

Minutes of the meeting of Carholme Community Forum, held Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017,  
in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 1 from 5.30 pm

Chair: County Cllr Rob Parker

Present: See attached listing.

Apologies: PC Wrigley, Rev Julie Wearing, Sandra Lewis, Trisha Pearson, Gary Stimson and Claire Hime (Police).

County Councillor Rob Parker welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves.

He then reported on the recent election of a new city Councillor, Lucinda Preston to replace Karen Lee, now MP and welcomed Luci as a new member of the Forum.

The minutes of the 5th September meeting were moved by George Woolfenden and accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting

George reported that cars are still parking illegally between 9am and 6pm at 175 Carholme Road.

Rob Parker agreed to follow up

Francesca Bell has looked at the question of contact numbers to report incidents to the City Council, but as there is no single point of contact, residents should use 881188. Members asked what to do when the switch board is closed. Incidents tend to be low level vandalism and such as playing football with studs on the bowling green.

City Councillors to take up lack of a single contact point (NM)

Parking on Moor Street is being monitored with tickets being issued. Rob Parker will take this up again if it remains an issue.

There is a real wish for CoLC to issue incident numbers for ASB.

Francesca Bell to report back-continues

Rob Parker said that now there were 3 City Councillors in post he would seek an early meeting with the City Chief Exec about common problems in University towns.

Rob Parker

Sandra reported that the post intended to protect Hampton Street garages from illegal parkers does not work.

Tony Speakman to follow up- continues

### West End Noise and ASB issues – Freshers' Week

Francesca Bell, David Mitchell and George Woolfenden all reported significant improvements to student behaviour in Freshers' Week, although David said 'normal service' had unfortunately been resumed in the West End since.

Pete Davies said Police 'visits' following reported incidents were about half those in 2016.

The University has followed up on complaints against student misbehaviour, which was welcomed by residents.

Jane Kilby said that generally, students the subject of complaint had been remorseful and apologised for their behaviour.

Jacqueline Mayer said the message was to be carried next to the Housing Fairs. Heather Grover has organised a debrief in the coming couple of weeks- the campaign is also to cover drugs and alcohol. A further meeting with Nigel Manders may lead to 'focus groups' being established.

Neil Murray said he was very pleased to hear the good news from across the West End, and reported briefly on a meeting with Craig Conway, the new ACC.

David Mitchell moved a vote of thanks to all the Agencies involved this year.

### Policing

PCSO Pete Davies reported on local crime. Drug takers had become a problem at the University Bridge and Police patrols were now visiting and going along the river bank. George drew attention to a collision between a dangerously ridden cycle and Mrs Woolfenden. He was unhappy that Police had not taken the issue or his wife's injuries seriously enough. Pete Davies agreed to take the comments back to the Police Station.

Action: PCSO Pete Davies

Neil Murray reported his concern over increasing dangerous cycling, throughout the Ward. It was agreed to look at changing the Forum priorities at the next meeting.

David Mitchell referred to problems with cars parking on pavements. Pete said that PCSOs are not allowed to issue tickets; this must be by full Police Officers.

Police priorities from the Forum are currently ASB, enforcement of the one way system and speeding (though see above).

## Community Issues

Proposed Play area on the West Common: George said the Open Spaces Society had some concerns about the proposal, but were not objecting at this stage. Neil reported that a Planning Application had been requested, and the Commons advisory Panel would be a consultee when this came in.

The West End lights night will be the first Friday in December (1<sup>st</sup>).

Luci Preston reported on discussions aimed at creating a West End Arts Festival, possibly in late spring next year at Liquorice Park. She and Alison agreed to meet to discuss further.

Action: Alison Griffiths and Luci Preston

Jane repeated her offer to provide defibrillator training on Saturday mornings in St Faith's Church Hall around Christmas and early 2018.

Action: Jane Kilby and Rev Julie Wearing

George reported there was now also to be a defib. at the Golf Clubhouse.

Rob reported on proposals to reopen the Carholme Children's Centre. The site needs clearing and £K10-15 funding is needed.

Luci suggested a tidy up Carholme 'push' using volunteers. Conor said students could help-they have the necessary equipment.

Action: Luci Preston

There was a discussion on improving student awareness of Carholme's facilities, including the West Common and Hobbler's Hole as a place for distance running. George and Conor have done work through videos; the new Student Community Officer will run campaigns with the students.

George asked for students to be requested to not use fireworks on the Common, for the welfare of the resident horses.

Action: Conor Delany

## Street Scene

Conor pointed to the encouragement being given to increase cycle use, and asked how this influenced City Planning. Neil reported that all major new developments will incorporate cycle lanes. Rob suggested that a representative from City Planning attend a Forum meeting in early 2018.

Action: Neil Murray

Changes to Residents Parking are currently at deadlock, with LCC refusing to progress CoLC proposals unless £50000 is paid to LCC. This affects extensions in South Lincoln as well as the reduction from 3 to 2 passes per household. Neil reported he has discussed this with other City Councillors and hoped for a resolution by Christmas. He asked WERA to be ready to support the City on the issue if LCC remain intransigent.

Action Neil Murray to progress

The derelict garages in West Parade/ Rudgard Lane have led to car parking on the forecourt and blocked pavements. LCC have responded to this and are monitoring the situation. The area needs to be fenced off properly in the absence of progress with the housing.

Action: Neil Murray and Planning

David Mitchell reported that rubbish needs clearing outside 14 Whitehall Grove.

### Highways

Rob Parker reported that builders' skips are licensed to be on road for 14 days normally, subject to extension if required. Enforcement is for the Police to determine a traffic hazard. Pete Davies said he would discuss the matter with County officers.

Pete Davies to follow up

Following a discussion on street lighting restrictions, Conor said the SU Study Group would report back in March. The Chair asked the SU to relay their findings and concerns to Martin Hill and Richard Davis at LCC.

Action: Conor Delany

Jon Davies highlighted the speed of traffic from Yarborough Road onto Long Leys Road; Rob stated that efforts to have traffic calming measures had been refused due to the lack of accidents. Flashing speed signs were available from LCC at a cost, which was often met by Parish councils where these exist. CoLC were not prepared to find the money for what they saw as a County responsibility.

Hewson Road footpaths are being repaired following a threat by WERA under H&S legislation.

### Proposed Veolia Waste Transfer Station, Long Leys Road.

Jon Davies reported that LLRA / Action Group have submitted a Statement of Case for the Inspector's Hearing on 27<sup>th</sup> February at Bishop Grosseteste. A barrister has been engaged and fund raising is approaching £10,000. Attempts at dialogue with Veolia have been frustrating.

### Gala/WestFest 2017 and 2018

Tony Speakman reported on a debrief post-Gala between the Councillors and Rob and Sandra Lewis. This had identified a need to plan for differing weather scenarios and recommended shifting the date a week later to enable student and Uni participation and avoid clashing with Battle of Britain Sunday.

A wider committee is also recommended to plan early and ensure good documentation for all activities.

Jacqueline and Jane welcomed the change of date and said this would fit in well with the student starts. They were happy to provide representation on the 2018 Gala Committee.

### Any Other Business

None

### Date of next 2 meetings:

It was agreed that meetings be held in late November or early December and late January or early Feb.

Secretary to arrange and agree

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

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Present:

Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln	
Jane Kilby	UL Students Union	
Conor Delany	UL Students Union	
Ben Leer	UL Students Union (Community Officer)	
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park	
George Woolfenden	WERA	
PCSO Pete Davies	Lincolnshire Police	
Jon Davies	Long Leys Residents Association	
Francesca Bell	CoLC Anti Social Behaviour (Acting Team Leader)	
David Mitchell	Lincoln Small Businesses Association/WERA	
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Neil Murray	City Councillor	
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor	