



JA Jayne Arnold (C) SL Sandra Lewis (T) RL Rob Lewis
SJ Sarah Jenkins JB John Bustin GW George Wolfenden
MC Mike Cancedda PW Peter Wilkinson VE Val Edwards (M)
AB Agnes Barstow SC Sharon Clark Cllr. RP Rob Parker
Cllrs NM Neil Murray LP Lucinda Preston PC Mark Wrigley (university)
CCF Carholme Community Forum CAC Commons Advisory Committee
PPASB Public Protection and Ant-social Behaviour Team
National Organisation of Residents' Associations NORA

Val's ref

1. Welcome

JA welcomed new member VE. SJ, SL, RL, JB and GW.

2. Apologies for Absence

PW

3. Approval of minutes for meeting of 24.04.23 and AGM minutes

Both approved

4. Matters Arising

RL. Proposal to have British Heart Foundation collection bins, probably at the end of Rosebery Ave. Sarah had raised with Cllr. Rob Parker at CCF who had promised to contact Lincs. Highways. **Sarah to follow up with Rob.**

5. Big Lunch Debrief

JA and SL considered it had gone very well. Unexpected cricket match meant removal to the side of the pitch to avoid distracting bowlers/batters but was generally accepted as an added attraction. GW, 3 teams currently use the pitch Carholme, Rustons and 1 other.

JA had not done posters to advertise but it was agreed that Facebook and word of mouth were sufficient to advertise events.

6. Feedback from CCF - SJ

Signs for common gates and cricket pitch. Cllr. LP will take on. To include 'No Barbeque' signs. Discussion around overflowing bins especially from BBQs. GW – bins usually emptied on Wednesday, sometimes Thursday. It was suggested that Friday empty followed by Monday empty would be a better regime. **SJ to speak to LP.** Dog bins are not routinely emptied either. Continental Landscapes' staff walk the boundaries of the Common daily. Suggested that this could include bin overflow reporting.

City Golf had been burning material on the golf course again. Steve Bird from Lincs Waste Partnership and Cllr. NM had not walked golf course as promised.

GW - There had been a Rave on the common the previous Saturday and bottles had been thrown at people who had asked for moderation. JB – there is currently no enforcement against drinking behind pavilion. SL – several years ago there was an attempt to ban drinking on the Common but it was opposed. GW suggested that the Public Space Protection order prohibiting City Centre drinking should be extended to the Commons to give the police powers to act. Meeting agreed that **GW follow up with Commons Advisory Committee.**

WERA regrets the loss of the Commons wardens and, more recently dedicated PCSO.

7. Attendees at Carholme Community Forum etc. - JB

Discussion/clarification. GW and SL attend to represent WERA. David Mitchell also attended the last meeting but not representing WERA. Duncan Howells was invited to attend as head of the litter pick team.

GW and SL also represent WERA on Commons Advisory Committee.

JB was looking for a role to make a contribution to the group. It was agreed that he would take over management of the web site. **JA and JB to meet to discuss.**

8. Street wardens/Bins (online reporting). – RL and SL

SL will ask Ben from City Refuse team to attend a meeting.

New street wardens have been recruited and JA suggested a get-together, possibly around a coffee morning, to clarify roles. RL wondered if there is any future in the street warden role. JA - Lincs.

CC 'Fix my street' works well for highways and signage issues, a similar system for bins could be introduced by the City Council. Reporting is currently sometimes ineffective.

Student behaviour in this regard is still an issue.

SJ went on to describe difficulties with her student neighbour household around noise nuisance. She had tried every avenue possible and had Cncl. recording equipment installed on 2 occasions to no effect. SL was told it did not constitute a statutory noise nuisance so no action could be taken. She had also reported directly to the university. Where there is an issue PPASB should notify the university to take action. If this has no effect PPASB will meet with students.

The University funds a PC – Mark Wrigley - whose remit should extend beyond the campus to student residential areas. SJ – his hours are 9-5 Monday to Friday but his role includes communicating with community groups. WERA reps. could meet him in the day-time at the university or he could be invited to a WERA meeting. **JB to contact PC MW.**

9. Open Gardens – JA

JA – 5 gardens so far and hoping for 10. Participants last year commented that they could not view the other gardens. It was suggested that a group visit could be arranged the day before. **JA to ask for a recruit to lead the group.**

10. Residents Information booklet – ideas for articles – JA

'The Bowlful' is to be reopened by James and Jamie as The Sycamore café, restaurant and bar. Anna, Elena and Franco's niece is taking over 'Oakleys'. There is also Naturawell and the Coffee Depot on Carholme Road. This prompted a suggestion for an article on cafes in the west end, possibly including the TQITW pub.

11. Planning Matters – JA

- 74 Carholme Rd – utility room – pending consideration
- 45 Newland St West- utility room – pending consideration
- 7, Ashlin Grove – removing age limit - pending consideration
- 17, Charles St West – 2 bed extension - pending consideration
- 25 Westbourne Grove – pending consideration

No further information on the above. There was a feeling in the meeting that the 'utility room' label could be a way to get an extra student room through planning.

Some applications are being classed as C3/C4. JA felt that the student housing market has lost its edge and that some landlords are withdrawing. The National Organisation of Residents' Associations (NORA) has carried out 2 surveys around this issue.

WERA is a member. SL paid £25 to join in the first instance and believes this was a one-off payment.

12. AOB

Duncan Howells can no longer lead the litter pick team due to family commitments. He has passed the equipment to SL and RL for storage.

SL – the Tesco grant for production of the newsletter has been received - £500.

Also the Co-op grant of £400 – unspecified use.

Discussion around community notice board at the Co-op. Not currently being used as intended by WERA. Co-op must have a key as it has business notices in it. **RL will get key from GW to post Open Gardens and PPASB notices.**

PCSO Kay has retired and SL had bought a card suggesting a £20 gift from WERA. Agreed.

Open Reach are laying cable in the area to improve broadband connectivity. No notification had been issued by the County or City Council and the disruption in some areas, especially Hampton Street, had been considerable.

Meeting closed 9.40

Next meeting: Monday 17th July

Future dates: Open Gardens Sunday, 9th July, 2-5pm.