

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 29th October 2019

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 1 from 5.30 pm

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Gary Stimson and George Woolfenden.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Rob Parker had received an email from Mike Reed at Anglian Water. Mr Reed states in the email that:

" . . . following some work by Anglian Water several months ago to de-silt and pump out a series of manhole chambers near Derwent Street and Roman Wharf, the issue of flooding appears to have reduced in severity in that area. Therefore we are not planning on taking any further action, however we will continue to monitor in conjunction with Anglian Water.

We are also aware of more localised flooding at the junctions of Gresham Street and Nelson Street which we are planning to resolve with a gully system cleanse in the next few months.

It must be noted however that the levels of rainfall which we have experienced recently are causing severe problems across the county. Part of the cause is that water courses which Highway drains outfall into, are full and therefore water does not have anywhere to go in many locations."

Rob noted that the flooding did seem to have reduced a little. Julie Wearing made the point that the flooding seemed to now occur on the other side of Carholme Road. David Mitchell supported Julie's comments.

It was agreed to keep the issue on the agenda.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Regarding the no entry sign on York Avenue, Rob had written to the County Council on behalf of the Carholme Community Forum. So far he hadn't received a response, despite chasing, so he would chase a response again.

Action: Rob Parker

It was noted that Mike Reed had also responded regarding the yellow box markings at the junction of West Parade and The Avenue. He said that re-painting them the job of re-painting them would happen very soon.

Laura McWilliams reported back that students can use recreation spaces in the city. She had asked that student recreation was taken into account in future planning applications.

Regarding the problems with the bins at Derek Miller Court, Neil Murray reported that there was to be a meeting of residents on 8th November to form an official residents' group and that the issue would be discussed then.

Action: Neil Murray

In relation to the issue of wood burners and pollution, Francesca Bell reported that she had recently spoken with Public Health England and that she was going to work with some of their information to put together a communications strategy. She was awaiting their information.

Action: Francesca Bell

Jon Davies thanked Neil for the meeting with Lincoln City Council officers in relation to the traveller encampment. Jon commented that there is no specific traveller site in Lincoln.

The issue of CCTV had been raised at the previous meeting. Lucinda had written to council officers regarding CCTV and children's play areas and where CCTV was in the city. This was the reply that she had received from Steve Bird, Assistant Director for Communities and Street Scene:

"The guidance around CCTV installation are based on a person's right to privacy, and CCTV can be an invasion of this unless it can be shown that there is good cause. For this reason it is a requirement to look at other possible solutions to a problem first, for example improved lighting in areas of concern.

In terms of CCTV covering play areas, the Council doesn't have a specific policy for this. However, all CCTV in public spaces is covered by the guidance of the Surveillance Commissioner. In broad terms it is stated that you shouldn't install a CCTV camera unless you can show that there is a past track record of problems such as to justify the need, so as to show the response is proportionate. Equally, taking the guidance at its word, cameras shouldn't be installed just as a deterrent, and if no incidents are being recorded, then cameras should be taken out."

Lucinda had still to receive any response as to where the CCTV cameras are in the city.

Jon had spoken to Steve Bird himself regarding the issue.

It was suggested we ask an officer to come into the Forum to talk about the issue and that we arrange a visit to the CCTV suite. Lucinda said that she would email Steve in the first instance.

Action: Lucinda Preston

In relation to the recent ASB incident on the West Common, it was reported to the Forum that one of the people involved was suffering from a mental health issue.

Lucinda had reported the To Let signs which had appeared. These seemed to have gone.

The beds outside the Locat8me building on the corner of The Avenue and Newland had gone before Lucinda had had a chance to report them.

Sandra reported that 168 West Parade was back on the market.

Policing

Mark Wrigley, Pete Davies and Kay Rowntree had patrolled areas of the ward during the first few weeks of the university's term. It was reported that there had been fewer phone calls than usual. It was suggested that the poor weather might have helped reduce the amount of disruption and noise on the streets. Mark commented that the leaflet drop to houses had helped. He also noted that there had not been as many burglaries in the area.

Sandra flagged up the 'Safe corridors' scheme in Nottingham. Rob also noted that Bristol university was paying £25,000 to support the policing of student areas.

Alison Griffiths reported that sadly there had been a lot of fly tipping and vandalism in Liquorice Park.

Mark said that there were going to be patrols in the city to reduce the number of fireworks being set off. Laura commented that one council had brought a motion regarding fireworks to Full Council. Francesca responded that a specific policy regarding fireworks would be

difficult to enforce. Laura would forward the motion that the other council had brought forward.

Action: Laura McWilliams

Long Leys

Jon reported that the footpath application looked promising. He had a meeting arranged with Tammy Smalley of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trusts.

The Waites vehicles now park on the road, not on yellow lines or on the pavement but there were still complaints. Rob explained that there were no enforcement powers in relation to this and that the issue was about communication with the community.

The SID on Hewson Road was up and running. Jon highlighted that the data showed that 64% of vehicles operated within the 20 mph limit. 4,000 cars a week go up or down that street. Around 24 cars a week go over 35 mph.

Jon reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. It had been discovered that a farm in the area had been called Waves Farm in the 18th century due to water/flooding issues.

Community issues including gala/gala evaluation

The gala had gone well. Thankfully the rain had held off until near the end.

Rob thanked Rob and Sandra Lewis for all their work on the gala over the years. They would now be stepping down. Rob had agreed to put in the Gala funding bid to Awards for All again and needs details of costs before the deadline of 31st January 2020. Sandra gave Lucinda information regarding gathering figures to put in bids for funding. Julie thanked Rob for dealing with the noise issue with the stalls in the tent.

What went well	What could be developed/improved
West End photography exhibition (including its location)	The bouncy castle location - they need to go outside, weather permitting. This would make finding them easier for visitors plus would reduce the health and safety issues. Improved signage
Music	
Police presence	
Donkey rides (thank you to Laura for organising this)	
Circus skills	

It was reported by Heather Woodlock that there was increased dog fouling at the entrance to Derek Miller Court. There were many problems with it on Newland Street West. Lucinda said she'd done work on reducing dog fouling but that it was an ongoing problem and often caused by just a few culprits.

David thanked one of the officers, Liam, for all his work in the community. Francesca reported that Emma Carter had now retired from the department.

Cycling

Julie had raised the issue of dangerous cycling as there had been problems on Carholme Road, by her house. She noted that this was a bigger campaigning issue.

Francesca asked about the new transport strategy and when that would be announced. Jon said that any moves to improve cycling education would need to be linked with the new transport strategy. Heather noted the problems with companies such as Deliveroo and the behaviour of cyclists working for them. Julie commented that often reflective clothing wasn't adequate

It was agreed to talk about cycling and the strategy at the next Forum meeting as the new transport strategy should have been announced by then. Lucinda would put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Lucinda Preston

ASB

Francesca reported that she had been working with the university and the SU. There had been a few problem properties but they had been quickly visited. Lucinda had met with Jacqueline Mayer a few weeks previously to discuss student/community matters.

Lucinda asked about forward planning for the end of term festivities. Jacqueline said that the official end of term was the week of the 12th December but that some students might leave before that. The police said that they would be doing some work. Jacqueline said that there would be messaging put out on social media. She said she would send the term dates through to Lucinda.

Action: Jacqueline Mayer

Street scene

David noted that there were no buses on a Sunday to the West End, which was essentially isolated.

There was a discussion of a filthy outflow on Carholme Road and also on West Parade.

David commented about the parking tickets that had been issued to cars at the top of Whitehall Grove.

Rob highlighted that there would be roadworks on Newland for two weeks.

Alison raised the issue of parking on the corner of Belle View Terrace/Carline Road. There is a double yellow line blind bend where people are parking and it is dangerous.

Action: Rob Parker

Rob to send the County Council link to where parking tickets are issued to Luci for distribution to Forum members.

Action: Rob Parker

David commended the Pop-up cafe. It was agreed that it was a fantastic community event.

There was a discussion around streetlighting. Laura commented that she had been approached by people about this and wanted to do something to tackle the issue.

Action: Laura McWilliams

Date of next meeting: 3rd December at 5.30 pm

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Present:

Francesca Bell	City of Lincoln Council
Sandra Lewis	WERA
David Mitchell	WERA/Small Business Action Group
Jon Davies	LLRA
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Jane Kilby	UoL Student Union
Emma Blackburn	UoL Student Union
Mark Wrigley	Lincolnshire Police
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Rev Julie Wearing	St. Faith's Church
Susie Parry	Derek Miller Court
Heather Woodlock	Derek Miller Court
Rob Parker	County Councillor
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Laura McWilliams	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary