Commissioner Complaint

Jon and Megan to liaise on this to progress in the next week or so	Jon
	Megan

13.AOB

Tony agreed to write to LCC Highways on behalf of LLRA to request that consideration be given to adding a no-through road sign at the entrance of Albion Crescent/Close.

Tony

Glenn passed on a comment from a resident about whether 'cycling prohibited signage' could be put up on the footpath that goes around Albion Crescent. Jon to clarify with Glenn what issues this is trying to address, and which specific parts of the footpath were referred to. Depending on the specifics LLRA may then consider seeking advice from highways.

Jon/Glenn

Glenn suggested bringing a dial a ride bus to the AGM which the meeting felt was a positive move.

Glenn

C/f Resident suggested idea of supporting less able/isolated members of the community by setting up "a group of volunteers which visited people with medicines or shopping that needed collecting or simply just for a chat or some basic phone/computer tutoring etc.". Emma agreed to consider what options there were for setting this up for review at the next meeting, to include any potential volunteer vetting and insurance issues.

Emma

The issue of committee members being unable to attend the management meetings was raised for meetings beyond the AGM. Those present felt it may be worthwhile to consider changing the day of the week for the six meetings held in the year. A Tuesday seemed suitable for those present so Jon will check with non-attending committee members to see if that would help at all. Alternatively, meetings could be alternated between different weekdays.

Jon

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

14. Management Meeting Dates

Next meeting: 6-8pm Thursday 12 March 2020 – Jackie's home.

Future meeting dates

30 April. See http://long-leys.org/management-committee-minutes/

JP Davies v1 16 January 2020