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SJ Sarah Jenkins JB John Bustin MC Mike Cancedda PW Peter W  
VE Val Edwards (M) AB Agnes Barstow  
Cllrs NM Neil Murray (County and City) LP Cllr Lucinda Preston  
EW Cllr Emily Wood  
CCF Carholme Community Forum CAC Commons Advisory Committee

## Committee meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 8pm 1 Tennyson Street

### 1. Welcome

JA welcomed VE, SJ, SL, RL in person and JB online.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Peter W had sent apologies and the death of George Wolfenden was noted with sadness.

### 3. Approval of minutes for meeting 11/12/23 committee

Approved.

### 4. Matters Arising None

### 5. Carholme Community Chest Grants (Levelling up Funding) SL

SL and RL had attended a meeting with Paul Carrick and Frances Plant. The officers had reassured Sandra that we would be receiving the grant towards WERA running costs pending submission of an invoice to Community Chest. Invoice submitted SL, RL. A lengthy document had been received seeming to demand detailed evidence of intended project spend. Community Chest officers reassured SL and RL that only a straightforward project outline (as example) was required. Outline had been submitted by SL and RL.

Jayne asked for electronic copies of these documents SL.

The '30 foods' project will go ahead in some form. SL and RL had offered support if needed.

### 6. SID (see above)

JA The Long Leys loan SID will be with us in February and will be sited opposite Oakleys near Ashlin Grove.

SL Possible funding source, indicated by Paul Carrick for our own SID, is not available. Suggestion was that a bid for the second Community Chest phase should be submitted for this purpose. SL RL Required match funding can come from volunteer time.

Discussion on where SID brackets are currently located: Bottom of Hewson Road; Near St Faith and St Martin Junior School; Ashlin Grove; Probably near St Faith Infant and Nursery School.

Another SID supported by committee.

### 7. Carholme Community Forum

SL and RL attended. Inspector Parker had outlined current police strategy. Members of the community are asked to contribute by reporting (via email) details of such behaviour and the specific location/address. JA to post email address on WERA facebook page.

The police service regrets the lack of a regular street presence (esp. demise of PCSOs JB) but are doing their best with the resources available to them.

Inspector Parker will be approaching the County Council to request that alternate street-lights be left on overnight.

JB said that there had been a burglary on Richmond Road when the student residents were in bed. The police had attended but not until several hours later.

### 8. Anti-social Behaviour

Ben Jackson PPASB team had been contacted about the bin system. He claimed that it is beginning to be effective. SL was reassured that several fines had been issued. He promised to update.

## 9. Policing SL

See also items 7 and 8

Cllr. LP had stated on Facebook that warning stickers had been placed on bins. These are thought to be ineffective and the bin system still depends on WERA vigilance. Bin issues are reported to Ben via the web site. The elements of the procedure in place do not currently seem to be very 'joined-up'. Trolleywise: Cllr. LP has asked Morrisons for a discussion about stolen and dumped trolleys.

Ben had said that anti-social behaviour which is linked to a specific address can be reported. This includes the smoking of cannabis where it is deemed by neighbours to be a nuisance. Comes under 'noxious smells' legislation. Action can then be taken in stages:

- a. Community Protection Notice ..... if not effective followed by
- b. Community Protection Warning .... If not effective followed by
- c. A fine ..... if not effective followed by
- d. Prosecution

## 10. Vacancy on Commons Advisory Panel

John Bustin said that he walks the Common most days with the dog so would be happy to take George Wolfenden's place on the Panel. **JB** to contact Neil Murray about level of commitment involved.

## 11. Memorial plaque for George Wolfenden

The City Council will plant a tree on West Common in memory of George. After some discussion, it was agreed that a plaque recognising his service should be placed on the pavilion.

It was also felt that Trudie Farrelly's contribution as the founder of WERA should be honoured. A plaque on one of the West Common benches (3 on footpath, 1 or 2 on cricket pitch) or Witton's Park benches would be appropriate. **JA** to speak to Cllr. NM about plaques.

## 12. Planning Matters SL, RL

15 Fleet Street granted

101 West Parade no progress

Derwent Street granted 'because the garden is already hard standing'

30 Whitehall Grove refused 'not permitted development and would cover part of the garden'

It is permissible to employ a privately engaged building inspector which the Committee suggested could lead to a conflict of interest.

Whitehall Grove is currently being worked on with a large accumulation of rubbish. The roof has been removed leaving the building vulnerable and making it a potential risk to neighbouring properties.

101 WP **SL, RL** to look at property notices and make enquiries about the property ownership.

Cllr. NM is proposing another consultation on resident parking to change to 8am to 8pm or 24/7.

## 13. AGM date

JA suggested March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> or following week. **SL** to enquire about St Faith's Hall availability.

## 14. AOB

- **JA** to clarify with David Mitchell about his representation when he attends various meetings. If he is to represent WERA he might wish to be co-opted onto the committee.
- **SL** CC Forum: Cllr. NM is proposing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area. He has sought advice from Steven Kemp, Exec. Dir. of 'Open Plan' (urbanism, placemaking and plan-making studio).
- There would be guidance but it would involve significant input from WERA.
- **SL RL** believe an NP will be helpful only if it gives us what we want in terms of controlling development.
- Cllr. LP is looking into the graffiti on the 'Machin' site on Carholme Road. PP has almost expired.
- West P. Vet's property has 'To Let' sign in contravention of City Cncl. Approved Reg 7. **RL SL** to follow up.

**Metting closed 21.37**

**Next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1 Tennyson Street.**