

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 17th September 2019

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 3 from 5.30 pm

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Laura McWilliams, Jacqueline Mayer, Jane Kilby, Emma Blackburn, Gretchen Fixter and Kay Rowntree.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Regarding Carruthers Court, matter had been discussed at the public meeting on 3rd September. Seven car parking spaces had been identified, St. Faith's Street and Ashlin Grove, which will be converted from two hourly parking to Parking for Residents Only to compensate for the seven lost spaces on Rudgard Lane. A highways officer would answer any questions raised at the Forum.

Sandra Lewis noted Dave Underwood's comment about leaving spaces for the dental surgery on West Parade - given the ties between the surgery and the development this had not gone down well with residents. David Mitchell noted that the City Council won't issue parking permits for the workmen. Rob Parker had opened discussions between Lindum and the Police regarding parking in the soon to be vacant police station. There is an Investors in People connection between the two organisations.

Action: Rob Parker

At the meeting on 14th August, both Highways officers and the representative from Anglian Water reported that there had been no reports of flooding on Carholme Road during the extremely heavy rain in Lincoln in June. The assumption was that the work done by Anglian Water in de-silting and Lincolnshire County council in cleaning the gullies had worked. However further work was to be undertaken by Anglian Water and a report would be produced by next month.

George pointed out that the flooding was bad at the bottom of Hewson Road. Neil Murray said he thought it was better but other Forum members disagreed. Rob will take the issue up with Anglian Water. Sandra also mentioned issues with the building work on Ashlin Grove.

Action: Rob Parker

Regarding the no entry sign needed on York Avenue, legislation now allowed local councils to erect one warning notice at its discretion and the judgement had been made that a second sign is not required. After a discussion around this area it was agreed that Rob would write to Highways on behalf of the Forum. Sandra pointed out the many problems with people going down York Avenue the wrong way.

Action: Rob Parker

Laura wasn't able to attend the meeting so would feed back regarding planning applications and student recreation at the next meeting.

Action: Laura McWilliams

In relation to the problems with the bins at Derek Miller Court, Neil would be meeting with residents and the head of sheltered housing. There was a discussion about the accommodation and security.

Action: Neil Murray

Francesca said she had information regarding wood burners which she would give to the City Council's Comms team.

Action: Francesca Bell

The City Council had officially responded to the LLRA's questions. Neil noted that there was going to be a meeting with council officers in October. Lucinda couldn't attend because of her work schedule. Jon Davies wanted some points to be taken on board by the City Council.

Action: Neil Murray

Rob said that if there were any problems with weeds on the pavements in Carholme to contact him directly. There was a discussion around the box junction at the corner of The Avenue and West Parade. Lucinda expressed the view that there should be a filter arrow on that corner but Rob said that couldn't happen because it is not possible to create a third traffic lane.

Freshers Week (Welcome Week)

The Forum noted the new name for the week. Please see the attached message form Jane Kilby.

Francesca Bell said that council officers would be going out with police from 8 to 4 in the morning for the next few days; she would be running a report off of flagged events at the

beginning of this week (20th September); voluntary PCSOs would be visiting West Parade properties; leaflets would be given out to students about being good neighbours. Mark Wrigley noted that patrols were going out from 15th to 27th inclusive.

David informed the Forum about Sunday night and the many difficulties that had already occurred. There was discussion of the terrible criminal damage on the West Common.

Sandra raised the issue of CCTV in West Parade and Carholme Road. There was a lot of discussion around this area. Sandra was prepared to look for funding. Jon mentioned Whitton's Park. Lucinda would formally write to the City Council about security issues and policy around play areas as well as find which areas are already covered by CCTV.

CCTV would be put as an agenda item on the next Forum meeting.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Community issues including the Gala

Lucinda discussed the last minute preparations for the gala. Sandra said it would be the last time she would be involved in the Gala. Rob asked about who might be involved from WERA next year.

Long Leys

Jon Davies discussed the LLRA's discussions around the Whitton's Park upgrade. He had another meeting with the council in October.

There was a discussion around cycle paths and also the footpath consultation. Jon expressed concerns about opposition to the footpath but Rob suggested the need to gather positive evidence from residents.

Regarding SID, LLRA would be beginning the Community Speed Watch. There would be a number of volunteers in hi-vis jackets. Data would be collected on vehicles travelling above 35 mph and the council would write to the owners of those vehicles.

There was a great deal of discussion around the SID placed on Hewson Road. At 10.45 one morning an individual made some effort to switch the device off. This was a deliberate act that took some effort. The LLRA regretted removing the device from Hewson Road but couldn't put it back until they had confirmation of who was going to oversee it from that locality plus measures put in place to prevent the tampering happening again. The LLRA needs to also know that the residents in the West End support it.

Rob Parker suggested that councillors could go round and speak to West End residents.

Action: councillors

A housing needs assessment has shown that there will be a need for a hundred more properties. The community would be most in need of 1/2 bedroom bungalows.

There are still problems with Waites. There was discussion around an incident in which a cyclist was overtaken near the corner, nearly causing an accident. It was partly caused by a van parked on double yellow lines.

Policing

Most of the discussion centred on the ward's policing policies. There has been a recent increase in drug activity in the area. Patrols have been increased and police continue to need intelligence. Another big issue at the moment is ASB. It has been a difficult start to the new academic year including high levels of ASB in the West End including a series incident of criminal damage on the West Common. Lucinda Preston commented on the link between drug activity and ASB.

Mark Wrigley underlined the police's commitment to tackling these issues but was frank about the need to use resources efficiently. It was therefore unanimously agreed that policing priorities for Carholme for the foreseeable future should be tackling ASB and tackling drug activity.

There was a discussion around the need for CCTV on West Parade and Carholme Road.

Action: Lucinda Preston

George raised the issue of parking tickets and specific locations in the West End.

Liquorice Park

There has been a serious rise in ASB in the park. One man had been physically threatening. Concerns were expressed by Lucinda regarding P3 and the care taken with people in their accommodation. Lucinda agreed to write to the Chief Executive about her concerns regarding P3.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Street Scene

To Let signs are still being displayed on Hampton Street and Yarborough Road. Lucinda said she would contact council officers again.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Lucinda commented that there were still beds outside of the Locat8me building on the corner of The Avenue and Newland. Rob suggested she should ring environmental health.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Sandra raised concerns about 168 West Parade. A licence for a HMO had been turned down and there had been a rumour that the owner was still planning to turn it into one.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29th October at 5.30 pm

Carholme Community Forum, Tuesday 18th June 2019

Present:

Francesca Bell	City of Lincoln Council
Sandra Lewis	WERA
David Mitchell	WERA/Small Business Action Group
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Jon Davies	LLRA
Mark Wrigley	Lincolnshire Police
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Rob Parker	County Councillor
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary