

Committee meeting 13th January 2025 8pm 1 Tennyson Street

1. Welcome

JA welcomed VE, JB, SL, RL

2. Apologies for Absence

SJ, RC, Neil Murray who had said he would try to attend.

3. Approval of minutes for meeting 18/11/24

Approved

4. Matters Arising

- a. Bins. Improvement noticed on 2 properties which had repeatedly been reported for leaving bins on street. 32 York Avenue and 22 Moor Street. Communication still poor with ASB team. To be periodic meetings between team and Chief Exec. Frequency to be discussed.

5. Community Travel Zone JA

- a. Neil Murray had advertised a meeting on 10th January last to discuss reappraisal of our Community Travel Zone. Very short notice: 15 residents had attended with apologies from 15 others. Cllr. LP attended part of meeting and JA had attended on behalf of WERA. A further meeting is planned for second week in February.
- b. Current scheme is around 20 years old and no longer fit for purpose.
- c. Richard Davies (Exec. Cllr Highways, Transport and IT) had pledged to consult in 2024. Now slipping to 2026. NM's wish is to consult residents this year, ideally in March. Funding for a consultation has not been supported by Lincolnshire County Council. *NB County responsible for signage, line marking etc., and City for policing parking.* The consultation will be accessed on-line and Jayne offered WERA AGM as an opportunity to gather signatures. **Sandra to investigate hall booking for AGM for last 2 weeks in March, ideally a Thursday.**
- d. Other suggestions from the meeting were: Press coverage, protest march.
- e. Jayne had said WERA would support the consultation with whatever resources we have.
- f. There are issue other than parking including rat runs and the need for a pedestrian crossing near the school.

6. Carholme Community Forum SL

- a. Additional staff member has been recruited to ASB team.
- b. Councillors to meet with Chief Exec. re bins.
- c. SL had asked NM to include unused bus stops in parking review eg Yarborough Road currently being used as free parking for city centre workers.
- g. West End now part of City Centre policing with several plain clothes officers patrolling. There had been significant successes in apprehending and charging offenders. CC team Sergeant will pass a telephone number to WERA committee for direct reporting. Not to be advertised on web site for general public use.
- h. Alexandra Terrace has drug issues. Trying to get a camera installed. Also a rat problem in the area.

- i. Play area adjacent St Faith's Infants' School. Weeds have been cut. SL has emailed asking the committee driving the initiative for an update. Refurbishment needs to take place by April.

7. Neighbourhood Plan meeting 9th Jan. JB

- a. Cllrs LP, NM and EW present with John Davies Chair of LLRA Long Leys Resident's Association. 12 attended with Lucinda as chair.
- b. A constitution has been developed from 'Locality.org.uk' the national membership network supporting local communities.
- c. The geographical area has been defined, essentially the ward boundary less West Common and LLRA area.
- d. 21 people needed to constitute a NP forum with a sub-board of 9 and 4 attending to be quorate if necessary. An interim organisation has been created with a chair, secretary (JB) and treasurer. Elections to follow in July this year.
- e. Funds to be drawn from Carholme Community Forum.
- f. All stakeholders in the area will be consulted resulting in an overarching strategy document.
- g. *Jayne expressed concern that the City Centre area of the ward is included.*

8. Commons Advisory Committee

- a. In view of the additional housing proposed on the Curtis's site, LLRA have asked for 1m. widening of the footpath across the common for divided cycle and walking use. There is no funding for this and WERA committee are opposed.
- b. WERA also against additional lighting on West Common footpath.
- c. Fallow period to remain as is. With reduced equine population on the common, there is no need for horses and ponies to be taken off. Can be continuously grazed.
- d. Drain at west end of golf course has breached again resulting in widespread flooding. Trackway had recently been put in place by Env. Agency to repair last year's breach.
- e. WC cricket pitch was not used at all last year due to delayed mowing of outfield. Long tradition of cricket on the common which WERA would like to see continue. Organise community mow?

9. Activities Survey Feedback from RC

- a. RC had redesigned WERA logo for Co-op WERA notice board.
- b. RC had drawn up a provisional list of forthcoming events.
- c. Litter picking. Due to recent health issues RC has felt limited around organising proposed litter pick. **JA** to forward to RC suggested boundary for litter pick in the upper area of the West End between West Parade and Yarborough Road.
- d. RC will follow up on the 2 women who have volunteered to organise an arts and crafts project.
- e. JB a nature conservation project might involve local schools noting flora and fauna in randomly selected metre squares on West Common.

10. AOB

- a. Concern expressed around poor leaf etc. clearing in relation to drains. Recently residents had had to take action to remove gully blockages which had resulted in flooding.
- b. Anonymous posting on WERA Fb: Committee agreed that **JA** would switch off.
- c. Local residents had been penalised during recent frosts for covering resident parking payment with frost cover. RL had been in touch with NM about this issue. **RL** wished to have it minuted that NM had not responded so far and needs pursuing if nothing by next CCF meeting.

Meeting closed 21.35

Next Meeting Monday 3rd March