

WERA Committee Minutes

Monday 12/06/17, Tennyson Street, Lincoln.

Present: Mike Cancedda (MC), Rob Lewis (RL), Nigel Manders (NM), Sandra Lewis (SL), Joshua Ost (JO), Jayne Arnold (JA), George Woolfenden (GW).

1. Apologies for absence

Maria Lyon (ML),

2. Minutes of meeting held on 8 May, 2017

Agreed

3. Matters arising

- **School play area** – haven't given SL a date for next meeting yet. There was a question raised on Facebook querying whether Whitton's Park was going to get any investment, like other parks have. SL replied that it has had investment but it has been vandalised. It is the City Council's responsibility to maintain it. NM will speak to a councillor about it.
- **To Let boards.** RL said the area is looking better as many boards have been taken down. However there are still a lot of Sold boards.

4. Church gardens

- Have now got the date of 20th July to discuss the plans with Green Synergy. Then need to cost and seek funding.
- A fence has been put up
- Weedkiller has been put down.
- Grass seeds have been donated.
- The school will have a working party to clear the weeds on the north garden.

5. Big Lunch

- July 9th. Hopefully on cricket boundary. SL to liaise with Emma Krasinska re children's games.

6. Meeting with the University

- 21st June re leaflet
- Will ask Uni to ask students to put bins out then put away.
- NM will discuss Freshers and HMO noise
- Police will not attend in person but Steven Williamson will liaise by email

7. University videos

- Uni want to make videos of people who live in the West End as part of helping students to integrate and get to know the area

8. West Fest Sept 17th

- Have secured funding
- SL has organised most things ie: booked Grandstand, dog parlour, school, Guides, Body Shop, music, circus school, bouncy castle, horses, balloons.
- MC will ask re pizza oven and gelato ice cream
- JO will ask fire service
- Karen Lee used to get cheap rate for Grandstand and event licence.

9. Commons Update.

- Security is now a priority
- Vandalism has cost £4500
- Have got CCTV now
- Common will have thistles topped
- Horse Association will pull ragwort
- Problems with BBQs on the cricket pitch
- Have got swans and water rails nesting
- Golf Course have obscured sign saying "Common Land". GW will deal with this.
- Golf Course have also planted hawthorns. GW will deal with this.

10. WERA booklet and marketing

- JO has got quote for 2000 colour leaflets inc posters.
- The University have kindly agreed to contribute
- Need to raise rest of cost from advertisements
- NM has emailed Uni, Students Union, West End Lights, and also asked council for their phone numbers.

11. Article 4 implementation

- Property A – need to get an update from the council

12. Planning matters

- **Brayford restaurant** has gone to appeal. Objections are re reduced number of swans and blocking of visual amenity
- RL has been approached by Jeremy Wright of the Civic Trust
- SL suggests raising this with the Echo again. RL will do this.
- RL will do letter to object, NM to sign by 11th July
- NM will put on Facebook with Appeal number
- **Blenheim Rd** proposed flats will go to committee on 21st July
- **WERA** now has direct access to the council's planning portal to respond

13. Any other business

- **Letter to Karen Lee.** WERA is non-political, but she is a resident of the area so will send a letter of congratulations on being elected as MP for Lincoln.
- **Parking scratchcards** are available to anyone online without check of address

- **Defibrillator** SL reported that this cannot go on the church hall wall because they don't want to take the responsibility. Will suggest Co-op, Sainsbury's or Derek Miller Court
- **Advertising West Fest.** JO suggested putting adverts along Carholme Rd. Committee thought would contribute to too many signs and also might attract people who were not from the West End
- **Youths** have been throwing stones at Route Cars and have also caused problems at the Sainsbury's local

14. Date of next meeting

- Monday 10th July 2017, 7.30pm