

Minutes of Long Leys Residents' Association (LLRA) Residents Meeting 8pm Tuesday 22 May, Discovery Café, St George's

Purpose: Opportunity for residents to feedback and raise issues regarding the Community

Present: 66 residents (including 8 committee members) and 13 guests

Apologies: Keith Newsome (committee member)

Chair: Gary Stimson

1. Matters arising from 2017 AGM

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<p>A written update was provided on 2017 matters arising. See http://long-leys.org/pdf/actions2017.pdf for details.</p> <p>Seats on West Common are missing. They were believed to have been removed for maintenance and not re-instated. City Councillor Neil Murray to advise what the current position is.</p>	<p>Councillor Neil Murray</p>

2. Additional Comments Related to 2017 Matters Arising

<p>A resident raised concerns that the white lines on Manrico Drive are not visible. Gary Stimson to raise at next Carholme Community Forum to clarify how white lines are made more visible.</p>	<p>Gary Stimson</p>
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3. Carholme Gala 2018

<p>Megan Cox advised that the Carholme Gala will be held on Sunday 23 September around the Racecourse Grandstand area on Carholme Road. Further information will be communicated to residents when available.</p>	<p>Megan Cox</p>
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4. Adoption of Footpath to Whitton Park

<p>Tony Wass confirmed this was progressing. Two landowners had been identified: City of Lincoln Council and Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation Limited (connected to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust).</p> <p>Tony advised that the Lincolnshire Trust had a section 36 order applied to it from 2014. However, since use of the footpath pre-dates this, adoption should still be possible. The next step is for Tony Wass to contact the six residents who have confirmed their use of this footpath to ask them to fill in the required details on a form.</p>	<p>Tony Wass</p>
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5. St George's Bus Service Switch to Service 20

Lack of passenger numbers on the St George's bus service has meant the route was no longer commercially viable and the previous operator gave 3 months notice to cancel their contract. The route went out to tender. A new supplier has been found, on an initial 3-year contract. The annual subsidy has risen to around £30,000.

The new 20 Service from Stagecoach will be introduced Mon-Fri from 1 June along with the CallConnect service for Saturdays from 9 June. On Saturday 2 June only, a weekday timetable 20 Service will operate.

The new service replaces the previous 5 Service and provides access to the Central Bus Station. The new service will no longer serve the Ermine, however patronage was very low in this section of the route.

See: <http://long-leys.org/new-20-bus-service-provisional-details-from-1-june/> for the route and details of the links to other services.

Maria Lyon from LCC Transport Services explained the new timetable and that to use the CallConnect service users must register. Maria offered to help any users with registering for the service. (Just email your contact details to LLRA@long-leys.org and they will be passed on to Maria).

Once registered, CallConnect users can book a Saturday journey up to a week in advance (minimum notice 1 hour) to their desired location. The service currently provides 265,000 passenger journeys per year, across Lincolnshire using 42 vehicles with 75% of users getting exactly the journey time they wanted. The earlier a journey is booked, the more likely you are to get the exact time.

Two concerns were raised by residents:

1. The lack of direct access to Burton Road

Maria Lyon said passengers wishing to travel to Burton Road can access this by changing at the Central Bus Station for services 7, 8 or 17 (or 3 and 4 for Lincoln County hospital) with a frequency of circa 10 mins. The 20 timetable is designed to dovetail around these other services, to avoid a wait at the Central Bus Station for connecting buses. There is no additional cost for bus pass users and for fare paying users, Stagecoach offer a Dayrider service for £4.40 for all buses. Bus station for 7 / 8 / 17

2. The previous Service 5 driver has been willing to drop less mobile passengers off at locations closer to their homes and pick them up if he sees them on the road walking to the stop.

Following the meeting, Andy Smith from Stagecoach (at Maria Lyon's request) kindly updated LLRA by email: "Firstly drivers are not allowed to divert off the normal route unless there is a road closure hence its always best to wait at the stops provided by the Council. There are currently four official stops, two (one on both

<p>sides) on Long Leys Rd near to Curtis, one on Long Leys Rd opposite the allotments and one on Carram Way which will be observed at all times and it is recommended that passengers where possible do use these. Drivers occasionally will stop on other sections of the route where it is safe to do so on request, however this is at their discretion because of parked cars etc and only if it is safe to do so at the time. The official stops as described can be viewed on Google Maps, however if you require additional official stops then you need to ask Maria at Transport Services.”</p> <p>LLRA will monitor the situation as the new service beds in and react accordingly.</p> <p>Maria Lyon will provide printed copies of the timetable information to LLRA for distribution to all Long Leys residents.</p> <p>Residents mentioned that local schoolchildren had just lost their bus to The Priory Academy LSST (St Katherine's House, Cross O'Cliff Hill, Lincoln LN5 8PW) and there could be an opportunity for LCC to run a bus service at 8am to this site. Megan Cox to provide details to Maria Lyon.</p>	<p>LLRA</p> <p>Maria Lyon/LLRA</p> <p>Megan Cox</p>
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6. Commons Advisory Panel (CAP) Update

<p>A resident highlighted that the gate from Mitchell Drive into the West Common had dropped and needed adjustment.</p> <p>Emma to raise with CAP and report back on action taken.</p>	<p>Emma Olivier Townrow</p>
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7. Hospital Update from Ian Jerams

<p>Close-off of Benbow Way Ian ran through the challenge of closing off hospital access from Benbow Way and acknowledged the problems of overflow parking. Once the new locked gates are in place on Benbow Way and all traffic forced to enter the hospital from Long Leys Road, the situation will be reviewed again. They are also looking to move some services not essential for hospital operation off-site to other Lincoln locations in coming months. LLRA to monitor the progress of the gate installation (likely to be late Summer) and provide guidance on whether the pedestrian gate should be locked or left unlocked to maintain public access.</p> <p>Longer term development Ian will update residents in future years on the plans for further changes. At the moment these are at a very early stage.</p> <p>Smoking and Litter Residents highlighted that smokers were dropping cigarette butts close to hospital site exits, which was frustrating and caused litter.</p>	<p>LLRA</p>
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<p>Ian offered to arrange for a patient to be paid to do a litter sweep, especially of the exits and the footpath behind the hospital running from Long Leys Road up to Albion Crescent.</p>	
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8. Carholme Community Forum

<p>Gary Stimson highlighted that LLRA is a member of this forum, which includes local councillors, other resident associations, the university and student union along with the police. The Forum sets police priorities for the Carholme area which are currently: ASB, dangerous cycling on the pavement and speeding on Long Leys Road.</p> <p>Minutes of the CCF can be found at: http://long-leys.org/carholme-community-forum/</p>	
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9. Carols on the Green 22 December 2018

<p>This will be held next to the Lychgate opposite 210 Long Leys Road at 5pm on Saturday 22 December 2018.</p>	
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10. Open Forum

<p>A vote of thanks was made to all those who helped with the inaugural Long Leys litter pick on Saturday 28 April.</p> <p>Kay Rowntree, PCSO introduced herself to the community.</p> <p>A resident highlighted that the Barratt/David Wilson Homes contractors were slow in cutting the grass around St George's such as the bank at the back of the estate towards Burton Ridge. The contract for the grass cutting seemed to have changed from two-weekly to three-weekly and the contractor said they were being moved to four-weekly in the future.</p> <p>Councillor Robert Parker offered to address this with the developer.</p> <p>Added Note: there are differing resident views on the ideal frequency of grass cutting in different areas of Long Leys; primarily to allow wildlife to be disturbed less often. Anglian Water recommend that foliage in the detention basin fed by the swale in Albion Crescent is allowed to grow to absorb any residual water</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to the staff at the Discovery Café and at St George's hospital for supporting the 2018 LLRA AGM</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:45pm</p>	<p>Councillor Robert Parker</p>
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