

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
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2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes and decisions of 7 July 2020 meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting.	
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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.	Jon
Jim suggested that Tesco may still have some funds available to support community activity and will forward link to Jon.	Jim

4. 2019/2020 and 2020/21 Finances

2019/20 finances will be shared online with the community.	Jon
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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration is now being given to future uses of the Police station on West Parade. 	
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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.

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.

Jon

<p>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</p> <p>Jon asked all committee members to visit this link and upvote the suggestions that they agree with.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Jon</p>
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10. Whittons Park Playpark Upgrade

<p>A commitment has been made by the city council in principle, but resources have to be available before further progress can be made.</p>	
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11. Neighbourhood Plan Action Group (NPAG) Progress Report

<p>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).</p>	
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12. Traffic Commissioner Complaint

<p>Still awaiting a response from the Traffic Commissioner on their approach to the valid complaints. No timescale available.</p>	
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13. Long Leys Cemetery Dog Fouling

<p>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.</p>	
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14. Roadside flower planting

<p>Jackie will re-approach Lee George in August.</p>	<p>Jackie</p>
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15. Grass cutting in St George's

<p>The public open spaces have all been cut by the contractor.</p>	
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16.AOB

<p>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.</p> <p>Keith suggested that CAP should put more imaginative anti-litter messages at entrances to the Common.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:15pm.</p>	
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17.Management Meeting Dates

<p>Next meeting: 6-7pm Tuesday 22 September - Online</p> <p>Possible future meeting dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM, 18 May 2021. 7-8:30pm. <p>For all minutes see http://long-leys.org/management-committee-minutes/</p>	
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