

Monday, 18th July 2022
1, Tennyson St, 8pm
Minutes

- Apologies for Absence: MC on holiday, apols JB.
 - John Taylor has resigned from the committee
 - Present: GW, SJ, AB, SC, SL , RL, JA.
- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes for the meeting of 30th May 22
- Matters Arising
- Feedback from Open gardens - JA
 - General consensus that the event was a success
 - Some possible issues surrounding advertising, with people not being aware of the event until close to the date. First notice was given at the time of the AGM in March
 - Difficult to find a balance, by publicising too early people forget that the event is happening, but leaving it too late can cause panic over having too little time to prepare
 - For future events, it would be nice to have a preview session for those hosting, to be able to visit each others' gardens.
- Photography Competition - SC/BM/LC
 - No entries to date
 - BM/SC/LC to meet to discuss further advertisement and event planning
 - Agreement that if there are not enough submissions by mid August to cover hall rent, the competition will be cancelled. **Action BM, LC, SC.**
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points - BM
 - There is someone within the City Council who is in charge of getting EV Charging Points installed, with some being due to be installed around the Bailgate
 - No mention of any for the West End in the current plans of the Council
 - Increasing demand - company cars are increasingly being switched to EVs, other residents could wish to get an EV but be unable to due to a lack of infrastructure
 - Some residents are already having to trail cables across the pavements to charge their EVs, creating a hazard for the public
 - The grants from the government are likely to become less and less helpful over time - already decreased from funding 80% of purchasing and installation costs to just 60%
 - We will need to look at the different models of charges and work out which system would be the most appropriate

- Difficulties around how many there would be within the area, they would either have to be distributed equally across the permit zones or go into the visitor parking spaces on the 2-hour time limit in an effort to allow fair access across the community
- This is an issue that is not going away any time soon, proposed meeting with members of the City Council to discuss the options. **Action JA**
- Changes to PPASB (Public Protection Anti-Social Behaviour) Team - SL/RL
 - Staffing:
 - Number of changes to the staff, including the Service Manager leaving and two other members going on Maternity Leave. The person managing the new CCTV is being promoted, meaning that there will be a new employee for this position too.
 - The new Service Manager will not start until September
 - The team is expected to be taking a reactionary approach as opposed to their usual proactive approach until after the new Service Manager has started.
 - Refuse
 - Student Tenancies ending, frequently sees problems with large amounts of refuse being left outside the houses, sometimes blocking pathways etc. Hope that there will be either council or landlord led collections of this excess refuse, or information regarding the site for the local tip distributed. The bins may need to be put in from the streets as well.
 - Problems with the Council's method for addressing households not bringing their bins in
 - A number of households who have had repeated low-level intervention, but have following each instance corrected themselves before returning to not taking their bins in. This method seems to result in the council never going past the initial intervention despite the households being flagged repeatedly.
 - Not all bins within the West End have the house numbers on them, causing a problem with the Street Warden Cards Scheme. Suggestion that the council enforces the labelling of refuse and recycling bins to aid the scheme
 - Request that there is clarification regarding the number of bins at a property as households of larger sizes may need more capacity for refuse/recycling bins. **Action SL, RL**
- Saturday Coffee Mornings - SL
 - Previously a coffee morning once a month at St Faith's Church Hall prior to the first lockdown. There are no current plans to begin these again, congregation members who ran it previously are no longer able to run it. The funding for community groups such as this is available from the council.
 - There is a new Chat Cafe ran by the university Chaplains happening
 - These community run events are fantastic for the community, especially for those who might not have much other social contact.
- Ideas for the Hello West End Booklet - JA
 - Looking for article ideas, suggestions:

- Article about Car Parking
 - EV Charging Points?
 - Open Gardens - write a summary of the afternoon
 - Jubilee Weekend, focus on the Big Picnic and potentially discuss other local events from across the weekend
 - Dos and Dont's for Horses on the Common
 - Contact details for PPASB, information on the process
 - Article from the Lincoln Wombles
- Planning Matters
 - To-Let Signs in Windows
 - No progress has been made towards the removal of these signs and new advertisement banners have gone up around Hayes
 - 4, Bedford St
 - Currently accepting comments on the Lincoln City Council website
 - There are large numbers of objections on the site, with concerns around the over development of the site, parking in the area, intrusive construction work and the impact on the local community with the potential circumvention of Article 4.
 - 2, Alison St
 - Nothing on the planning portal regarding this property, however there appears to be a large extension to the rear of the property, requests have been made to have this investigated further
 - 192, West Parade
 - This appeal has been rejected and permission has been denied. This construction should not go ahead.
 - 25, Westbourne Grove
 - Still pending consideration
- West Common- GW.
 - Request from the NHS to put a vaccination centre behind the Grandstand. Currently unsure as to whether this will go ahead, but it is a possibility.
 - Major vandalism issues, especially around the cricket pavilion. This is being dealt with as much as possible, sadly it was out of CCTV range that the incidents occurred.
 - There is a possibility that public access to the tennis courts will be lost due to people using them to play football which has caused damage to the courts and their boundary fencing.
- AOB
- Date of Next Meetings:
 - Committee Meeting: Monday 12th September, 8pm at JA
 - Resident's Meeting: Monday 19th September, 7:30pm, St Faith's Parish Hall