

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 18th June 2019

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 2 from 5.30 pm

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Rob Parker, Laura McWilliams, Francesca Bell, Susie Parry, Heather Woodlock and Emma Blackburn.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Rob Parker and Neil Murray had met with representatives from Anglian Water and the County Council regarding the flooding on Carholme Road. Anglian Water had done more investigations and the problems had been identified. In brief, the main pipe for surface water goes into the Foss Dyke but because the Foss Dyke is silted up, the water is flowing back. The drainage pipes on Carholme Road are going to be repaired to create more capacity (a cost of around £50,000). They were waiting on a formal engineering report but there was talk of the problem being finally sorted out this summer.

Neil and Robert will meet with Anglian Water and the County Council officers again. They had been meant to meet with County Council officers again just a few days ago but the flooding in Wainfleet meant that the meeting was postponed.

Jon Davies suggested a site visit with Council officers/Anglian Water. Lucinda Preston suggested that failing that they attended the Forum again. Julie Wearing noted that it didn't seem that this work would have much effect on the Gresham Street flooding problem. Neil replied that it was a case of tackling each issue at a time and that the Gresham Street flooding would probably be the next problem to be sorted out.

Action: Rob Parker

Regarding the Newland lane closures, Mike Reed had been unable to come to the meeting because of the work being done in Wainfleet.

Kay observed that the company was using different lanes for deliveries.

As Rob was unable to attend the Forum meeting this time, he would be asked to update on this issue at the next Forum meeting and to give an end date for the work.

Action: Rob Parker

In relation to Depot Street, Lucinda has been taking photographs and will pass them to the police.

David Mitchell had previously expressed concern about the fading box marking at the junction of West Parade/The Avenue. Jon Mellor confirmed that it is an offence to drive into the box.

Jon will send a link to Lucinda for the second version of the LLRA's contribution to the Forum Transport Plan; Lucinda will then circulate this.

Action: Lucinda Preston

At the last meeting David had asked about two hour parking bays and drivers overstaying their time in them. Rob said he would speak to Highways about this but as he was unable to be at the Forum this agenda item was forwarded to the next meeting's agenda.

Action: Rob Parker

Regarding cars parked in Whitehall Grove and accruing tickets, David reported that the silver estate car was parked there for a total of 44 days in the end. He had been told that after three tickets, parking enforcement can't issue anymore. It was suggested that Rob look into this.

Action: Rob Parker

Highways

At the last meeting, Sandra had noted that the no entry sign on her street was still not up and had asked how long it would be. Rob had said he'd look into this but as he wasn't able to be at the meeting this was forwarded to the next meeting's agenda.

Action: Rob Parker

George Woolfenden had commented that the new student accommodation didn't have many recreational spaces which put pressure on the West Common. Lucinda didn't think that there was an onus on developers to provide such spaces. It was felt that it should be a consideration in planning applications so Laura had said that she'd speak to Naomi Tweddle,

the Chair of Planning, to find out. However, Laura wasn't able to be at the Forum to report back so this was forwarded to the next Forum meeting.

Action: Laura McWilliams

Neil had literally looked into the bins at Derek Miller Court. He confirmed that these would be made more secure.

Action: Neil Murray.

Sandra had previously noted the log burners creating strong smells in the ward. It was meant to be a smokeless zone. Jon Mellor said that burning creosote was a fire risk. Rob had said he would contact the Fire Brigade regarding this problem but as he wasn't at the meeting he was unable to report back so he would be asked to do so at the next meeting.

Lucinda had spoken to an officer at Lincoln City Council. She said that as Lincoln was meant to be a smoke-free area, the officer had said that residents could only take two actions. One was to burn smokeless fuel. The other was to buy a special DEFRA-approved stove. However, if someone buys one of those stoves then they are only supposed to burn 'new'/virgin wood, not old wood. If creosote is being smelt it suggests that old wood is being burnt. The officer had advised that if people did smell it then they should ring the Public Protection team as it was a matter of enforcement.

It was suggested that some residents in the city might not know or remember that the city is meant to be a smoke-free zone and that there needed to be publicity in the local press and on social media. Lucinda said she would speak to officers about this.

Action: Lucinda Preston/Rob Parker

Highways

Further discussion of highways was postponed until the next meeting when Rob would be able to report back.

Long Leys

Jon reported that the response to the SID had been good. The extensions to posts in the West End had not yet been completed so the SID had been unable to be put up there yet.

Further data analysis had shown that there was a 2/3,000 difference between traffic coming into the city and out of it as opposed to the figure of 7,000 quoted at the previous meeting. It was noted that the SID didn't record slow traffic very well so isn't as effective at rush hour.

The community had voted to do more around driver education. In practice, this meant that if a driver was caught speeding and then going into a particular workplace then some leaflets politely reminding about the speed limit could be dropped into that workplace. Taking this further, if volunteers were wearing hi vis jackets then they would be allowed to record car registration numbers and pass them to the police.

Jon noted that one car had been driving at 80 mph at 3 pm in the afternoon. Lucinda commented on how dangerous this was at any time, but particularly at school leaving time.

Jon gave out a copy of the May Long Leys Neighbourhood Plan update. He reported that the next stage on the Long Leys Neighbourhood Plan is a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) to assess the future requirement for different types of housing in the area to support growth in the community. National planning policy has changed and the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan five year housing land bank is currently having to be revised as it now has additional requirements to consider:

- 10% of the land bank to be allocated to sites of 1 hectare or smaller (1 hectare = about 30 houses at Long Leys density).
- An allowance for 'entry level exception sites' to be delivered at the edge of existing settlements on sites of up to 1 hectare or smaller or less than 5% of the existing settlement (5% of Long Leys would be 32 homes).

These revisions, plus longer term the risk of a major development, such as the Western Growth Corridor, being delayed could have an effect on development in Long Leys. The HNA will give evidence on which to base any housing policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

He said that there weren't enough residents in the Long Leys area to merit building a GP's surgery.

Community issues

Lucinda reported that she had done a roving surgery with Robert and Laura on Saturday morning in the Roman Wharf area of the ward and that a major issue that had come out was that people were parking on some driveways and obstructing pavements. These seemed to mainly be people with dentist appointments at the nearby dental surgery. Kay expressed surprise as she didn't think that there were any problems round there but said

that she'd do a patrol. It was suggested that some of the problems might be linked to the nearby care home as well and not just the surgery.

Action: Kay Rowntree

Policing

Jon Mellor reported that in the ward there was a year on year drop in burglaries; violence without injury had increased (this category can include domestic violence; public disorder offences were up.

Jon said he would look into how the data on violence without injury was measured. Lucinda noted that as people were being encouraged to report crime a little more then this might account for the increase in public disorder figures.

Julie Wearing asked if lead piping theft in churches was as much an issue in urban areas as it can be rural areas. She was asking as she didn't think it was such an issue in urban areas but had recently been sent a survey about it, causing her to think that perhaps there was a problem. Jon confirmed to her that the issue was more prevalent in areas of rurality.

Street Scene

Sandra Lewis reported that a house that was being renovated had had a large skip in the garden that was not being well maintained: rubbish was blowing across the street etc. Neil suggested that the skip licence should be revoked and said this should be referred to Robert. Sandra also noted that WERA had seen the planning application for 1 Ashlin Grove and it looked like a HMO, even though permission was not officially being sought for it as a HMO. Neil said he would speak to planning about this. Sandra also asked Neil to look into who was living at 8, South Parade.

Action: Rob Parker/Neil Murray

Any Other Business

Jane noted that Grace Corn had finished her tenure as Vice President for Welfare and Communities and that Emma Blackburn had taken on the role. Emma had been unable to attend this Forum meeting because she was undergoing training for her role but would hopefully be able to attend the next one.

Sandra noted that the project to reduce the amount of end of year academic rubbish/move out rubbish appeared to have had some success. Jane said that the table top sale had been

successful although they could have done with more people going to it. There was going to be a meeting about the project the next day, Wednesday 19th June.

There was a short discussion over numbers of students living in Carholme ward. Jacqueline Mayer felt that there were fewer as more now moved into university accommodation but she did not have the data. Lucinda suggested that university accommodation might sometimes be cheaper for students. Jacqueline noted that there was now much more accommodation available for second and third year students.

Sandra confirmed that the Big Lunch would be taking place on 21st July near the cricket pitch.

Julie asked if the air cadets could have a stall at the Gala and Lucinda said they would be very welcome. Julie noted that she would be unable to attend the next Gala meeting but was hoping to attend a church representative.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th August at 5.30 pm.

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Present:

Sandra Lewis	WERA
David Mitchell	WERA/Small Business Action Group
Jon Davies	LLRA
Gary Stimson	LLRA
Kay Rowntree	Lincolnshire Police
Jon Mellor	Lincolnshire Police
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Jane Kilby	UoL Students Union
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary