Minutes of LLRA Management Committee Meeting Tues 4 August 2020 6:00pm

Purpose: Review of current issues affecting Long Leys residents

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

Smith, Emma Olivier-Townrow, Jim Hanrahan, Keith Newsome

Kindly hosted by: Online Meeting via Zoom

1. Introduction by Chair

Gary welcomed the committee to the meeting.	Action

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes and decisions of 7 July 2020 meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Impact of May 2020 AGM Cancellation

The proposed copy for the communication explaining the AGM cancellation, circulated to the committee, was accepted. Additions will be to thank the Long Leys resilient community volunteers and to ask the community to share the information with those not on email.	Jon
Lincolnshire Resilience Forum will be contacted to establish what support they are currently delivering now shielding has finished. Jim suggested that Tesco may still have some funds available to	Jon Jim
support community activity and will forward link to Jon.	

4. 2019/2020 and 2020/21 Finances

2019/20 finances will be shared online with the community.	Jon

5. Carholme Community Forum (CCF) update

Minutes of these meetings can be seen at http://long-	
leys.org/carholme-community-forum/	
Last (online) meeting: Friday 28 July 2020 attended by Jon	
Next meeting: 5:30pm Tues 15 September (location TBC)	
Key points:	
 Consideration is now being given to future uses of the 	
Police station on West Parade.	

6. Commons Advisory Panel (CAP) Update

CAP information can be seen at

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

Last (online) meeting: 16 July 2020 Next meeting: 6pm 14 September 2020

- An outside meeting to discuss the "Friends of the Commons" proposal, was proposed for West Common. (Subsequently it was clarified by city council legal advice that current Covid-19 guidelines would prevent this).
- Emma explained that part of the thinking for the friends was based on a Finish parents' group that explained to young adults when it was time to go home and how they should be using the common.
- Megan raised an issue related to the tennis courts where they appeared to be used during the day for professional tennis coaching and children had struggled to get on the courts. Emma volunteered to inform the city council of the issue.

Emma

7. Planning Applications

No new applications. Tony mentioned that he had written to Chris Marsh and discovered that Chris was not consulted about the Yarborough Road planning application to build over the line of the footpath on the Definitive Map. There has been recent activity on the land close to the footpath with tree cutting and new fencing which has diverted the routes used by deer on the ridge.

8. SID Update

SID software has been updated by Elancity to try and resolve ongoing issues of intermittent operation. SID is back at Curtis (from Sunday evening 2 August) with the batteries appearing to take all day to top up. The data and battery state will be checked by Glenn and fed back to Elancity. The batteries only have a 6-month warranty but Elancity said that if this was the cause of the problem then replacements would be provided FOC.

Glenn

c/f Glenn requested further help on transferring the data from his mobile to a pc. Jon to see if this can be done via zoom conversation once SID is functioning properly and data is available. Evograph and Evocom software needs to be updated from the customer section of the website to the latest version (4.1.8)

Glenn/Jon

9. Footpaths / Cycleways

Whittons Park Route: No significant progress. County council have advised that there is a legal issue around whether a Right of Way (RoW) can be granted across public open space (despite their already being an existing footpath running over it). Also, that it is likely that LWT will object to the RoW across Newt Hollow.

Simon Walters at the city council had offered to produce a management agreement for LLRA to be able to undertake various conservation activities alongside the alleged footpath across Hobblers Hole (including digging out the ephemeral pond to encourage Newt's to breed, a bug hotel and plating a wildflower strip – with guidance from LWT). Jon proposed that a 5-metre strip either side of the potential footpath was maintained by LLRA volunteers. Tony was concerned that this is something that the city council should do rather than LLRA taking on maintenance responsibility. Jon's view was that the benefit was primarily to give LLRA the authority to undertake specific work to enhance the children's play park experience by allowing a "nature trail" from St George's to Whitton Park The meeting agreed to ask the city council to prepare a draft management agreement to discuss at a future meeting. Costs and legal implications appear to be low but this needs to be reviewed before a decision is made by LLRA.

Jon

Lincoln Transport Strategy

Whilst this still drags on, LLRA has had the opportunity to input to grant applications via our county councillor (Councillor Robert Parker) for the Emergency Active Travel Fund for cycling and walking.

Suggestions made have already been included in the LLRA Feb 2019 submission to the Lincoln Transport Strategy:

- Widening the central refuge at the main entrance to West Common on Long Leys Road, to ensure anyone crossing with a cycle or disabled buggy can pause in the central reservation without their bike/buggy dangerously overhanging the carriageways.
- Converting the footpath running between West Common and the back of homes on Hewson Road into a multi-use path with the removal of the no-cycling signs to allow cycling.
- Adding secure bike storage boxes on West Parade which could persuade some students not to bring their cars into Lincoln as they could store their bike easily and securely on the road. The loss of two resident parking bays for the bike storage areas should more than be offset by the reduction in student vehicles being parked in Carholme.

There is also the opportunity to add cycling and pedestrian improvement suggestions to an open data website (the above have been added). See https://www.widenmypath.com/suggest/#15/53.2409/-0.5556	
Jon asked all committee members to visit this link and upvote the suggestions that they agree with.	All
Jon is waiting to see how the above develops before reaching out to our local MP and the county council leader and transport stakeholder to engage them in possible transport solutions for Long Leys	Jon
10. Whittons Park Playpark Upgrade	
A commitment has been made by the city council in principle, but resources have to be available before further progress can be made.	
11.Neighbourhood Plan Action Group (NPAG) Progress Report	
All activities within this project can be seen at http://long-leys.org/neighbourhood-plan/ On hold until the housing element of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP) is resolved (unlikely in 2020).	
12.Traffic Commissioner Complaint	
Still awaiting a response from the Traffic Commissioner on their approach to the valid complaints. No timescale available.	
13.Long Leys Cemetery Dog Fouling	
Jon is awaiting details of the signage from Steve Lockwood to share with the community. It does appear as if signage has yet been put up.	
14. Roadside flower planting	la del
Jackie will re-approach Lee George in August.	Jackie
15.Grass cutting in St George's The public open spaces have all been cut by the contractor.	
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16.AOB

Glenn suggested that litter picking was needed in various areas including West Common and offered to take part one evening. Jon expressed concern that current COVID-19 guidance made an organised session problematic, especially as LLRA borrowed the equipment for organised sessions.

Keith suggested that CAP should put more imaginative anti-litter messages at entrances to the Common.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.

17. Management Meeting Dates

Next meeting: 6-7pm Tuesday 22 September - Online

Possible future meeting dates

• AGM, 18 May 2021. 7-8:30pm.

For all minutes see http://long-leys.org/management-committee-minutes/

JP Davies v1.0 4 August 2020