

Minutes of Long Leys Residents' Association Committee Meeting Thurs 8 Mar 18 6:30pm

Purpose: Review of current issues affecting Long Leys residents

Present: Gary Stimson, Megan Cox, Jackie Ward, Jon Davies, Megan Cox, Keith Newsome, Alex Rosen, Chris Taylor, Tony Wass,

Apologies: Emma Olivier-Townrow

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Were accepted as a true record of the meeting with no queries.	Action
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2. Action Points Not Otherwise on Agenda

Carols on the Green Keith felt this went well and was happy to organise again in 2018. A provisional date of 5pm on Saturday 22 December was proposed. It was suggested that a potential venue for 2019 could be a fully constructed Tanglewood Nursing Home.	Keith
Christmas Market 2018 It was agreed to ask the city council for temporary parking restrictions on Long Leys Road from the junction with Yarborough Road down to around Travis Perkins, with particular emphasis around pedestrian islands.	Alex

3. Veolia Update

<p>There has been no direct contact with Veolia since their appeal withdrawal, although they did not put up an objection to LLRA's claim for costs against them. This claim is currently being considered by the Planning Inspectorate. No timing on this is known. The LLRA is claiming £5,258.</p> <p>Jackie's report to the legal fund trustees showed a balance of fund of £6,890.41. It was proposed that £500 pounds be released from this fund to cover the ongoing operations of LLRA (AGM costs and other community functions) with the balance, including any recovered costs, frozen until at least June 2019, in an interest-bearing account, in case the community needed to defend a further planning application from Veolia (or any other business that the community opposed). Alternative uses of the frozen money would not be discussed by the committee again until June 2019. This was agreed unanimously by those present. FYI XXXX, who is a key member of StopVeolia, was also in agreement with this approach.</p> <p>Jackie to recommend suitable account to hold the money.</p> <p>Jon to write to trustees to explain this position and to thank them for the work done in overseeing the legal fund.</p>	<p>Jackie</p> <p>Jon</p>
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4. Traffic Commissioner Report

<p>The complaint against Veolia's vehicle operating licence is now at the Traffic Commissioner's National Office in Leeds. An official complaint form (GVenv05) was sent to the commissioner during January. The Commissioner may intervene now or review the complaint as part of the 2020 licence renewal.</p> <p>Jon to monitor complaint progress.</p>	<p>Jon</p>
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5. Traffic Calming

<p>Alex is struggling to get information on the speed display from the contact mentioned by Councillor Parker. Alex to pass name of contact provided to Jon who will try and progress via Neil McBride.</p> <p>The meeting recognised that some vehicles were driven at high speeds and aggressively by impatient drivers using Long Leys Road.</p>	<p>Alex Jon</p>
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6. Planning and Developments

<p>Development: Tanglewood Nursing Home Gary to pursue a liaison contact with Tanglewood, to allow any potential issues with contractor (parking/mud on road etc) to be addressed.</p>	Gary
<p>Development: St George's Hospital Access Improvements The majority of the work has been complete with 26 new spaces added to the hospital. The bollards blocking access to the hospital from Benbow Way will be installed in the next few weeks (awaiting advice from hospital on exact timing) along with suitable signage. It is hoped that this will reduce the instances of staff parking on Benbow Way/Fulmen Close.</p>	
<p>Planning: Land to Rear Of 54-55 Long Leys Road An application for erection of two pairs of semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and external works has been received by the LLRA as a consultee. This application will be communicated to Long Leys residents by usual channels (website/ email/ twitter/ noticeboard) inviting residents to respond directly to the council.</p>	Jon
<p>Other activity: CEMEX Albion Works LN1 1DT It was highlighted that the Cemex site has seen new activity with HGV's parked overnight and the portacabin appearing to be occupied. Megan to visit portacabin to enquire what is going on. Jon to check vehicle operator licence for site.</p>	Megan Jon
<p>Update after meeting: Cemex have a vehicle operator licence to operate 3 vehicles from the site as part of a standard national licence (OF1039639) which is due for renewal in October 2019. This allows 24/7 access.</p>	

7. Footpaths – Establishing right of way to extend Albion Close footpath to reach Whitton Park

<p>Tony provided text for website to ask the community about what they know (i.e. who owns what bits of land, who uses the path etc) to allow an application to extend the existing adopted Albion Close footpath through to Whitton Park.</p>	
<p>Jon to add to website and noticeboard etc</p>	Jon
<p>Tony to progress project and provide update</p>	Tony

8. Carholme Community Forum update

A litter pick up is being organised by Councillor Lucinda Preston and students in collaboration with WERA on Sunday 18 March. Chris is liaising with Lucinda to see if Long Leys residents could be invited to join this and whether one focus could be Whitton Park which has suffered from litter as a result of recent sledging activities.	Chris
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9. Carholme Gala 2018

Date TBC but believed to be late September. Megan happy to be LLRA representative on organising committee. Jon to provide contact details to Rob Parker.	Megan Jon
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10. Commons Advisory Committee

No formal update but Megan advised that the “rest period” for removing horses from the West Common was going to start soon and run for approx 6-8 weeks.	
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11. AGM and LLRA Constitution

<p>As previously advised, the 2018 AGM will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 22 May at the Discovery House Café. It was agreed that LLRA would fund hot and soft drink refreshments for this event to encourage attendance and as a way of paying the Café for the meeting space. A flyer will be produced to communicate key information.</p> <p>Jon to produce outline agenda for agreement by committee.</p> <p>LLRA Constitution sub committee Chris proposed (details in email circulated 6 March to committee) that a subcommittee be formed to review the existing constitution in place for the time being, and suggest any amendments in time for due consideration by the management committee and adoption as appropriate at the 2018 AGM.</p> <p>This was agreed unanimously. The subcommittee will be Chris and Tony. Amongst any changes, the requirement to have the accounts audited should be reviewed (historically they have only been inspected).</p>	Jon Chris Tony
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Specific change to provide greater clarity on electing committee members

It was proposed that the AGM will seek to ratify a change to constitution clause 4e, removing the existing wording in whole and substituting 'committee members are elected for a term of three years after which they must stand down, but may at that time stand for re-election'.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that this approach was an improvement on what currently exists, and acceptable in principle. It would need to be subject to final approval by the committee as part of the revised constitution overall but should not stop the committee from continuing with the process for change.

Summary of proposed process for change (See CT email 6 Mar for full details).

The key change is that rather than just drawing lots for the committee members to stand down (and be able to stand again) at the 2018 AGM (as current constitution), lots would also be drawn for members to stand down in 2019 and 2020. Subsequent elections would then be for a 3-year period.

The meeting felt that it was important to maintain flexibility if we had enthusiastic new members of the community who wanted to get involved. This could be either as part of the management committee or a sub-committee. At the AGM the Chair should have the flexibility to ensure that the 2018 committee could be 9 or 10. This should be permitted by any revised constitution.

Result of lot drawing:

2018 standing down: Tony Wass, Emma Olivier-Townrow

2019 standing down: Gary Stimpson, Megan Cox, Chris Taylor

2020 standing down: Jon Davies, Keith Newsome, Alex Rosen

Note: Tony kindly offered to stand down in 2018 rather than being part of the lot drawing.

It is anticipated that Tony, Emma and Jackie would stand for election/re-election. For the AGM communication, other members of the community would be encouraged to stand, if they wished to play an active role in LLRA and its development.

12. Neighbourhood Plan and 106 money

<p>Jon proposed that the AGM be asked to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a plan for a small geographic area which is developed by a community which is then voted on by residents and if approved attains the same status as a local plan. It is believed that grants for upto £9,000 are available to help with the development of this plan. It would involve consultation with stakeholders in the community (residents, businesses). Once this plan was approved by the community it could be used as a guide to decide spend on the Section 106 money held by Lincolnshire County Council.</p> <p>See https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2 for a summary of what a neighbourhood plan involves.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that Jon should put together a brief presentation for the AGM (to be seen by the committee beforehand) to present a proposal for development of a Neighbourhood plan. If agreed, then committee members would need to be involved in the consultation process with residents etc (maybe a face-to-face survey with 50 homes for each committee member) and a request for further volunteers could be made at the AGM to get wider community involvement.</p>	<p>Jon</p> <p>All</p>
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13. AOB

<p>Communication: Chris stressed that committee members need to be regularly active and visible in communicating events within the community via the website and the noticeboard, to harness the positive impact of the big community win on the Veolia appeal.</p> <p>Curtis: During the snowy period, Curtis sold milk and bread to local residents on Thurs 1st to Sat 3rd March. It was agreed that LLRA write to thank Neil Curtis on behalf of the community.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Jon</p>
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Future Meeting Dates/Events

- AGM: 7:00pm Tuesday 22 May 2018– Discovery House Cafe
- Proposed committee meetings 2018
 - 6:30pm Thursday 24 May 2018 — location TBC
 - 6:30pm Thursday 28 June 2018 — location TBC
 - 6:30pm Thursday 2 August 2018 — location TBC
 - 6:30pm Thursday 20 September 2018 — location TBC
 - 6:30pm Thursday 25 October 2018 — location TBC
 - 6:30pm Thursday 29 November 2018 — location TBC
- Carholme Gala (Grandstand): September 2018 (date TBC)
- Carols on the Green: 5pm Saturday 22 December

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