



# Longbarn Residents Association

Representing: Anderson Close, Blackburne Close, Burnet Close, Carpenter Grove, Church View, Duckworth Grove, Freshfields Drive, Fallowfield Close, Guildford Close, Lovage Close, Mayberry Close, Mullion Close, Oxmead Close, Pasture Lane, Peasley Close, Saffron Close, Sage Close, Sorrell Close, Station Road South and West View.

*Registered Charity - 1170309*

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## Minutes of the Meeting held on

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 pm in Padgate Village Club.**

**Present (34):** Raj Asani, Pauline & Jack Buonanducci, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Lynn Colter-Howard, Rosa Dale, Michaela Bowden, Hazel Harper, Vinny & Paul Harrison, Pam Hughes, Dermott & Linda Lappin, John & Janet Melia, Chris Merritt, Tony Murphy, Geoff & Wendy Orange, David Pearson, John Hill, Howard Klein, Samantha Starkey, Pat Taylor, Ron & Sheila Westwood, Sue & Bob McLaughlin, Bob Millington, Brian Swan, Sandra Croft, Barbara Edmondson, Hilary Bland.

**Apologies (3):** Ann Sudlow, Peter Bower & Jim Smith,

**Visitors (2):** Councillors Graham Friend & Russell Purnell.

Agenda Discussion	Action to be taken
<p>Meeting commenced: 7.35pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>GO welcomed Councillors Graham Friend and Russell Purnell to the meeting.</li><li>Apologies were received and noted from Ann Sudlow, Peter Bower &amp; Jim Smith.</li><li>GO highlighted that minutes were electronically available on the website and encouraged members to visit the website for information. LRA had not printed off copies to save funds and to be more environmentally friendly.</li><li>GO again explained the LRA needs a way to improve communication with members. Some members have acknowledged previous requests for contact details, but</li></ol>	

<p>many haven't. Members were urged to let LRA have their mobile 'phone numbers. A text had been sent on Wednesday and by a show of hands it was clear that only some members had received this and that it would be good to try again. LRA was learning to be more efficient and asked members to be patient. GO again assured members that the LRA will not be selling details to any 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. PCSO Bryan Hayward was away on holiday. He has, therefore, sent his report to our Vice Chair (LC-H) who read this to the meeting.</li> <li>6. Charitable Status &amp; Gift Aid - it was formally announced that Charitable Status had been granted to LRS on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016. Further Training of the Committee to comply with both the Charity Commission and our Lottery Fund granted would take place. Members would be further updated with news as it unfolded. Members were advised that LRA would now be able to take part in the Gift Aid scheme. It was reported that the Treasurer (DL) was to investigate who this worked and would get back to the February 2017 meeting so that any such scheme could be implemented for the 2017/2018 Tax Year.</li> <li>7. DL informed the meeting that the accounts were in a healthy state. Copies of statements were available, as always, for members to view. DL invited members to ask questions - none raised.</li> <li>8. Fundraising - the meeting discussed how LRA might deal with this item more formally. It was agreed that a survey should be included in the next LRA Flyer in early February 2017 seeking member's views and what items they would like to LRA tackling so that a further discussion could take place at the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.</li> <li>9. Grand Christmas Draw 2016 - members were informed that this had raised £666 gross for LRA Funds and agreed that this was a valuable way of LRA Fundraising. It was agreed that this exercise should be carried out again at Christmas 2017 and that with some re-organisation of how tickets were sold it could be possible to raise even more funds for LRA.</li> <li>10. The membership of the LRA Committee and Sub-committees were now on the LRA Website. More volunteers were required to join the Sub-committees and that the Sub-committees needed to meet more regularly. It was agreed that members should consider whether they wanted to join a</li> </ol>	<p>Mobile 'phone numbers need to be given to LRA via the website. Members need to let LRA have this information.</p> <p>The Treasurer (DL) to obtain information regarding Gift Aid for next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.</p> <p>Flyer needs to be suitably drafted to include this.</p> <p>Members to consider this request and examine whether they can volunteer.</p>
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particular Sub-committee and further discussion would take place at the next full meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. The general membership are to be asked to consider joining an individual Sub-committee on the next LRA Flyer in early February 2017.

11. Friends of Padgate Station - Bob McLaughlin (Friends Chair) outlined an intense period of lobbying now that a new Franchisee was in place covering Padgate Station. Members were informed that a meeting was to take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 13.08 at Padgate Station when we were seeking answers and approvals regarding our interest in having this prominent landmark updated. It was also pointed out that there was a Planning Application in at WBC for the building of Houses on the Millman's site. This would tidy up the boundary along the west platform. We have been invited to a meeting at Fearnhead Community Centre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7pm when £1k of funding was up for allocation to project within Poulton North Ward. It was pointed out and confirmed that we attend and bid for some of this funding which would go towards paying for the 3D panels (with a Padgate RAF Camp theme) that we were trying to provide in order to make the station "lived in" in the short term.

12. Land Trust - the Chairman (GO) explained that the Land Trust Sub-committee recently had a meeting at the Land Trust Office in Birchwood.

- a. It was agreed that LT would donate a further tree to replace the "dead" Christmas Tree previously donated with a Holly which contractors had recently planted.
- b. Offending Trees in Mayberry Grove had been discussed. Although a possible resolution had been considered only today there had been further developments and discussion was stopped pending further details.
- c. The Land Trust were unable to undertake a full survey, as other Land Owners had done, due to financial constraints but they were prepared to look at individual problems with Trees and Shrubbery and residents were urged to let LRA know of any problems via the LRA Website which would then be passed on to the LT for their investigation and/or action.

Please contact LRA via the website.

Report back to the next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 required following the various meetings that are now scheduled.

Details of the Mayberry Grove problems need to be updated to members at the next full meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

<p>13. Proposed Play Area, Fallowfield Grove - It was reported that WBC were willing to transfer land near to New Horizons School to Muir Housing at no cost providing the land was used for community purposes. Discussion was now taking place with Muir Housing and this question had been referred to their Board for decision. Members would be kept up to date on progress. The question of funding will need to be addressed and this would again be open to discussion at the next full members meeting on 23rd February 2017 after the survey had been collected following the distribution of the next LRA Flyer early in February 2017.</p> <p>14. North West in Bloom Competition - following the success of the LRA entry in 2016 it was agreed that an entry should be made into the Competition for 2017. This would entail expenditure to improve on 2016 and authority was given for this.</p> <p>15. Social events -</p> <p>a. Future Quiz Nights - it was agreed to re-introduce these. The Committee had discussed this on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and suggested future events should be on a 2- monthly basis on a Friday evening. Authority was given for the Officers to make arrangements in line with the PVC diary.</p> <p>b. It was reported that the Christmas Draw had raised £666 (gross).</p> <p>c. Community Fun Day - to fit in with the New Horizons School diary the date for this event had been confirmed as Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 from 12 noon to 4pm on the new Horizons School playing field. It was agreed that this event should take place authority was given for arrangements to proceed.</p> <p>16. Litter Pick - these were now increasingly important. The next Litter Pick to take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017 meeting at the Pasture Lane shop at 10:30am. Many more volunteers required to help with the cleaning of the area.</p> <p>17. Next Afternoon Teas to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 from 2pm to 4pm in Padgate Village Club. Suggestions were being made about further activities being available on Friday Afternoons. We have held discussions with "Active Cheshire" who had funding and qualified tutors to move this forward if we were interested. An example</p>	<p>Need to follow up the decision of the Muir Group Board.</p> <p>Entry needs to be submitted on-line.</p> <p>Members need to watch out for the dates for the Quiz. Tickets can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer (DL).</p> <p>Members need to respond positively to request for help with this project. Update at meetings to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017.</p> <p>Members should support this or Longbarn will be a very sad place. Interested residents to contact LRA via LRA Website.</p>
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suggested by Active Cheshire was sitting exercises. It was agreed to seek support from interested residents to see if there was enough interest to start further sessions.

18. AOB - (a) Members were reminded that the Ukulele Club was to start on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in PVC from 7:30pm. The session on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 would require a Ticket which would be free of charge.

(b) Bayleaf Site - members were given an encouraging update on the site. The Site had been sold on by Lane End Developments to the Torus Group and Government funding was now in place from the Home & Communities Agency. A Director of Torus had offered to come and speak at a future meeting. It was agreed that such an invite should be given. Members would be updated of progress with this important development when further information is available.

Meeting closed 9:20pm

Members need to contact Ron Westwood.

Keep members updated as news is received.