

1. Introduction and Welcome  
Welcome to our first AGM on zoom. Have not been able to hold Public meetings due to pandemic. This meeting will therefore cover the last two years as the AGM for 2019 was unable to be held in April 2020 as planned. Also, the usual Welcome to the West End booklet has not been produced this year.  
WERA would like to thank Carholme ward Councillors Neil Murray, Lucinda Preston and County Councillor Robert Parker for attending.
2. Noise and Anti-Social Behaviour  
We were not able to hold the usual Residents' Meeting, including representatives of the University, at the end of September 2020. The University didn't open until mid-October. There have been around the same level incidents of noise reported – 82 this year so far, compared to 129 last year.  
Graphics were then shown detailing the relative numbers of noise complaints in different wards of the city.  
People must report incidents of excessive noise to the Council. This can be done via the WERA webpage [www.wera.org.uk](http://www.wera.org.uk) WERA speaks regularly with the university, who have also done pro-active work with the students. The message from the university is to let them know of an issue after the first time it occurs, don't wait until the second or third occurrence.  
It has also been noted that PCSO Pete retired earlier this year but he has not yet been replaced. It will be useful to monitor the impact of this.  
Carholme ward doesn't have a large number of incidents of anti-social behaviour reported, compared to other parts of the city.  
80% of first- time complaints are dealt with and don't recur.  
Mari Phillips: commented that issues of noise can arise with any rented property, not just those housing students.  
Cllr Preston: encouraged people to use the log process to provide evidence. She encouraged people to contact their councillors if they have problems.
3. Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing  
Previously only houses of three or more storeys and more than 5 unrelated occupants needed to have an HMO licence.  
In October 2018 this was extended to smaller properties having 5 or more unrelated occupants. It also introduced minimum room sizes.  
There are two ways to find out whether a property is an HMO:
  - a) Public register of licences. This includes large and small HMOs. Although it is a public register, it is not allowed to be shown on the council's or WERA's websites. The council can be emailed to make a request re a property. The address is on WERA's website.
  - b) Search the Public Record. This is on the council website and is also linked on WERA website. It works better for more recent HMOs. <https://houselicensing.lincoln.gov.uk>  
David Mitchell: asked are there any figures on how many HMOs are still to be inspected and registered? Cllr Murray said that he would find out and report back.  
Sharon Clark: asked what is the definition of a household? If for example the development of 13, Albert Crescent goes ahead with 2 residents per room, does each room form a household? Also, how many unannounced visits do the council make?  
Cllr Murray: there are not enough funds at the moment to regulate HMOs, therefore attention is focussed where there are issues.
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5. **WERA Website**  
This is a new website, now hosted by the University. Nigel Manders has made a good start on it, but there is still more to do.
  
6. **Street Warden Scheme**  
This is working well, with wardens able to report issues to [weralincoln@gmail.com](mailto:weralincoln@gmail.com)  
Wardens are needed for the area Hampton Street to West Common, as well as the area south of Carholme Rd.  
There has been 50% less fly tipping since the warden scheme was started.
  
7. **West End Lights 2020**  
This has been postponed until Sat January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
  
8. **Development of former Police Station on West Parade (Cllr Preston)**  
Interested parties who are looking into developing this site are Longhurst Housing, YMCA and Lindum. They are looking to submit a planning application for a development of mixed housing and workspaces. This would include accommodation for key workers. The exterior of the building would not be altered very much, the aim is to re-use it rather than scrap it. This is all in an embryonic stage at the moment. The developers have made a presentation to Carholme Community Forum. They will stay in touch with WERA.  
  
Cathy Lord: Hopefully the planning department will be on better form than when they granted planning permission to the monstrosity that is being built opposite to my house on Rudgard Lane and West Parade.  
Robin Lewis: would like to have transparency over the market worth of the site if it was offered to national house builders on the open market. We need to measure the unquantifiable benefit versus the worth to house builders.  
Cllr Neil Murray: doesn't want to have a gated community of large houses. Better to have a social element.  
John Turner (lives on Beaumont Fee): hasn't been consulted.  
Cllr Murray: will ask for consultation with developers, by zoom, for local residents.  
Sharon Clark: need to have reports on whether the building contains asbestos. This affects the costs/benefits of re-using the building. Also need to consider how to open the site up to discover archaeological finds.  
Cllr Preston: plans are still in embryo stage.  
Cllr Parker (property officer at County Council): there has been a very limited amount of interest in the site in the intervening 14 months since the police force moved out, and the value has decreased.  
Sandra Lewis: At the CCF presentation they said that residents could have a say once the plans are submitted.  
Cllr Murray: wants to have a consultation meeting. The Police Commissioner doesn't want to sell to the highest bidder but to have a social element.  
Robin Lewis: wants to know whether the site has been offered for sale nationally.  
David Mitchell: need to consult the local community.  
Katherine Littlecott: doesn't want to see a situation where the Police get to keep the money and the people are stuck with whatever is built.
  
9. **WERA Accounts 2018-19 & 2019-20**  
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10. Appointment of Committee 2020-21  
Nigel Manders has served as Chair of WERA for six years and is now stepping down. Many thanks to him for all his hard work and leadership of WERA over that time.  
Jayne Arnold has offered to serve as the new Chair.  
Sandra Lewis will remain as Treasurer.  
Kate Warburton joins as Secretary.  
The remainder of the committee consists of Rob Lewis, Mike Cancedda, George Woolfenden, Sarah Jenkins, Paul Headland, John Taylor, Agnes Barstow.  
Committee was proposed by Sharon Clark and seconded by Toby Forbes Turner.
11. Q&A  
Sharon Clark: we have been asked to move to using electric cars but there are issues for those without driveways. Will there be plug points installed?  
Cllr Preston: the council is very aware of this, but there is little money available.  
Sharon Clark: would like to see more greening of the West End, including the use of planters.  
Sandra Lewis: this has been raised at the CCF, but were told that council would not allow it due to safety concerns over people knocking into planters.  
Cllr Preston: there is an ongoing project working with the Woodland Trust.  
Sharon Clark: would like to publicise the bus timetables.  
Cllr Parker: The County Council would like to do more about the buses, but is lacking money. Planters would be good to make traffic slow down.
12. Close