

WERA AGM Minutes

Meeting held on 16.03.22, 8pm at St Faith's Church Hall.

- Achievements
 - SID
 - Currently on Hampton Street
 - 75% of drivers appear to be following the 20mph speed limit, however, 25% of traffic going over the 20mph speed limit
 - Represented views on Planning Matters
 - People to tell us about applications near them
 - First in-person residents meeting for a long time
 - Three new committee members
 - Applied to increase conservation area, unsuccessful due to a lack of staff and resources
 - Big Lunch Picnic September 2021
 - West End Walkabout with the Council
 - CCTV cameras approved – Cllr. Neil Murray suggests they should go up in April
- Situations Vacant
 - Speed Camera
 - Needs volunteers for the 2 months a year in which we have SID, March and September, largely for changing batteries.
 - Secretary
 - Street Wardens (for all areas possible)
 - Involves monitoring bins that have been left out, accumulation of rubbish in front gardens, reporting back to Sandra Lewis
 - Yarborough Road
 - West Parade
 - Carholme Road
 - Newland Street West
- Future Events
 - Big Lunch – Sunday 5th June, 2 pm to 5 pm at the Grandstand
 - Fancy Dress for Under 10s
 - Investigating balloon animals and face painting
 - Grandstand booked, should be free of charge for us
 - Instead of the Gala
 - Photography Competition
 - Open from 1st April to 30th September 2021
 - The details for the competition are on the website under 'Latest News'
 - Hoping that the calendar produced from this will be able to be sold throughout November and December
 - If there is an event for the release of the second volume of *Lincoln's West End: A History*
 - Open Gardens
 - People to contact WERA email address to volunteer their gardens
- Formal
 - Accounts

- See accounts on the website
 - Will remain September to September – Lady who audits our accounts can do them in September but not in March
- West Common
 - Horses
 - Staying on the Common this year
 - Fewer horses on the Common - has gradually declined over the years. This could be due to concerns around the public interfering with and feeding the horses
 - Drainage
 - Will improve further, there are repairs needed where the drain has dropped into the drainage channel
 - Pond flooding – the outlet is blocked, but the inlet is still functioning which has led to the pond flooding
 - The Common is used as a flood plain when needed
 - Lincoln Wish Tree
 - Problems with illegal and/or offensive items being added
 - Agreement made regarding no further expansion of the tree and guidelines over what people can add to the tree
 - Other offensive materials will be removed
 - Who to ring for ASB on the Common
 - Has been asked that Anti-Social Behaviour should come under the ASB Department at the council, but this has not yet happened?
 - When ringing issues into the numbers provided for the West Common 01522 873423, (also found at the entrance gates), make sure you get an incident number.
 - Recreational Spaces on the Common- in discussion with university re maintaining football pitch.
 - Whitton's Park:
 - Almost finished, waiting for the grass to grow
 - Was due to open in April, but due to the current weather it is looking more like May
- Committee
 - Resignation of Officers
 - Re-election of Chair (Jayne Arnold) and Treasurer (Sandra Lewis). Election of Secretary (Elizabeth Madagan).
 - General Members: Rob Lewis, Mike Cancedda, George Wolfenden, Sarah Jenkins, Paul Headland, John Taylor, Agnes Barstow, Sharon Clark, Lara Chinn and John Bustin
 - Committee Proposed by David Mitchell, Seconded by Peter Wilkinson
- Any Other Business
 - Parking in the West End
 - Complaints increasing around the parking situation in the West End
 - Cllr. Neil Murray has been communicating with some members of the community. A suggestion to make visitor bays usable by visitor and permit holders has been made. There would be issues for carers and local businesses – could carers be given specific permits? This is due to be put

forward to the council in May, there is no guarantee that it will go through. Plans to have a broader survey of residents have been put forward

- Issues surrounding student parking: it seems that some of the cars that are brought by students do not get used as frequently. New student accommodation on Riseholme Rd will not have any onsite carparking.
- Residents' parking appears to be at capacity according to a recent survey on permits versus space
- Two permits per house – questions raised about the visitor permits, confirmed that they are included in the two permits allocated to each house.
- Sincil Bank to become permit parking for residents from the summer
- Cllr. Neil Murray to meet new Vice-Chancellor of University of Lincoln
 - Going to suggest the university's involvement with the Recreational spaces on the common, specifically if they could fund them and take more responsibility for social spaces for the students
- Platinum Jubilee Lunch
 - Council will be sponsoring celebrations for the Jubilee; however, these have not been decided yet (meeting to be had Monday 21st March)
- Planning Matters:
 - Garages on Derwent Street to be pulled down and replaced with housing. W Cllr. Neil Murray to move against.
- Keep the Tap Running Campaign
 - People to fill in the survey produced by the campaign
 - Meeting at the Queen of the West Thursday 17th March to discuss further updates and actions
 - Possibility of getting students more involved in the campaign (EM and LC to share with student population through student Facebook groups and possible canvassing on the university campus)