

Minutes of West End Residents Association [WERA] 13th December 2021

Attendance

Cllr Neil Murray, Jayne Arnold [WERA Chairperson] Rob and Sandra Lewis, Sharon Clark, Emily Wood (observer); via Zoom link: George Woolfenden, Mike Cancedda, Sarah Jenkins, Elizabeth Madagan, Agnes Barstow.

Apologies

Paul Headland, John Taylor, Lara Chinn.

Minutes from previous Meeting

Approved

Agenda

NB Order differs from Agenda due to non-availability of Cllr Murray for first part of meeting.

1] West Common

a] Drainage of the West Common

The Golf Club are working with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust to enhance the uncut areas to improve drainage. A new drainage system has been installed near West Parade gate, but improvements in the waterlogging probably won't be seen until 2022.

b] Fallow period on the Common.

The Commons Advisory Panel has decided that there will be no fallow period this spring, and the horses will stay on the Common.

c] Tunnel Shelters for the horses

The issue of covered arched shelters for the horses was raised in the meeting. GW informed the meeting that this type of shelter was not viable due to cost, and the fact that these shelters encourage the horses to become more territorial and encourages aggression amongst the animals.

d] Football Pitches

GW has requested that Lincoln University support the placing and maintenance of goal posts. However, as this action would make the University responsible for the insurance issues, the University is not able to comply with this request. The pitches will be line-marked but not have posts. GW suggests that coats to be used to mark the goalposts.

e] Continued ASB and damage taking place. George will investigate.

2] West End Conservation Area

The issue of including the whole of the Victorian area of Carholme Ward in the conservation area was raised at November's meeting. The current configuration of the Conservation area is erratic and excludes large areas of the Victorian housing stock.

Extending the conservation boundaries would give residents more influence over planning applications.

Cllr Murray has already spoken to Lincoln City Council officers about this issue. It has been agreed by LCC that the current conservation area is out of date.

Cllr Murray advised that WERA make a formal request to LCC to review the conservation boundary, he is willing to support both a review and any changes.

ACTION

For WERA to write to City Hall requesting a formal review of the conservation area boundaries - JA

3] HMOs

a] All new HMOs have to take appropriate noise reduction measures in the property. SC asked whether this could occur to already established HMOs. LCC states retrospective noise reduction measures cannot be enforced.

b] LCC has a duty to review the HMO licence every 5 years. The definition of a “Fit and Proper” landlord is very broad and can only be refused on grounds of criminal records/ bankruptcy/ or financial mismanagement.

4] CCTV Cameras

WERA was consulted on the placing of five new CCTV cameras in the West End. These cameras are to remain permanently in the community. All were in favour.

5] SID

Still awaiting brackets.

6] Fund Raising Activities

A meeting will occur in the New Year to discuss the photographic competition.

7] Planning Applications across the West End

- 25 Westbourne Grove – application is still pending.
- 69 Carholme Road - application has been approved.

AOB

2 Hour Parking Slots

Residents in the area are very dis-satisfied that despite having paid for a Residents Parking Permit they are still getting parking fines for parking in 2-hour parking slots.

SL has been informed by the LCC, that legally there needs to be some 2-hour parking slots available in the area.

Community Activities

Community event/Queens Jubilee is due to occur on the 3rd June 2022

NEXT WERA MEETING

Monday 31st January 2022 at 8.00p.m.