

Tuesday, 12 January, 2021

Virtual Meeting, 8pm

Minutes

1. Members present/Apologies for Absence

Present: Jayne Arnold JA, Rob Lewis RL, Sandra Lewis SL, Agnes Barstow AB, Paul Headland PH, John Taylor JT, Kate Warburton KW.

Absent George Woolfenden and Mike Cancedda.

2. Welcome

3. Minutes of the meeting of the 9 November, 2020.

All agreed. No matters arising.

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising. No appeals from planning objections.

5. Thank you card and gift for Nigel Manders

Sandra and Rob have organized this. Delivered to Nigel with heartfelt thanks.

6. WERA Website suggestions

- Content

Nigel has sorted out the headings. Our work now has current and past work on two dropdowns. Thanks to RL for his work on this. Everyone happy with this.

Latest news – perhaps ordered a bit incorrectly? Perhaps re-order the headings, as latest news often doesn't have new updates. Should go: Home, Our Work, Regulatory Matters, Committee, Events and Latest News, Local Contacts, Local Groups and Amenities. All contact through the WERA Gmail address, not personal contact details.

Action: WERA committee members – have a photo and write a short paragraph about ourselves. Write 2-3 sentences about the West End and yourself for the website.

Wardens might object to having their names on the website as a result of their work, so will not include names on website.

Action: Some cards could go through the doors of Bedford Street and Tennyson Street re bins left out.

Local Groups and Amenities: Not a lot on there at the minute. Could be cricket, tennis, riding school. Sure Start Centre, etc. Need things like Brownies, Scouts, Beaver group. Could also add corner shop and the local Restaurant (doing take-away), spice merchant. Oakleys could be on there, as could the doctor's surgery on Gresham Street. Hall at the Grandstand could also go on. There is also a local Ladies' group. Chinese Takeaway getting a refurbishment could also go in? Should it just be West Parade, rather than Carholme Road? If everything is added, it could start to get too much. No commercial places, just doctors, dentists, leisure facilities, etc. Commercial places can go in the booklet, rather than the website.

Could add City Council numbers, defibrillator, street light number, traffic warden **Action AB: to send number**, PCSO, Noise/Antisocial behaviour. Flooding number? Rubbish issues, rats etc? Environmental health. University has videos of West End residents – could also go on the website? **Action SJ: Try to get videos to go on the website.** At the AGM, Nigel had some graphs of ASB, etc. Should go on the website? **JA to ask him** Couldn't we update crime numbers each month? People interested in figures each time.

7. West Common update
Commons rangers have given the common some attention and cut it back and cleaned pond. Still very boggy.
8. Noticeboard
Nigel still has the keys for the notice board (near the Coop). George lives very close – could do this job?
Action: Jayne to speak to George.
9. West End Lights
Officially cancelled. Cannot do it to safely meet the government guidelines. Cancellation on website.
10. Planning Matters
 - Property A – Section 106
Document doesn't say what a 106 covers. WERA asked that no students could live in it. **Kieron Manning is the contact – need to email individually – Action: JA.** Usually a 106 in this area refers to students. Contact Kieran and get confirmation.
 - Property B
Currently HMO. Applying for it to be a dwelling/HMO. Difficult to object – if they can't get students, they can put a family in. If not an HMO for several years, then they would need to reapply for HMO license.
 - Property C
Applying to be from a C3 dwelling to a C4 HMO. Cllr Lucinda Preston has contacted directly – very upset about this application and intending to object. Was not an HMO in 2016. WERA should definitely object. All in agreement. Huge noticeboard outside advertising student accommodation. Work has already started despite no formal approval. Care home also across the road – not suitable for it to be an HMO. Care home should also put in objection. Would be useful if Cllr Neil Murray And Cllr Laura Mc Williams could also put in objections. Rob happy to let Lucinda Preston know that WERA will put in objection if she can assure other cllrs do the same. Needs to also be added to the website to inform people and invite them to put their objections in. **Action JA to ask Nigel to put on website.**
 - Property D Apparently putting 3 medical students in. Sandra has informed Cllr Neil Murray
11. AOB
 - RL: Cllr Parker sent an email regarding meal deliveries from Age Concern. No prices as of yet. Could also go on the FB page.
 - Who has admin to the FB page
 - JA: Street light in Tennyson Street. Still not working. Admission of administrative error. Will now be fixed.
 - AB: At the bottom of Tennyson Street, always a huge puddle when it rains. Also one near Roseberry Avenue. Drains need cleaning. Need to get hold of Robert Parker.
12. Date of next meeting
Tuesday 23rd February, 8pm on Zoom.