

# **WERA Committee Minutes**

**Monday 9/10/17, Tennyson Street, Lincoln.**

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

## **1. Apologies for absence**

None

## **2. Minutes of meetings held on 10 July and 4 Sept, 2017**

Agreed

## **3. WERA booklet and future editions.**

- A lot of very positive feedback. Many thanks to Josh.
- There have been requests to have it more frequently, but we will stick to having it annually at around this time of year.

## **4. Consultation on Regulation 7**

- There will be a 6 week consultation starting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- WERA have been asked to publicise it.
- It will be in the form of an online questionnaire.
- Paper copies will also be available. Will ask if these can be printed off to have available at AGM
- NM to clarify whether "To Let" also includes "Let By"
- NM has asked Connor Delaney from the Students Union to survey the students.

## **5. Update meeting with Jacqueline Mayer/Freshers Fair**

- Freshers Fair was attended by NM. It was really busy, but mostly attended by first years. However this is still good to start the drip, drip effect. It would be good to do Housing fair in December to reach second years.
- Meeting with Jacqueline Mayer: If there has been a complaint, then she is discussing the issues with all the students from that property.

## **6. Freshers/Noise**

- PC Pete made 10 visits (compared to 17 last year)
- Council had 10 complaints, 1 of transient noise and 3 from the same address.
- SL said it has been very quiet as there has been a national issue with late arrival of the students' maintenance grants. Town has also been very quiet.
- ML would like Connor Delaney to follow through on his promise to knock on students doors.

## **7. Community videos**

- RL and SL are on the first video.
- MC would still like to appear in a video.

## **8. AGM 8<sup>th</sup> November**

- Topics will be
  - Consultation on Reg 7
  - Article 4 update
  - West End Gala/Big Lunch
  - Accounts
  - Street warden scheme
  - Freshers and Noise plus more ideas
  - Councillor Q and A
  - Defibrillator
  - Committee members
- Other topics to include: volunteer leaflet deliverers and parking.
- Cllr Neil Murray intends to come. Will ask him to speak re parking. Survey results were 80:20 to go to 2 permits per property. Also need to ask Councillor Parker what is happening re parking.

## **9. Commons Update**

- Things have gone quiet re children's play area funded by RAF Benevolent Fund
- Cricket season has now finished. They had 5 teams. Need to write a thank you letter re Big Lunch
- Some renovation work being done on the Grandstand woodwork.

## **10. Planning matters**

- Property A: Now sold
- Property B: still empty, not gone to planning yet, had 20 objections.
- Property C: still under investigation
- Property D: have passed as an HMO. NM will query where the info has come from, as there is no history of it being in multiple occupation before Article 4 came in.
- Property E: keeping an eye on
- Property F: lots of building work, but did used to be family home.
- Rudgard Lane garage – supposed to have been flattened by now. Lots of workmen and noise every morning. GW will ask at next CCF to be boarded off as is being vandalised and is unsafe.

## **11. Any other business**

- Cars overshooting junction of West Parade and Avenue, also at bottom of Avenue. This is very dangerous. Needs cameras.
- Bikes cycling on pavements, also without lights. GW wife hit and injured by cyclist on pavement but police unhelpful. ML suggested to have an event in the West End to raise awareness eg Dr Bike.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, 7.30pm.