

WERA Committee Minutes

Monday 9/1/17, Tennyson St, Lincoln.

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

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Minutes of meeting held on 21 November, 2016

Agreed

3. Matters arising

- Haven't heard anything from Students Union re representation on the committee.

4. Key Items for 2017

- Continued and New Article 4 Properties
- The defibrillator and the box have been received, and handed over to the vicar. The church is waiting to clarify the insurance position before the defib is installed on the church hall wall.
- ML suggested the idea of organising a social event called "West End Good Things". Possible ideas include art workshops for young people, a vintage tea dance, jive lessons with Lynne's daughter, a community choir, combining the Big Lunch (4th June, 2017) with a cricket event.

5. Church gardens/Gardening Club

- SL and RL had site meeting with vicar. The church front garden is very overgrown. Church is waiting for Cory to clear it.
- Plans are to block pave the back garden and open it as a venue for craft markets etc. Plans are for front garden to be a garden, but needs to be open to view with no hidden corners.
- Asking for help from Groundworks/ Bishop Burton College at Riseholme to help with design. ML will also ask Bernice.
- There will be a meeting at 10am on 21st Jan at the church to discuss.
- Open Gardens: suggest 25th June 2017. NM is asking someone to co-ordinate this.

6. Follow-up meeting with University

- This will take place on Jan 25th. Will review previous action points. Aim to be responsive and proactive.
- Specific Property (WP) – tenants still very noisy and intimidating. ML is following police advice.
- Specific Property (TS) – very loud music has been complained about to the ASB unit at the council by several residents. ASBU told latest person that they were the only one who had complained. No reference numbers

are given to complaints. No response out of office hours. SL and RL will bring these issues up at Carholme Community Forum.

- Housing fair was very successful in giving WERA a presence. SL also had useful conversation with APS about getting their tenants to move their bins more promptly.

7. Commons Advisory Panel.

- No fallow this year for the horses.
- Looking at spraying fields at the back of the common against ragwort.
- Common was chain harrowed in November. Will repeat in Feb.
- Have finished renovations to the pond.
- Ongoing repair to fencing.
- Repairs to Alderman's walk fencing will start soon.
- Boston have brought in a bye-law that a dog walker must carry a bag for removing dog mess. £60 fine if found not to have a bag.
- Bottle digging has been a problem on the common.
- Carholme Gala – the golf club have the responsibility for the insurance. The next Gala will be on 17th Sept 2017.

8. 'To Let' boards

- Disappointing response from the council
- Will put on agenda for meeting with Angela Andrews
- Suggest if carries on next year will get petition together so can apply for Direction 7 (no boards allowed)
- SL contacted Students Union re doing a survey of student opinion about boards and will also bring up at Carholme Community Forum. JO thinks a survey was already done a while ago.

9. Car parking update

- Not heard anything

10. Street lighting update

- 10 streetlights are now out of order: Hampton St and Richmond Rd are now all dark
- PC Pete was out collecting defective streetlight numbers to make a case, as there has been an increase of burglaries in the area.
- RL was told we need to wait for the repair crew to be in the area.

11. WERA leaflet/regular updates

- JO will start updating. We have £600 in the kitty.

12. Dog fouling

- Dog fouling is bad on Newland St West and on West Parade
- GW will take this issue to the Forum.

13. Article 4 implementation

- Specific Property (HR) - is to let
- Specific Property (WP) – still awaiting response
- Specific Property (RR) - used to be a student property

14. Planning matters

- 49-51 West Parade – awaiting revised plans
- Veolia – moved to February planning meeting

15. Any other business

- RL mentioned the need to update the website, particularly with who the committee members are.

16. Date of next meeting

- Monday 27th February 2017