

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 7th May 2019

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 1 from 5.30 pm

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Kay Rowntree, Rob Lewis, Mark Wrigley, Jon Davies, Gretchen Fixter and Francesca Bell.

Jackie Ward from LLRA was attending in Jon's place.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Mike Reed has not got back to Robert Parker about the Carholme flooding regarding what work, if any, had been done. David Mitchell commented that nothing seems to be happening in the Roman Wharf car park. George Woolfenden noted that the flooding was now moving towards Hewson Road.

Robert said that he would ensure that either Mike Reed came to the next meeting or sent a detailed report.

Action: Rob Parker

There was further discussion about the lane closures around Newland and the difficulties being caused by them. David said that it was difficult for mail vans to reach the post box and there was a danger it wasn't being emptied. A number of Forum members commented that the difficulties for pedestrians are ongoing. Rob pointed out the conflict between the needs of older pedestrians and the health and safety requirements of the site.

Sandra Lewis asked whether the Forum could be given a finish date for the work but Rob said that it was difficult to provide such a date where construction as concerned. Lucinda Preston asked if we could be given an approximate date e.g. "The work is/is not going to plan so it is likely to finish by such and such time".

Rob suggested that it would be useful for Mike Reed to attend the next meeting.

Action: Rob Parker

In relation to Depot Street, Rob noted that in order to make the street one way, a traffic regulation order would have to be in place and that the County Council is issuing very few of these at the moment. A number of issues were discussed in relation to the road with Heather Woodlock and Lucinda informing the Forum of specific incidences/problems.

Jon Mellor informed the Forum that obstruction occurred where a normal sized pram or wheelchair couldn't get down a footpath. He said he would speak to the company who

deals with these types of obstructions and would get an officer to go down and have a look. Heather and Lucinda agreed to log any problems they saw and Lucinda said she would take photographs.

Action: Jon Mellor/Heather Woodlock/Lucinda Preston

Rob had asked at the Council how many tickets had been given to motorcycles. He had been informed that parking enforcement doesn't separate out the different types of vehicles in their data so we can't find out.

Neil Murray that all the big Bond letting signs had gone. Neil also reported that the 'To Let' sign ban had come in on 8th April and there were now hardly any 'To Let' signs in the city. Excellent news for the ward!

Action: Lucinda Preston/Neil Murray

David Mitchell had previously expressed concern about the fading box marking at the junction of West Parade/The Avenue. Rob had asked Highways whether such markings were mandatory and had been told that they were advisory only.

There had previously been an issue with water flowing down Long Leys Road, near Travis Perkins. There was no problem at the moment; Anglian Water had put the issue 'on hold' until it rains heavily again. We will keep an eye on this.

Gretchen Fixter had previously raised the traffic problem at the bottom of Upper Long Leys Road, where logjams seem to occur and had asked if there could be two lanes. Rob had approached Highways about the issue and reported that Highways was going to do a feasibility study on the suggestion.

Lucinda had re-circulated the Long Leys contribution to the Forum Transport Plan meeting; there was a second version but she'd been unable to circulate it as the document wouldn't open. Gary said he'd look into this and Lucinda would circulate it.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Some of the graffiti from the New Year graffiti vandalism was still left. Lucinda was still chasing regarding this issue and would contact one of the directors. David said that more graffiti had appeared and Lucinda asked him to send her the list of places where he'd seen it.

Lucinda was still keen on the idea of painting electric boxes and had contacted a council officer about it.

Jon Mellor noted that most graffiti in the city was done by very young people 'marking their territory'.

Action: David Mitchell

Following discussions at the last meeting about the man living in the tent on the West Common, Francesca Bell had informed Lucinda that the man would be going into some sort of supported accommodation but no date for this had been confirmed.

Jon Davies had previously reported that the SID was up and running and had said he'd bring the new data to the next meeting. Jon had sent SID data to Lucinda who had circulated it by e-mail. There was discussion about some of the main findings including the fact that the SID appeared to have most impact on drivers driving at just over the speed limit e.g. 30-35 mph and less impact on those driving at high speeds. Interestingly, more cars went along Long Leys on exit from the city than entered it.

George noted the success of the community speed camera at Thorpe-on-the-Hill.

In relation to policing in Carholme, Pete Davies reported that the quad bike discussed at the last Forum meeting had been confiscated. He also noted that there had been two burglaries in the ward, in Richmond Road and on St. George's; four cycle thefts; a spate of thefts from work vans.

There had only been three police visits in relation to noise. It was felt that anti-social behaviour was at an all-time low in the ward.

The West End Play Park had re-opened on Sunday 28th April, with a lovely opening ceremony.

There was no date for the calendar yet for the Gig Lunch but Sandra would let the Forum know.

George had spoken to the riding school about hard hats for the Gala pony rides.

Sandra said that the streets were looking good: a warden had reported that she hadn't had to help take any bins in! There had been another meeting at the university about end of academic year (move out) rubbish.

Jackie Ward commented that there had been a delay on the relevant website for the grant application. Lucinda was conscious that some Forum members might not know much about the Long Leys Neighbourhood Plan and she asked if there could be a short presentation on it at the next meeting.

Action: Jon Davies

David asked about two hour parking bays and drivers overstaying their time in them. Rob said he would speak to Highways about this.

Action: Rob Parker

The issue of two hour parking bays was discussed again. Rob said that they were being monitored but that parking enforcement already give a large amount of time to the West End and can't give any more time at this moment.

David raised the issue of the silver estate car parked at the top of Whitehall Grove. Jon Mellor said that he would look into it and see if it was taxed and insured. There was some discussion about how many parking tickets were quashed and Rob said he would look into this.

Action: Jon Mellor/Rob Parker

Highways

Work was ongoing with the Lincoln Transport Study. Rob mentioned the Western Growth Corridor scheme and the potential issues to be managed in relation to it. He also commented that the bus companies were not keen on the idea of a new Park and Ride scheme, presumably because they thought it would impact on their profits.

Sandra noted that the no entry sign on her street was still not up. She asked how long it would be. Rob said he'd look into this.

Action: Rob Parker

Long Leys

Gary reminded the Forum that the AGM would once again be taking place at the Discovery House cafe. This year it was on 21st May.

There was a brief discussion of the successful campaign to encourage people not to park on Carram Way. Problems were beginning to reoccur again and the police would look into it.

The bollards had gone up which would prevent traffic going up the back entrance of the St. George's site.

Rob asked if there were still problems with Veolia vehicles operating early in the morning. Gary said that unfortunately this was still happening but that people were keeping logs. A report had been put into Transport Licensing: these logs might have an impact when the licence comes up for renewal.

Laura McWilliams commented that she had been dealing with a resident who'd had an obscenity shouted at them by a Veolia lorry driver. Laura had not found Veolia to be very helpful.

An application for two houses to be built by the Veolia site was being opposed by Veolia!

Policing and ASB

Forum members were relieved to hear that despite 3 1/2 million pounds of cuts across Lincolnshire, Lincoln was retaining all of its PCSOs.

There were no currently no specific ASB issues in the ward.

Sandra requested that Freshers Week be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Neil noted that people seem pleased with the way things were going in relation to students/ASB but that we couldn't be complacent.

George 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 said that she'd speak to Naomi Tweddle, the Chair of Planning, to find out.

Lucinda said that the project to reduce move-out rubbish was continuing and that the leafleting to streets with lots of students was ongoing. These leaflets contained tips about how students could recycle or dispose of unwanted items. The city council officers were working hard. Lucinda said she'd report back on this at the next meeting. Jane Kilby gave details of the Car Boot Sale at the university (local residents could go the sale, not just students).

Action: Laura McWilliams/Lucinda Preston

Heather said that there was a problem with the bins at Derek Miller Court with non-residents filling them with rubbish. Neil said he would look into this.

Action: Neil Murray.

Street Scene

Lucinda asked about the reports about young women feeling unsafe on the streets. Jacqueline Mayer explained that the university had been working on safeguarding messages. The police were working on this issue but most accounts on Facebook were second or third-hand.

Jon Mellor noted that the street pastors currently had funding shortages but that they were going out Saturday nights and payday Fridays.

Rob Parker noted the dilemma: by turning off the streetlights, the County Council had slashed its carbon emissions.

Sandra said that the wardens were doing a good job at monitoring the bins in the ward.

Any Other Business

Sandra 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 said he would contact the Fire Brigade regarding this problem and Lucinda said she would contact the City Council.

Action: Rob Parker/Lucinda Preston

Sandra noted that there were still lots of Liberal Democrat signs up on lamp posts in the ward. Laura replied that they had around fourteen days to take them down.

Jane Kilby publicised the Environment Act/Biodiversity event at the Engine Shed on Thursday 16th May.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th June at 5.30 pm.

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Present:

Sandra Lewis	WERA
David Mitchell	WERA/Small Business Action Group
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Gary Stimson	LLRA
Jackie Ward	LLRA
Pete Davies	Lincolnshire Police
Jon Mellor	Lincolnshire Police
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Jane Kilby	UoL Students Union
Grace Corn	UoL Students Union
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Susie Parry	Derek Miller Court
Heather Woodlock	Derek Miller Court
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Laura McWilliams	City Councillor
Rob Parker	County Councillor/Chair
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary