

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 13th August 2019

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 1 from 5.30 pm

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Jane Kilby and Mark Wrigley.

Caruthers Court presentation

Representatives of Lindum Construction attended the meeting to deliver a presentation on the site to be developed on the corner of Rudgard Lane and West Parade. The owner of the site was also present. Chris Conroy, of Lindum, delivered the presentation.

To summarise, the development is for 23 two bedroom apartments as part of a four storey building. The Forum was shown images of what the site should look like when complete. Mr Conroy described some of the issues related to the position/location of the site. He explained their traffic management plan and the expected timeframe. He also informed that Forum contractors' vehicles will be expected to park away from Rudgard Lane. Work is due to commence on 30th September with the project due for completion by 4th December 2020. Work will start at 7.30-8.00 am in the morning and will be finished each day at 5.00-5.30 pm. The contractors will not be working on Saturday mornings unless something urgent occurs.

After the presentation there were questions from Forum members.

- There was a lot of concern expressed by councillors, George Woolfenden, David Mitchell and Sandra Lewis about the temporary loss of some residents' parking spaces as well as the closing of Rudgard Lane for a part of the construction.
- Sandra noted the difference between the plans now and the plans previously discussed.
- Lucinda Preston said that often projects don't run to time and stressed the importance of communication with residents about delays and also Saturday morning working. She emphasised the need for good signage (which hasn't always been the case with developments in Lincoln).
- Julie Wearing pointed out the potential difficulties at times when children are walking to and from the St. Faith's primary school.
- Laura McWilliams commented that human nature being what it is, that some drivers might end up parking nearer because of laziness/convenience when they were rushing or running late. She also suggested that it would be pertinent to have a central point of contact. Mr Holson said the Forum could have his wife's phone number but Mr Conroy said that there was going to be a Residents' Liaison officer starting at least two weeks before the beginning of work.

- Jacqueline Mayer asked about whether there would be students in the property but Lindum confirmed that there wouldn't be. Neil Murray underlined that this had been a condition of granting planning permission.
- Robert Parker suggested that there should be a meeting with Lindum and residents, organised by WERA (perhaps at the church hall). Lucinda passed Sandra Chris Conroy's email address.
- Robert said he would ask a member of Highways to attend the next Forum meeting to address the parking issue.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Rob had written a number of notes to accompany his action points.

Regarding the flooding on Carholme Road, Rob had arranged a meeting tomorrow (Wednesday 14th August) between Mike Reed of Highways, Anglian Water, Neil and himself to discuss the progress on delivering drainage improvements on Carholme Road. He said he would e-mail Lucinda the meeting notes circulate to Forum members.

Action: Rob Parker/Lucinda Preston

Regarding the Newland/Carholme Road lane closures, the latest information is that the work is behind schedule and unlikely to be finished this year (it could be as late as spring 2020). Rob said he would get representatives of the developer and Highways to attend the next meeting with proposals to mitigate the problems facing local residents.

Action: Rob Parker

Lucinda had circulated the second version of the LLRA's contribution to the Forum Transport Plan

In relation to two hour parking and overstayers, Civil Parking Enforcement had reported that overstaying is an offence and motorists get ticketed when identified. If there are any particular areas where there are problems then a report can be put in or people should notify Rob.

The replacement of the 'No Entry' sign on York Avenue has been escalated to the Highways Manager North, Mike Reed, for urgent action.

Laura fed back that Planning didn't consider student recreation as part of planning applications: there was no policy nationally. Laura will look further at this.

Action: Laura McWilliams

The problems with non-residents using the Derek Miller Court bins was ongoing. Neil has asked a City Council director to come up with a solution for this. Heather noted the issues in relation to recycling contamination at Derek Miller Court. There is also a local man who has been observed putting a huge number of bin bags in the bins.

Action: Neil Murray.

Rob had contacted Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) about log burners; he'd been advised that if there is a problem with a log burner that may present a risk then under the Fire and Rescue Services Act LFRS can intervene. The contact is Danny Moss (01522 554748) and Danny.Moss@lincolnfire-uk.org.

Lucinda had spoken to Ian Wickes regarding a media information campaign about log burners and had been directed towards Francesca Bell's team.

Action: Rob Parker/Lucinda Preston/Francesca Bell

In relation to the Roman Wharf parking issues, Kay Rowntree had spoken to the dental surgery which had said that some staff had arrangements for parking with local residents but that obviously it couldn't prevent patients parking where they wanted. Kay confirmed that the police can prosecute people for parking on people's private driveways.

Sandra had previously flagged up issues with skips in the Carholme area. Rob had investigated the revocation of skip licences: any problems with skips being misused or causing problems to neighbours should be referred to northstreetworkstream@lincoln.gov.uk with details of the problem and the precise location of the skip including, where known, the post code.

Recent traveller encampment

Jon Davies thanked the City Council and the police for their work. The LLRA had asked residents for feedback on the procedures/ what had happened and suggestions for the future.

Lucinda outlined some of the changes that would/should be made short-term or issues raised.

Francesca Bell noted that the City Council was looking at the possibility of injunctions against 'persons unknown'. If these were granted it would speed up the process of eviction. However, this would be dependent on the courts granting them.

Jon said he'd send Lucinda the LLRA comments/suggestions for circulation.

Action: Jon Davies/Lucinda Preston

Long Leys

There had been an issue lately with Wates vans and parking. Kay had spoken to a manager at the company. The situation seemed to have eased the last few days but would be monitored.

Community issues

Jon reported that the SID had been in position on Hewson Road from Sunday 5th August Sunday 11th August. From the data, 74% of drivers had been obeying the 20 mph advisory speed limit. Some drivers were doing under 26 mph.

There had been approximately 4,900 vehicles going down Hewson Road to Carholme Road. 44 vehicles had been found to be doing 36-41 mph; 10 vehicles 42-50 mph and 1 vehicle (at 2 pm in the afternoon) had been doing 59 mph.

Policing

Kay reported that things were very "quiet". There had been a couple of burglaries.

George noted that there had been vandalism on the West Common; Kay responded by saying that this hadn't been reported. This led to a discussion about the importance of residents reporting incidents, not just writing about them on FB. It was important that crime or ASB was reported, whether it was to the City Council for ASB or the police.

There was some discussion of drug problems in some properties on Hewson Road, West Parade and Newland St. West. It was reported that 13/14 year olds were dealing.

Street Scene

Sandra said that the rubbish had reduced this summer and thanked the City Council team. Jacqueline commented that the bin cards were ready.

David asked who was responsible for ridding the pavements of weeds. Rob said it was the County Council.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th September at 5.30 pm.

Carholme Community Forum, Tuesday 18th June 2019

Present:

Francesca Bell	City of Lincoln Council
Sandra Lewis	WERA
David Mitchell	WERA/Small Business Action Group
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Jon Davies	LLRA
Kay Rowntree	Lincolnshire Police
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Emma Blackburn	University of Lincoln SU
Kayleigh Teague	University of Lincoln SU
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Julie Wearing	St. Faith's Church
Susie Parry	Derek Miller Court
Heather Woodlock	Derek Miller Court
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Laura McWilliams	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary

Present for the first part of the meeting:

Chris Conroy	Lindum Construction
Jason Shackleton	Lindum Construction
Chris Holson	PCN Property

