

Minutes of the meeting of Carholme Community Forum, held Tuesday 28th November 2017,
in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 1 from 5.30 pm

Chair: County Cllr Rob Parker

Present: See attached listing.

Apologies: PC Wrigley, David Mitchell, Trisha Pearson, Gary Stimson and Jane Kilby

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

It was reported that Trisha Pearson is making good progress and hoping to be back on her feet soon.

The minutes of the 24th October 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. He asked who has the powers to issue tickets.

Rob Parker agreed to follow up

Neil Murray reported the City Council has insufficient resources to provide a single point of contact for issues affecting the West Common. Residents should use 881188 but when the switch board is closed, Neil is happy to act as a conduit for reports.

All to note

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

Francesca Bell stated CoLC is unable to issue incident numbers for ASB but the 6 digit 'case reference number' would be recognised for follow up. Forum Members stated they were happy with this solution.

Closed

Rob Parker said he is seeking to agree a date for all 4 Councillors 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

George Woolfenden reported there had been no fireworks on the West Common this year.

PCSO Pete Davies reported that Police has visited the offending cyclist responsible for George Woolfenden's wife's injuries.

Action: Closed

Pete Davies has obtained clarification re builders' skips on the highway. Enforcement is a Highways issue, and the County customer service centre is to be trained accordingly.

Action: Closed

Forum Financial Arrangements

The Chair reported that he has now received 3 cheque books and accounts to 2014 and that the Forum held £1500 in cash and at bank. Existing bank signatories are Sandra Lewis, Karen Lee and Neil Murray, with David Mitchell as Treasurer.

There is an urgent need to change the Bank mandate. This can be done before an AGM, but an AGM needs to be held soon.

Rob Lewis is prepared to act as Treasurer if David Mitchell does not wish to carry out the role going forward, although Rob has existing prior commitments on Tuesday nights.

After discussion on the Constitution, it was agreed City Democratic Services be approached to see if they had a record.

Action: Tony Speakman

Policing

PCSO Pete Davies reported that an additional Police officer, Christopher Forsdyke, is now allocated to the City centre alongside PC Wrigley.

Crime in the area includes 11 bicycle thefts, some from the Uni. It is not known where cycles go to, but shops are monitored. There had been 3 burglaries and 3 noise visits in the month.

4 cars on St Georges had been 'keyed'. The drug problem has 'moved on' due to the weather.

Alison reported vandalism in Millennium Park and reported a cycle had been abandoned there. Alison and Pete are to discuss post meeting.

There was a discussion about aspects of dangerous cycling, with Rob reporting on a discussion where he had asked Stuart Bimley for priority to be given to the problem, as it has been by Skegness Police. Neil suggested it become a Forum priority.

Police priorities from the Forum were amended to ASB, dangerous cycling on the pavement and speeding on Long Leys Road.

Jon Davies reported the finding of capsules at the top of Higson Road Steps. Pete Davies agreed to discuss this with him after the meeting.

Community Issues

Freshers' Fortnight: Sandra Lewis reported that everything had been good this year apart from transient noise.

There had been better working between the police and the University.

Jacqueline Mayer reported on a meeting with a landlords forum 2 weeks previously, and that a web page is being set up on the LU website, which WERA were being invited to contribute to. There will be a small focus group set up, which WERA will take part in; Sandra said names would come from their AGM.

Rob Parker suggested a positive press release go from the Forum, which he could draft and circulate. This was agreed.

Action: Rob Parker

Julie Wearing would like student participation in the Parish Focus magazine; Conor agreed to take this up.

Action: Conor Delany

The West End lights night will be on Friday December 1st.

Luci Preston reported on discussions aimed at creating a West End Arts Festival, and is meeting further at Café Aroma on 2nd December.

Action: Alison Griffiths and Luci Preston

Conor Delany reported that Jane's defibrillator training had been delayed by the need to provide training internal to the University. Sandra Lewis has the names of two volunteers for training.

Action: Jane Kilby and Rev Julie Wearing

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

Action continues: Luci Preston

The S106 monies from the Social Education Centre may be put to improving the footpath from Albion Crescent to Wittons Park. 'Carols on the Green' will be Saturday 16th December at 6pm.

Street Scene/ Planning

Neil is to arrange for a representative from City Planning attend a Forum meeting in early 2018 to discuss integration of cycleways in future developments.

Action: Neil Murray

Neil reported positive progress in discussions between City and county on Residents Parking. This affects extensions in South Lincoln as well as the reduction from 3 to 2 passes per household. A timetable for progress is likely in January 2018.

Action Neil Murray to progress

The West Parade/ Rudgard Lane development is likely to produce a fresh application to increase the number of flats and parking spaces. Residents of the new blocks will have no RPS entitlements.

Action: Neil Murray and Planning

Sandra Lewis reported that students now seem to be putting out their bins on time.

Highways

Rob Parker reported that LCC had stated the crime rate had not worsened following street lighting cuts and asked for public reactions to be submitted to the LCC Study Group. WERA have already done this.

Conor said the SU Study Group on Street Lighting is to carry out a 'follow up' survey shortly. They are also looking at the issue of Lettings Boards (Regulation 7).

Action: Conor Delany

Sandra pointed out the lack of warning signage on Hampton Street near the collision sites.

Action: Rob to follow up

Jon Davies said Alex Rosen of LLRA may approach Rob re flashing speed signs for Long Leys Road.

Julie Wearing queried the (short?) length of double yellow lines outside the school. This may require Traffic Regulation Orders initiated by LCC.

Action: Rob Parker

Jon reported on behalf of LLRA that residents may push for traffic regulation for the 2018 Christmas Market, stopping parking at the top of Long Leys Road.

Proposed Veolia Waste Transfer Station, Long Leys Road.

Jon Davies reported that 70% of noise on Long Leys road in the early hours is caused by Veolia vehicles between 4 and 6 am. Turning vehicles are often up on the kerb. These issues are being taken up with the Traffic commissioners – LLRA want no Veolia vehicle movements before 6 am.

The inspector's Public Hearing is scheduled for 4 days, starting 27th February 2018.

Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 6th February 2018, 5.30 pm in Committee Room 2 at City Hall.

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Present:

Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln	
Conor Delany	UL Students Union	
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park	
Sandra Lewis	WERA	
George Woolfenden	WERA	
Rev Julie Wearing	St Faith's Church	
PCSO Pete Davies	Lincolnshire Police	
Jon Davies	Long Leys Residents Association	
Francesca Bell	CoLC Anti Social Behaviour (Acting Team Leader)	
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Tony Speakman	City Councillor/ Secretary	tony.speakman@lincoln.gov.uk
Neil Murray	City Councillor	
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor	