

Minutes of LLRA Management Committee Meeting Tues 22 November 2022 6:00pm

Purpose: Review of current issues affecting Long Leys residents

Present: Gary Stimson, Jon Davies, Nick Wiles, Glenn Smith Jackie Ward, Keith Newsome

Apologies: Jim Hanrahan, Emma Olivier-Townrow,

Kindly hosted by: Gary

1. Introduction by Chair

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| The meeting thanked Gary for hosting the meeting. | Action |
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2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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| Minutes and decisions of 27 September 2022 meeting were accepted as a true record. | |
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3. Finances Update

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| 2022/23 See Appendix A for latest position. | |
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4. Post-AGM Committee Adjustments

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| <p>GSt welcomed NW to the management committee.</p> <p>Keith Newsome was proposed and seconded for the vacant position of vice-chair. Vice-chair duties include chairing meetings in absence of chair, countersigning cheques and, along with other officers, having emails to LLRA diverted automatically to him.</p> <p>Other officers were happy to stay in post.</p> | |
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5. AGM Review

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| <p>There were 134 attendees of which circa 119 were residents. Attendance levels at LLRA meetings has varied in the past, depending on the topics under discussion and this was towards the higher end, although somewhat below attendance for StopVeolia and cemetery development discussions.</p> <p>There was difficulty in people hearing some of the meeting dialogue and it was suggested that for this size of audience microphones and amplification would be better.</p> <p>Most meeting objectives were achieved, and it was good to be able to run the first face-to-face AGM post-COVID restrictions. There was disappointment that there wasn't sufficient time for everyone to speak on the Village Centre project or for the panel to answer</p> | |
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| <p>questions but these had been captured to inform further stages of the project.</p> <p>JD advised that the risk assessment for the meeting had originally assumed that car park lighting at the hospital would remain on. This had not happened and that those walking through via Gervas House were in darkness. Access to a public meeting at the site would be much safer in the lighter evenings and future LLRA public meetings should ideally revert back to the traditional May timing and finish before sunset. If meetings were required during dark evenings then special arrangements should be made to keep hospital car park lighting on.</p> | |
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6. Dial-A-Ride Subscription

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| <p>LLRA's Dial-A-Ride subscription lapsed at the end of October. GSsm reported utilisation of the service since the end of COVID restrictions (6 months) had been zero so not renewing made sense. If further demand is identified in the future then the situation can be reviewed again.</p> | |
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7. Carholme Community Forum (CCF) update

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| <p>Last meeting: Tuesday 15 Nov 2022 attended by GSt Next meeting: TBA.</p> <p>LCC Highways propose a 6 to 8 week closure of Carholme Road for a major resurfacing. This will include changes to pedestrian crossings to make them more pedestrian friendly and co-ordinated. Carholme Road is likely to be made one way during the work, with outbound Lincoln traffic only. Diversions would be via Tritton Road and Yarborough Road. This is likely to cause severe traffic disruption. The work is likely to be in June/July 2023 and occur 7am to 7pm. Whilst dates have yet to be finalised 6 weeks advance notice will be given.</p> <p>Since much of the inbound Lincoln traffic is likely to use Long Leys Road, consideration needs to be given to the impact in Long Leys. LLRA will ask, initially via Councillor Robert Parker, what mitigation measures will be in place on Long Leys Road to permit safe crossing of Long Leys Road by school children and reducing the risk of speeding.</p> | <p>Jon Davies</p> |
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8. Commons Advisory Panel (CAP) Update

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| <p>Last meeting: 24 October attended by JD Next meeting: 5 December</p> <p>The golf club shared their winter management plan to protect both the playing surface and wildlife habitat areas.</p> <p>The CAP Chair is exploring with the university whether there is any scope to enhance sports facilities on West Common.</p> | |
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9. Speed Indicator Device (SID) Update

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| Currently at Cemetery and then moves to opposite 55 Long Leys Road in December before returning to the West End in January. | Glenn Smith |
| Following the AGM resolution, Glenn will progress permanent solar-powered SID by cemetery with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (Graeme Butler). In the light of the increased inbound traffic volumes caused by the temporary future closure of Carholme Road it would be ideal to get the permanent SID in place before June 2023. | |
| WERA had provisionally agreed to contribute £50 per year as a contribution to replacement batteries. | Glenn Smith |
| Glenn had approached new SID volunteer (Scott Soulsby) and will schedule him into future rotas. | |

10. Whittons Park Playpark Upgrade

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| The city council are trying to resolve what appears to be a design/installation issue with the double zip wire with the contractor. Until this is resolved it is out of use. | |
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11. Planning Watching Brief

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| <u>Planning Applications (0 in total since last meeting)</u> Nothing to report. | |
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12. Long Leys 2021-2040 Neighbourhood Plan / Village Centre Project

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| <p>From the AGM it was clear that there needed to be a much more nuanced discussion on new facilities and locations within the Village Centre project. Some residents were supportive of facilities in principle but had concerns if they were too close to their own homes. Likewise, some allotment tenants were opposed to using allotment land to provide new community facilities but were less concerned about other locations. Far greater clarity was required on what people wanted and where, which could not realistically be achieved with a simple binary vote.</p> <p>Added to this the Curtis factory had recently been put into receivership. This is likely to attract developer interest. A small part of the Curtis factory site (circa 1 Hectare) is still being used to support small scale activities for the retail shops. However, long-term it was likely that the site would be sold to a developer, either in part or entirely.. LLRA has no control over whether development would be for industrial/warehousing use, for housing or for mixed housing/retail/light industrial use. However, it would be helpful to canvass resident feedback, particularly from those living nearby, as to which future uses residents would be more comfortable with.</p> | |
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| <p>The Curtis factory and the remainder of the 3.8 hectares Albion Works is classified in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan as an Established Employment Area. With the future of the Cemex site unknown and Travis Perkins indicating at least a partial move of their timber yard to Teal Park it would make some sense for the Albion Works area to be master planned by the city council to ensure that the whole area was planned overall rather than developed in a fragmented way.</p> <p>Following discussion, the meeting agreed to reactivate the Long Leys Neighbourhood Plan activity. This would allow the involvement of professionals to undertake a community consultation on all aspects of future needs in Long Leys which could cover both the 20-year Neighbourhood Plan and any Village Centre project requirements. Depending on timing, this was likely to involve a grant application for the new financial year starting in April 2023. The existing grant could also potentially be used although a spring timing for a consultation would work better.</p> <p>GSt advised that the city council had no direct experience of the requirements of the 2012 Localism Act and appeared to be somewhat confused about their roles as planning authority and that of landowner. It was important to clarify this. A response to a query from Simon Walters about current progress on the CRB was also required.</p> <p>It would also be appropriate for the city council to act as fund holder for any grant funding, as an incorporated body was required to receive it. JW will check if there is any difference in requirements between Community Right to Build funding and Neighbourhood Plan funding. JD will clarify with city planning.</p> | <p>Jackie Ward / Jon Davies</p> <p>Gary Stimson / Jon Davies</p> <p>Jackie Ward / Jon Davies</p> |
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13. Newt Hollow Potential Tenancy Agreement

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| <p>The Newt Hollow tenancy proposal has been put to LWT. c/f Response awaited. Hopefully dialogue can be had at the December CAP.</p> | |
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14. Sales of land owned by the Suthrell family

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| <p>JD was pleased to report that both plot 3 (Albion Crescent Green) and plot 2b (area to east of Albion Crescent/Close footpath with trees) had now been acquired by LLRA from the former landowner. The land will be briefly held in trust by LLRA and in the next week or so would then be transferred either to LCC Highways (Plot 3) or LGMC (Plot 2b) who would take on the long-term maintenance liability for the land. Covenants in the transfer documents would ensure the land was held In perpetuity in its current state.</p> <p>JD was thanked for his hard work in responding to the requests for help from local residents on Albion Crescent/Close.</p> | |
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| Plot 2a, land between 28 and 32 Albion Crescent, had been acquired by a local developer who was likely to build two bungalows on the site. The horse chestnut tree by the footpath has no statutory protection and is likely to be removed. The top part of the footpath is also likely to be diverted to be closer to 32 Albion Crescent. | |
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15. New 2022 Constitution

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| Following the AGM resolution, the 2022 LLRA constitution is now active and on display on the long-leys.org website. | |
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16. Carols at Cloverleaf

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| KN to organise with Cloverleaf Care home and advise dates etc when available. | Keith Newsome |
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17. Santa visit 2022

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| EOT is taking the lead on this and has the support of a local resident with a flat bed truck. EOT to advise dates and timing and any support needed from committee members. | Emma Olivier-Townrow |
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18. Proposed Mission Statement

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| A resident thought that it would be helpful to communicate a brief mission statement on the website and had suggested a draft, based on the LLRA's lengthier web material. This is attached in Appendix B for discussion at next meeting. | All |
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19. Clarification Request

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| <p>JD said that NW had made libellous, defamatory, unpleasant and inaccurate statements about LLRA as an organisation, and about individual LLRA committee members. JD asked NW how he reconciles these previously expressed views with his recent successful application to join the LLRA committee. NW said he was not prepared to respond to these questions and chose to leave the meeting at that point.</p> <p>GSt spoke to NW as he was leaving. GSt stated that he recognised this was an emotive topic and advised NW that the communications in question would be emailed to him so he could review them outside the meeting and have the opportunity to give a considered response.</p> <p>Following NW's departure copies of these communications were made available for the committee to review, as not all members had previously been aware of them.</p> | |
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| <p>It was noted that whilst odd examples could perhaps be excused due to emotions running high, these had occurred over a number of months. GSt reminded the meeting that LLRA committee members have a responsibility to behave in a reasonable manner towards fellow committee members, in accordance with the LLRA constitution.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.05pm</p> | |
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20. Management Meeting Dates

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| <p>Next meeting: Proposed for Tuesday 17 January 2023. Host TBC</p> <p>For all minutes see http://long-leys.org/management-committee-minutes/</p> | |
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JP Davies
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Appendix A: Finance Report
LLRA Meeting Tuesday 22/11/2022

Balances at last meeting £16,087.36

Cash Flow

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| Opening Balance | 33.91 | |
| Bank charges | 10.00 | £5 x 2 mthly chgs 9/10 – 9/11/22 |
| Bank charges | 1.20 | 3x40p chgs estimated |
| Closing Balance @ 18/11/22 | 22.71 | |

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| Opening Balance | 6568.45 |
| No Transactions | 0 |
| Closing Balance @ 18/11/22 | 6568.45 |

Deposits Re. Albion Cres.

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| Opening Balance | 9485.00 | |
| Less Transactions | 7577.40 | Land purchase incl. Sellers costs incl. VAT |
| Closing Balance @ 18/11/22 | 1907.60 | Note: To be refunded to 15 x contributors |

Total Funds

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| Balance at Bank @ 18/11/22 | 8498.76 |
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Anticipated Expenditure

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| Carols on the Green | TBA |
| Total | 0 |

Appendix B: Suggested 1st Draft - Long Leys Residents Association - Mission Statement

Our mission is to engage with the Long Leys community and determine current and future needs

To help and assist the community to identified priorities and projects that will enhance health, wellbeing and social benefits of the local community both now and in years to come.

To harness enthusiasm and skills within the Long Leys community that would help facilitate and shape the defined Long Leys area.

To liaise and work positively with others who impact on the community of Long Leys Road area towards positive outcomes for residents.

To be open, honest, transparent, democratic and political neutral.

To have due regard and respect differences.