

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 28th September 2021

via Zoom at 5.30pm

Apologies

Laura McWilliams, Mark Wrigley, Kay Rowntree and Francesca Bell.

Policing

Lucinda Preston would circulate the email.

Neil Murray reported that the property on Yarborough Road was 'under control'. Mark Wrigley had paid a visit and Framework had evicted the most troublesome residents. Unfortunately, the situation with the Pathways centre had deteriorated again. Mark was going to pay a visit.

ASB

Jacqueline Mayer underlined that the normal procedures were in place for dealing with ASB/noise at the beginning of the academic year. The university would continue to work with the Students' Union and City Council (Francesca Bell).

There was a procedure around bins.

Long Leys

Regarding fly tipping, Robert Parker expressed disappointment with the County Council. He knew that there had been consultation with Highways. Legal advice had not been forthcoming.

Robert had asked for information and said he would probably have to go to the Chief Executive and Cllr Hill.

Action: Robert Parker

There continued to be a problem on Oakleigh Drive regarding the fencing issue. Neil had referred it to the City Council's legal department and would chase a response.

Action: Neil Murray

Following the traffic commission, Jon underlined that Veolia cannot load vehicles before 7 am. Vehicles can leave site but in low gear and low speed and going forwards. Jon said that

Veolia were 'putting a brave face on' with their statement. Of importance is the fact that if Veolia break these conditions then their national operating licence could be revoked.

A contractor had been appointed for the renovation of Whitton's Park Play Park. There were some minor revisions being made to the design. Jon noted that planning permission has to be applied for. The contractor was due to be on site by November 2021 with a March 2022 completion date scheduled. The play park would need to be closed for six weeks: there was no way to get around this. Lincoln City Council would do the comms around the closure and work.

Amongst the many features of the park would be an inclusive roundabout, a kickabout area and a basketball area. George Woolfenden asked about a toilet block.

Street Scene

The SID had now been positioned on West Parade. Sandra Lewis said it was working well: she had only seen one person ignore it. Jon said there would always be some people who would ignore it.

Jon said he was looking to put it opposite St. Faith's and St. Martin's next. Lincolnshire County Council want to charge £400 for a dedicated post. Jon said he would speak to WERA about funding however, Sandra said that WERA couldn't afford it.

Community

There was now also a new machine to cut grass that would be used on the football pitch.

Lack of money and lack of people in the relevant department meant that some work wasn't being done quickly.

There were continued discussions about signage on the West Common. George suggested A4 laminates; Neil commented that notices can quickly become litter. A question was also asked about the West Common gates. Neil confirmed that work would be done next year: there was a supply issue plus supplies were costing more. There were also labour shortages. The good news was the Malandry Close money should bring in an extra £40,000 for the City Council which would help with the cost of these kinds of projects.

Neil was pleased to report that there was real progress in the City Council developing the relationship with the Golf Club.

Jacqueline had sent details of the BGU contact details re: ASB and other issues in the community.

Regarding landlord licences, Neil proposed to select twenty landlords/properties to begin to focus on. He would be meeting with Sandra to identify houses where there were ongoing issues.

Action: Neil Murray

Lucinda thanked WERA for organising the Community Picnic. She had attended with Bertie and they had enjoyed a great time.

Robert said that Lincolnshire County Council now had a new contract with Balfour Beatty. The company had a volunteering scheme and county councillors could nominate work to be done. The play area near St. Faith's Infant School was identified. There was also some discussion around footpaths. Alison Griffiths proposed Liquorice Park: she was thinking of the re-surfacing of the hard area in the park.

Streetscape

Sandra reported problems with:

- 92, West Parade – the trees/bushes needed to be cut back as they were obstructing the pavement.
- 3, Albert Crescent – there was a report of subsidence because of a tree. The issue had been reported but nothing had been heard from the County Council. Rob promised to chase the issue up.

Action: Rob Parker

There were discussions around exhaust emissions on the streets around the schools. Rob was interested if signs were used outside other schools to discourage parking nearby. It was noted that people had started parking again on Hampton Street car park.

David Mitchell raised the issue of the skip in front of a house on Carholme Road; Neil confirmed that he had raised this and that apparently the owner of the house has permission.

Police station re-development

Neil confirmed that the project was "dead". The PCC, Mark Jones, had changed his mind. He now wanted the site sold off. Rob agreed to write to the PCC on behalf of the Forum.

Any Other Business

It was suggested that the 2022 Gala should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Present:

Sandra Lewis	WERA
Robin Lewis	WERA
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Jon Davies	LLRA
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Meghan Batty	UoL Union
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Robert Parker	Lincolnshire County Council
Neil Murray	City Councillor/Chair (for this meeting)
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary