

Minutes of the Carholme Community Forum held on Tuesday 5th March 2020

in Lincoln City Hall, Committee Room 1 from 5.30 pm

Presentation regarding the Newland/Carholme Road building works including Jackson and Jackson representation

There was a re-cap on the building works completed in the past before moving on to the Marrakesh site. In brief, there had been a small archaeological dig; work had been paused because the university wasn't sure that they wanted the building (15 student bedrooms). The footpath was still closed and there was signage all around the area.

On 28th April the left hand lane would be taken over again. There would just be one single lane so that materials could be delivered.

All materials would be stored off-site. 11th December is the completion date with the footpath closure being until the end of November.

Dave Underwood, Lincolnshire County Council Highways, said that a traffic regulation order was only for 18 months (it can't be for any longer). It was removed and would be reinstated. As before, cars wouldn't be able to drive up The Avenue.

Rob Parker emphasised the importance of pavements.

Ben Martin said that you can now walk around by the Horse and Groom. They had "only" taken out 40 metres there are two pedestrian crossings. Sandra Lewis asked if the work would definitely be completed by December. Ben Martin said yes. Jon Davies pointed out that legally they could overrun. He made the point that closing the lane affected other communities e.g. bin journeys. There was an imbalance.

Lucinda Preston pointed out the equality issues that weren't being addressed. She said there were also environmental issues. Surely this type of work goes on in other cities and there must be best practice that Jacksons could look at?

Dave Underwood discussed the political consequences of refusing TROs. Jacqueline Mayer said she was happy to have conversations about the issues. Neil asked how we could make things better. Rob suggested deliveries between 5 and 7 am but Francesca Bell pointed out that there would be understandable complaints if deliveries were changed to that time. There would be statutory issues.

Ben Martin said he would take the idea of a donation back to his directors.

Sandra suggested we should have the road back if it isn't finished 18 months but Dave Underwood said that wasn't a possibility.

Mark Wrigley said we needed to know what would be happening ahead of the Christmas Market. In response, the Forum was told there could be a temporary lift.

The presentation and discussion on the building works closed at this point.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Laura McWilliams, Pete Davies, Kay Rowntree, Emma Blackburn and Gretchen Fixter.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

There was a consultation out about the solid fuel burners. Francesca Bell suggested holding off from a comms campaign for the moment. Francesca would update as necessary.

Action: Francesca Bell

Full Council had adopted a motion regarding fireworks and implementation had been approved at the Policy Scrutiny Committee. IT was working on an online form. There had been articles in the local press about the changes.

Issues regarding streetlighting would be forwarded to the next meeting.

Action: Laura McWilliams

Lucinda and others had spoken with Waites regarding the vans parked on the road. The issues with the Waites vans had disappeared and it was hoped that a more long-term solution would be found. Lucinda had been told that they were looking to negotiate car parking space with Curtis.

Regarding move-out rubbish, the university was looking at a similar campaign to the previous year. It was agreed that there would be another pop-up sale, amongst other actions. It had also been agreed to use the church hall. Lucinda had sent an email about it to Julie Wearing.

Actions: Jacqueline Mayer and Lucinda Preston

Lucinda was keen to press on with readings of pollution in the Carholme area, perhaps along Carholme Road or The Avenue.

Action: Lucinda Preston

There was to be a new bus service to Long Leys. Jon was pleased that the Saxilby route through Long Leys and Saturday service would be back. Robert Parker commented that he had moved an alternative budget on behalf of the Labour Group at the County Council, including enhanced bus services. This was not passed by the County Council, despite warm words.

There were ongoing problems with an overflow pipe at 75 Carholme Road. Lincoln City Council planning enforcement officers were working with the County Council to find instruments to enforce action from the owner. At the moment they were checking who owns the property.

Action: Neil Murray

Regarding the Rudgard Lane development, there would be some disruption because of works to put in new cables for the site. The electric supply needed reinforcement. Western Power would do ancillary work. Some parking spaces would need to be removed for two to three weeks.

Some local residents hadn't received letters about the recommencement of work on the site. Letters to residents were the responsibility of Lindum. The expected completion date was the beginning of January 2021.

Sandra noted that there had been some disruption from students at 4 am in the morning.

Regarding the parking issues on Belle Vue Road, Alison Griffiths noted that things had improved a little. Some drivers were still parking on the double yellow lines. Alison asked about commercial vehicles.

Lucinda would send the email she had received regarding the street cleansing and leaves in gutters etc.

Action: Lucinda Preston

David Mitchell noted that the box markings had still not been re-painted. Rob reported that the County Council had told him that a special machine was needed to do it. He would keep sending e-mails.

Action: Rob Parker

Simon Colburn had called Jon Davies regarding the playground renovation. Jon hadn't yet had confirmation. Steve Lockwood would apparently be working on it.

Lucinda would send out the email re: HMO registration.

Action: Lucinda Preston

There was to be a meeting regarding issues on the West Common, such as the drainage problem, on the 17th March.

Lucinda said she would email out information regarding the environmental events.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Reverend Julie Wearing

Rob thanked her for the all the work she had done on the Forum and in the community ahead of her move to her new parish. Everyone wished her well.

Developments

Rob informed the Forum that there was a government-backed app and website for all roadworks. You could see the permits and the timescales. You could also see skip and scaffold permits. You could also search in advance for 12 months.

Policing

Jon Mellor explained that he was back and was covering the city centre/university/west end. However, the patch would also cover other areas such as Park.

Pete and Kay were doing a fantastic job. There had been 14 burglaries in January and February. Some of the properties weren't secured. There was some discussion of issues related to the use of Spice in the city centre. The problem had reduced as the chemicals in the drug had been coming from China and currently nothing was coming out of China.

There was a discussion around sexual assault crimes and the need to protect identities.

ASB

It was reported that there had been very little ASB in the West End apart from an incident with a metal fence.

Two fence panels had been knocked down at Derek Miller Court.

Neil reported that there had been men on the West Common with metal detectors. Kay would look for them and speak to them/

There was a discussions about the unfortunate loss of PCSOs across the city.

Long Leys

The first community speed watch event had happened. Two cars had been at enforcement level during a one hour session.

There would be a repeat of this event.

Street Scene

Neil had commissioned a report to generate special planning policy regarding places like the West End where roads are narrow.

Sandra noted that there had been a motorcycle blocking the road at 18 Richmond Road. Rob replied that this was legal unless there was a clear obstruction. Sandra also raised the issue of Ashlin Grove. Lucinda said she would check it's not students.

Action: Lucinda Preston

Any Other Business

It was noted that it was Women's History Month. There was going to be another Reclaim the Night march.

Jon asked about the transport strategy. Rob responded that there would be more details after Monday.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th April 2020 at 5.30 pm

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Present:

Sandra Lewis	WERA/Small Business Action Group
George Woolfenden	WERA/Open Spaces
Jon Davies	LLRA
Gary Stimson	LLRA
Francesca Bell	Lincoln City Council
Jacqueline Mayer	University of Lincoln
Jane Kilby	UoL Student Union
PC Mark Wrigley	Lincolnshire Police
Sgt Jon Mellor	Lincolnshire Police
Alison Griffiths	Liquorice Park
Rev Julie Wearing	St. Faith's Church
Rob Parker	County Councillor
Neil Murray	City Councillor
Lucinda Preston	City Councillor/Secretary

Presentation:

Dave Underwood	Lincolnshire County Council Highways
Ben Martin	Jackson & Jackson