

# Minutes of LLRA 2024 AGM and Community Meeting

## Tues 11 June 2024 6:30pm

### 2024 AGM

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

<p>The Chair, Gary Stimson, welcomed everyone and thanked St. George's hospital for use of their facilities.</p> <p>The Chair paid tribute to the late Robert Parker, Carholme County Councillor who had provided valued support to the Long Leys Community over many years.</p>	<p>Action</p>
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#### 2. Acceptance of 2023 AGM minutes

<p>The minutes of the 2023 AGM were accepted.</p>	
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#### 3. Report on 2023/24 accounts

<p>The Chair ran through the LLRA Financial Report on 2023/24. LLRA currently has funds of £6,718, a reduction of circa £50 on the previous year. The S106 fund held by Lincolnshire County Council, over which LLRA has influence, is circa £60,000.</p> <p>Financial report details are provided in Appendix A.</p>	
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#### 4. Resolution on Updating the LLRA Constitution (2022)

<p>The resolution to add two new clauses to the Constitution, on bullying and privileged information, was passed with a clear majority.</p>	
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#### 5. Management Committee Elections

<p>This year two committee members stand down by rotation (Gary Stimson, Jim Hanrahan) with Gary Stimson seeking re-election. The Chair thanked Jim Hanrahan for his helpful contribution to the LLRA during his membership of the Committee, not least his experience as a Parish Clerk.</p> <p>There were three valid nominations for 2024 Management Committee membership, and as there were three vacant slots available, the following were duly elected unopposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Stimson</li> <li>• Elizabeth Wilson</li> <li>• Dr Natalie Evans</li> </ul> <p>The Committee now consists of 9 residents: Gary Stimson (Chair), Keith Newsome (Vice Chair), Jon Davies (Secretary), Jackie Ward (Treasurer), Glenn Smith, Nick Wiles, Ben Hill, Elizabeth Wilson, Natalie Evans.</p> <p>The AGM closed at 6:48pm. 37 Members were in attendance (including 2 ex officio Associate Members) and 4 guests. The meeting was quorate.</p>	
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**Appendix A: LLRA - (Long Leys Residents Association)  
Notes to Financial Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
AGM June 2024**

<b>Opening balance @ 1/04/2023</b>	<b>£6,768.00</b>
<b>Income – Excluding grants</b>	<b>£ 400.00</b>
Income has been received this year from City of Lincoln Council, this is 2 charges of £200 per session for the City of Lincoln Council to place a voting cabin on the Albion land. The land was purchased at the request of residents to prevent future development or misuse of the land. The land is currently held in trust pending transfer to Lincolnshire County Council.	
<b>Expenditure – Excluding grants</b>	
The main annual expense is Zurich 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party, Indemnity and Vandalism Insurance, which covers events like community litter picks and damage to the SID (Speed indicator device).	<b>£ 279.25</b>
Printing costs for the 2023 AGM and general admin and postage costs, etc. throughout the year.	<b>£ 64.97</b>
Bank charges 12 months @ £5.00, plus 40p per transaction	<b>£ 61.60</b>
SID Kit carry case and Voltmeter	<b>£ 43.24</b>
<b>Closing Balance held @ 31/03/2024 and at bank</b>	<b>£6,717.89</b>

## Grants received in 2023-24

### Community Chest Grant

£660 was bid for and received from City of Lincoln Council. LLRA purchased litter picking equipment, and so far this year there have been 48.75 volunteer hours of litter picking in Long Leys.

### Neighbourhood Planning Grant (NP) 2023-24

£8,400 was bid for and received. This enabled LLRA to re-start the Neighbourhood Planning process lead by OpenPlan Consultants. OpenPlan led us through the NP process to date with a total spend of £2,533 including printing of a NP Newsletter and an initial survey, that went out to all residents. The grant is held and administered on LLRA's behalf by City of Lincoln Council. As part of the NP process LLRA received Technical Support via AECOM to develop Design Codes and Guidance for the Long Leys area.

£5867.00 was returned at year end to Groundwork UK and LLRA has applied for the continuation of this grant for 2024-25.

### Section 106 Money

End date 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A 10-year extension has been applied for. The grant is held and administered by Lincolnshire County Council. This was money set aside for the benefit of the Long Leys community when the SEC building was sold, and Cloverleaf was built.

As agreed at the last AGM, £3,119.80 of this money was used to purchase a Solar SID (Speed Indicator Device), which has been placed in a permanent position near the cemetery. This will also be used to conduct speed checks of traffic entering Long Leys. One speed watch session has been held and LLRA would like to ask residents to come forward and volunteer to take part in future 1-hour sessions.

# 2024 Community Meeting

## 1. Update from County Councillor Neil Murray

Two road safety issues are currently being explored by LCC Highways, to try and find appropriate solutions:

- Northern arm of Carram Way / Long Leys Road: Parking near the junction creates the potential for head on clashes. Highways are investigating whether double yellow lines on junction would be appropriate.
- On Long Leys Road, traffic coming from Lincoln and using the Carram Way right turn lane can potentially clash with traffic coming into Lincoln and turning right into Cloverleaf Care Home.

It is not realistic (financially) for the repair/replacement of the currently closed uphill section of Footpath No. 3 (Albion Crescent to Burton Road roundabout). Costs for long-term protection of this path would run into some hundreds of thousands of pounds. However, alternative routes are being explored in coming weeks with LCC's footpath manager.

Repairs are planned in coming weeks to resolve the problem of water running from the drains outside the Curtis's bakery.

Councillor Murray is investigating the background to the reduction in an already poor timetable for the 77 Saxilby to Lincoln bus service.

A Councillor surgery is now being held from 11.30am to 12:30pm on the third Saturday of the month at Cloverleaf Care home. Residents can visit at this time to speak to either a City or County Councillor.

Residents expressed views / issues for the county council to consider:

- Parking opposite the allotments on Long Leys Road could cause a traffic blockage at busy times as there were no parking restrictions there.  
(Another resident felt it acted to slow and calm the traffic speeds).
- Concerns were raised over the importance of the uphill section of Footpath No. 3 for those wishing to walk to local shops.
- Long Leys has the poorest bus service in Lincoln. There is no service in the evening, on Sundays or Bank holidays. With work on Carholme Road the limited bus service has also become unreliable with delays of up to 30 minutes and non-arrivals.
- Councillor Murray suggested a future LLRA resolution on bus services would give him some leverage for improvements. (Bus usage is an issue that the Neighbourhood Plan is exploring and there is detail in the recent Long Leys Resident Survey).
- It was suggested that the hospital may be able to provide some facilities for local residents.

## 2. Update from Steve Kemp, OpenPlan, on Neighbourhood Plan and Resident Survey

<p>An overview was given on OpenPlan’s wide experience of Neighbourhood Planning and “Placemaking” and the function of a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In summary it is a way for the local community to have some influence themselves over planning and building in the area they live. Without a Neighbourhood Plan, planning decisions are taken by referring only to National Planning Policy and Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Policy. The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan area covers Lincoln, West Lindsey and North Kesteven Councils and inevitably has little detail for specific neighbourhoods. If the Long Leys community wants to influence long term planning (over a 20-30 year timescale) then a Neighbourhood Plan helps considerably. It can also be used to lobby councils and other organisations on other (non-planning) improvements to the area as well as assisting with grant applications.</p> <p>The various stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process were run through. These include a review of the finished plan by an independent planning assessor, appointed by the Local Planning Authority. The final stage would be a referendum of all voters in Long Leys on the completed plan.</p> <p>Steve Kemp then ran through an overview of OpenPlan’s Resident Survey, which was completed by 174 homes (most from the printed questionnaire delivered to all homes and some online). The response rate is good for surveys of this type, and it would help plan development if similar input can be received on other surveys.</p> <p>The survey summary contains helpful guidance on a variety of issues mainly relating to travel, facilities, future possible development sites and green spaces. This will be used as part of the evidence base to support the development of specific planning policies for Long Leys. The 49-page Survey Summary Report can be found at: <a href="https://long-leys.org/pdf/Long-Leys-Residents-Survey-analysis-website.pdf">https://long-leys.org/pdf/Long-Leys-Residents-Survey-analysis-website.pdf</a></p> <p>Steve Kemp clarified a number of queries from attendees on the plan and its development. The next step is to set up focus groups for further consultation on some of the issues identified in the Resident Survey (transport / footpaths, facilities, housing etc) which residents will be involved with.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that grant funding had been approved for 2024/25 activity and the funds would again be held by City of Lincoln Council. The plan is likely to be near to completion by June 2025.</p>	
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## 3. Open Forum – Issues Raised By Individual Residents

<p><u>Trees from hospital: Broken branches falling onto footpath</u></p> <p>Two residents expressed concerns over branches, both dead and living, that had fallen onto the footpath by the hospital running between St. Georges and Long Leys Road. The safety concerns had already been highlighted to the hospital.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> LLRA to raise the issue with hospital senior management.</p>	<p>LLRA</p>
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<p><u>Speeding traffic on Long Leys Road/ downhill from Yarborough Rd lights</u> A resident advised that cars at very high speeds (well over 70mph) were coming down the hill. <b>Action:</b> LLRA to review with police and Community Speed Watch what further could be done. The Chair said LLRA would look to organise a Community Speed Watch Session at mobile SID's Whitton's Park location, if and when it could be repaired. <b>Note:</b> As highlighted in the finance report, community volunteers are needed to support this activity.</p>	<p><b>LLRA</b></p>
<p><u>Request for extra litter bin on West Common by the seat at the top (by the entrance on Long Leys Road closest to the Yarborough Road)</u> The existing dog waste bin was too small to accommodate rubbish from those sitting there. <b>Action:</b> LLRA to raise request at Commons Advisory Panel.</p> <p>Councillor Lucinda Preston said she would also raise it as part of her initiative to put larger bins on the Common and get them emptied more frequently in Summer. It was advised that the contractor combines waste from the litter and dog waste bins, which then goes to the incinerator at N. Hykeham.</p> <p>A resident advised that the Energy from Waste Incinerator at N. Hykeham generated electricity from the materials burnt there.</p>	<p><b>LLRA</b></p>
<p><u>Parking on Pavement by Whittons Park</u> With the upgraded playpark being more popular, some visitors are parking blocking the pavement for pedestrians. <b>Action:</b> LLRA to review with County Council what actions, if any, can be taken.</p>	<p><b>LLRA</b></p>
<p><u>Water Flowing From Drain By Curtis Bakery</u> Was covered by Councillor Murray in 1.</p>	
<p><u>Traffic Calming Measures</u> Many years ago it was suggested by city council planners that traffic calming by having wavy lines as central road markings and having "entrance gates" marking the entrance to Long Leys could assist. What has happened to this? <b>Action:</b> Measures can be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p><b>LLRA</b></p>
<p><u>On Street Parking</u> Vehicle parking from the West End is overflowing into Long Leys with an increase in In street parking. This can sometimes create difficulties. One resident requested an update from County Councillor Neil Murray on her specific issue and City Councillor Lucinda Preston offered to raise this again with him.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.05pm Next AGM and Community meeting: Proposed for Tuesday 10 June 2025</p>	<p><b>Councillor Murray</b></p>