

Monday, 25th April, 2022

1, Tennyson St, 8pm

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence
 - From GW and SC
2. Welcome
3. Minutes of the AGM of 7.03.22
 - Approved
4. Matters Arising
5. Facebook page: criteria for joining; content; regulation of advertising – Discussed towards the end of the meeting. Updates made post-meeting between JA/MC/BM
 - Problems with people joining/in the group from outside of the community
 1. People trying to join the Facebook group using addressees without actually living within the community
 2. Issues with people from the Long Leys Road area, appear to be wanting to advertise their allotment related activities but this has been thought as inappropriate by the committee (there has been further contact from people heading the page for Long Leys Road communicating this as a possible problem for us)
 3. Problem of people inviting their friends to join the group – request for people to stop doing this unless their friend lives within the community
 - Advertising Problems
 1. Businesses creating posts every week which are cluttering up the feed and that are not deemed to be 'of value' to our community at this volume. We have implemented a suggestion that advertising should be allowed on a 6-monthly basis, with one post per 6 months per business. This is now under the rules on the group.
 2. Problems of Journalism Requests – some are from students, others are from authors at local News Outlets (incl. The Lincolnite). Need to gauge whether people are happy with these continuing or not.
 - Updates to the Group
 1. Implementation of new Group Rules which are now pinned to the top of the page, including rules on advertising businesses
 2. Updating the Description to make the purpose of the group clearer

3. Confirmation that the minutes for meetings will not be published on the group, however it may be worth reminding people that these are available at www.wera.org.uk
6. Big Lunch/Jubilee Celebration (5th June) – SL
 - Face Painting booked for 1 ½ Hour for £90 (12:30-2pm)
 1. Prefers to be inside
 2. Has to be gone at 2pm for another appointment
 - Need some more activities
 1. Got fancy dress for the little ones, hoping for PC Kay to judge this
 2. Everyone to bring their own picnic
 - The event will definitely be held at the Grandstand, with access to both the inside and outside spaces
 - Needs further publicising (post-meeting discussion highlighted the 'Events' feature on the Facebook group which will be utilised for all future events where possible).
 - Need someone to start/run some games for children?
7. Open gardens (3rd July) – JA
 - No new updates
 - Not likely to be too much organisation
 - More progress will be made at a later date
8. Residents' Parking Consultation – JA
 - Following up from the AGM discussion, the issue needs a thorough consultation
 1. Meeting to discuss this further between JA, SL and Cllr. Neil Murray
 - Issues:
 1. Residents getting parking tickets from parking in two-hour visitor bays
 2. Biggest struggle is in the evenings and over weekends
 3. Confusion around 'H' bars being used to park vehicles outside their owner's house
 - Options:
 1. Remove some visitor spaces or make them accessible to permit holders
 2. Mention of extending the hours in which the parking is monitored, this was not voted for in the last meetings around parking, but could be a possibility.
 3. Need more funding for more surveys
9. West Common update – GW
 - No common update, GW sent apologies
10. Photography competition - SC/BM/LC
 - The University has so far been completely unresponsive to my emails requesting information about hosting our event there – suggestion to talk to JM?
 - No submissions at the time of the meeting
 - Have the PayPal set up ready to take payments – this will be used for all future fundraising

- Have done initial advertising on Facebook group, however this will need to be kept up with over the coming months
 - No date for the West End History event yet, but confirmation that it will take place at the university.
 - JA to email us a list of businesses – no plans to sponsor the ‘Hello West End’ leaflets so no concerns regarding competition there
11. Committee members photos and paragraph for website – JA
- Would like to put a picture of each new member and a few lines about us for the website. BM/SC/LC/JB
12. Planning Matters
- To let signs
 - Some found opposite the Church Hall and the Junior School, reported to Lucinda. If nothing comes of this, it could be forwarded to Kieran Manning. SL/RL to forward addresses to JA.
 - To let posters in windows:
 - Council asking for photos to be forwarded of the posters that have been put up
 - Regulation 7 prevents the wooden boards but it is unknown whether this includes these posters or not
 - The allowance of them sets a bad precedent, the feeling is that something should be done about them
 - If taken to the Secretary of State, there is a chance that it will affect everything that can be put up in windows (such as the rainbows for the NHS during the first lockdown etc).
 - 192 West Parade – appeal
 - Already separating the plot by fencing but no decision has been made at present by the Secretary of State regarding the application. Any attempts to start work without permission will be monitored and reported.
 - 25 Westbourne Grove – pending consideration
 - 2 Alison Street
 - Need to investigate whether this is in accordance with planning permission – nothing on the planning website
 - Unsure as to whether it is an HMO or not? If under Licence 4 then this could be contravening what is going on?
 - Questions about Air B&B regulations regarding recent property sales – none explicitly for the West End. It is uncertain whether there are actually any plans for a new Air B&B for recent sales.
13. AOB
- SID Output Figures have come in – Quick summary given
14. Date of next meeting: Mon 30th May.