

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

1, Tennyson St, 8pm

Minutes

**1. Welcome**

Present: RL, SL, JB, SC, GW, JA.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

AB, MC, SJ.

**3. Approval of minutes for meeting of 16.01.23**

Approved

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Resignation of our secretary, Beth Madagan.**

Will try to recruit at the AGM

**6. Street wardens/Bins. – SL**

There is a new online system for reporting bins left out. It is a bit cumbersome, and so RL made a Freedom of Information request to see how many fines were issued for bins left out. In the year to date, there were only 13 fines issued for the whole city. SL will bring up the issue at CCF to see whether it is worth reporting the bins if nothing is being done about them. JA suggested that we could do training for the Street Wardens to help them learn how to use the new system. It could also be publicised on WERA facebook and website for all West Enders to use.

**7. West Common issues – request for No BBQ signs and grass mowing schedule.**

- Duncan Howells has requested these several times, but not produced results. SL will bring up at CCF.
- Antiques Roadshow doing some filming on the Common on Thursday.
- Commons Advisory Group has been made aware that the Golf Club's management plan has not been completed. Councillors will shortly be doing a walkabout on the Common to highlight some issues. One issue is that the Golf Club have blocked off one of the entrances again.

**8. Liaison of Duncan Howells and City Council re litterpicking.**

Duncan plans on attending CCF himself to pursue this.

**9. AGM planning – JA**

Have booked Duncan Howells to speak about litterpicking, Jez Ashberry to speak about West End Lights and George Woolfenden to speak about the West Common. Will also highlight forthcoming events and volunteering opportunities.

**10. Planning Matters - JA**

- 7, Ashlin Grove – pending consideration
- 17, Charles St West – pending consideration
- 41A Carholme Rd -pending consideration
- 25 Westbourne Grove – pending consideration

JA noted that there have been several planning applications recently that are seeking permission to extend the kitchen in HMOs. Unsure of the motivation for this; many are from the same landlord. SL will raise at CCF.

**11. AOB**

- JA had message from resident of Richmond Rd re 10 addresses where bins are repeatedly left out on the pavement. RL will put cards through.
- JB is liaising with Bishop Grosseteste re providing some children's games for the Big Lunch. Also with Bowling Club, to encourage their membership.
- SL has been working with Friends of West End Play Spaces. St Faith's small park is now open again, but will need refurbishing in about a year's time.

**12. Date of next committee meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm, at JA.**

**FUTURE DATES:**

**AGM Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023, 8pm at St Faith's Parish Hall.**

**West End Event at University: Saturday, April 22, 10am, Isaac Newton Building.**

**Big Lunch Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 12-2pm.**

**Open Gardens Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2-5pm.**