



Longbarn Residents Association

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

Registered Charity – 1170309

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 7:30 pm in Padgate Village Club.

Present (41): Pat & Dave Allen, Raj Asani, Pauline & Jack Buonanducci, Sandra Croft, Rosa Dale, Graham Eddy, Hazel Harper, Vinny & Paul Harrison, John Hill, Pam Hughes, Howard Klein, Dermott & Linda Lappin, Clem Lawton, Bob & Sue McLaughlin, Chris Merritt, Bob & Mrs. Millington, Tony Murphy, Dr Michael Murphy, Geoff & Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Derek Robinson, Richard Robinson, Jim Smith, Jim Smyth, Ann Sudlow, Brian Swan, Pat Taylor, Neil Williams, Flo Wright, Linda & Jeffrey Mairs, Mr & Mrs Lloyd, Amanda Maycock

Apologies (4): Ron Westwood, Sheila Westwood, John and Janet Melia

Visitors: **Councillor Russell Purnell**, Due to adverse weather conditions Hannah Hawke (Torus) and Maria Austin (NHS) did not attend

Agenda Discussion	Outcome/Action To Be Taken
<p>Meeting commenced: 7.30 PM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flowers were sent from LRA to Pat Daley (a regular attendee) who is seriously ill. Welcome back to Graham Eddy after his tragic visit to his daughter where son-in-law had been killed in a light aircraft crash. 2. Minutes -Chairman Geoff Orange (GO) encouraged residents to visit the website where they could find the Minutes of the last meeting along with other News, Events and Projects. 3. Administration - GO again mentioned the importance of communication with Longbarn Residents by keeping their details especially mobile phone numbers. 4. Speakers - Hannah Hawke (Torus) and Maria Austin (NHS) did not attend. 5. Police - PCSO Bryan Heywood is away on holiday and sent a written report which was read out by Vice-Chair (Lynn C-H). Incidents included safety, broken down vehicles, restraining order, anti-social, Motor Cycle, vehicle obstructions, drunkenness, fly-tipping, burglary 	<p>www.longbarnra.co.uk</p> <p>For contact and economy</p> <p>Report incidents</p>

<p>incident which was a civil trespass and others. Lynn urges everyone to report all incidents by dialing 101 or 999 if an emergency.</p> <p>6. <u>Update on Development of Bayleaf Site</u> – GO explained that the original owners of the site had sold it to Torus which is an amalgamation of Golden Gates Housing and Helena Housing based in St. Helens. They are to develop the site with Government funding that they have received. There will be a 'Tender' process as Torus is a public authority. There will be no amendments to the original plans by Lane End Developments. It is unlikely that work will start before September/October. The site will not be a school or a site for the Travelling Community but there could be some social housing as Helena Housing are involved. Bill Lacey the Development Director at Torus will attend and take questions at the meeting to be held on the 6th April 2017</p> <p>7. <u>Treasurer's Report and Gift Aid</u> - Dermott Lappin (DL) explained that to Gift Aid you need to be a taxpayer. A form would need to be filled in for Tax Purposes and that he needs to get more information. The Accounts are healthy and as always, were available for residents to view. DL is to provide a breakdown of monies earmarked for particular projects so as to appreciate more exactly what in the Accounts is available.</p> <p>8. <u>Fundraising</u> - GO reported on the results of the Flyer Survey and out of 1000 leaflets only 2 (two) were handed in. Both had queries which are being dealt with.</p> <p>9. There was no response to requests for Committee members or Sub-Committee members.</p> <p>10. <u>Friends of Padgate Station</u> – Bob McLaughlin. (BM) Friends of Padgate Station (FOPS) met Martin Yallop (Acorp) & Ian Davis – Northern Rail (seconded to Acorp) on 16th January. Due to the numbers of passengers using the trains to and from Padgate Ian said he would look at the possibility of a stop at Padgate every half hour instead of every hour. (only a possibility). Acorp have put FOPS in touch with all relevant contacts from the rail companies as previously they had been ignored. FOPS now have Vicky Cropper as Northern Rail contact who is concerned with the station and surrounding land. Artwork and funding – BM attended meeting at Fearnhead Cross on 18th Jan. also attending were Diane White (the ops manager of WBC Central Team) chaired by Cllr Russell Purnell. FOPS awarded 1/3rd of available monies. FOPS have applied for £400 from the Community Chest and £1200 from them Local Area Fund but they require further information by the 28th Feb. BM to speak with Diane on Fri 25th Feb to resurrect the application. No feedback on other local funding applications yet. Christ Church 'Grapevine' magazine (April issue) will contain an article about FOPS and LRA's involvement. Re-development on the south side of the station includes a new fence along the full length of the platform. FOPS still require all the large trees cut down to ground level around the north side of the station. Going forward FOPS looking for tenant for the remainder of the</p>	<p>£18 million investment</p> <p>Site to be developed using original plans</p> <p>Work to commence Sept/Oct</p> <p>DL to investigate Gift Aid form</p> <p>DL to provide breakdown</p> <p>On 2 out of 1000 handed in</p> <p>Possibility of ½ hourly stops at Padgate Station</p> <p>Christ Church April issue of 'Grapevine' to contain article about FOPS and LRS involvement</p>
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<p>unused buildings with the possibility of an LRA office and to create a picture museum of the station and its RAF Padgate connections. It all depends of the cost of repair, rent, rates etc.</p> <p>11. Ukulele Group – Ron Westwood (RW) The Club was launched on the 19th January 2017 and now held 4 meetings. There are over 30 attendees at each meeting and most are playing the ukulele but some have come along for the sing-along. The age range is from 12 to over 65, the club have their own songbook, with 15 songs so far, including a club 'anthem' to the tune of 'Singing in the Rain'. Some are sharing their 'war stories' sore fingers, getting the chords right etc., but no one is giving up. It doesn't matter if you have a go and enjoy it. We are all having fun making music with friends and entertaining ourselves. There has already been a request for a 'GIG' at a care home in 'Culcheth!. Everyone leaves with a big smile on their face.</p> <p>12. Land Trust – a. <u>Trees in Mayberry Grove.</u> 20th February LRA met with the Tree Officer (TO) to discuss the situation and the TO is now awaiting clarification of the ground rent 'underlease' and will report back to LRA as to whether WBC will take responsibility and be the 'Complainant' under the Health & Safety Act. The trees are also a Fire Hazard; however, Cheshire Fire can't help in fight to get the trees removed. According to a Mayberry Grove resident a fire has been put out here in the past. b. <u>Landscaping & Tree Policy</u> – there are a couple of matters being dealt with but no one reported anything on the flyer.</p> <p>13. Proposed Play Area – Fallowfield Grove - Lynn C-H reports that Muir have not yet had board approval to take responsibility for the land. WBC said there would be no charge for the land. Muir are aware of the liability for maintenance. Fundraising needed for the play area (like the 'hippos')</p> <p>14. Social Events a. <u>Future Quiz Nights</u> - Friday 24th February and the next one is planned for Friday 21st April. b. <u>Community Fun Day</u> - 20th May 2017 - to be held on the playing field of New Horizons School. There will be a bottle stall again and a tin stall so please donate bottles and tins to Wendy Orange and Linda Lappin.</p> <p>15. Litter Pick – 16th February was the last litter pick and the next one is scheduled for the 18th March 2017 meeting at Pasture Lane shop at 10.30a.m. (3rd Saturday every month). LRA are aware and grateful for the volunteer litter pickers who venture out during the week. Jim Smith (Friends of Longbarn) enquired about Litter Bins along Harpers Road. LRA have discussed this in the past and an approximate cost of £150 per bin is needed. There was a unanimous show of hands in favor of acquiring and siting at least 4 bins. GO to follow up this request.</p> <p>16. Report on Away Day – 19th February at Birchwood Golf Club. With Bryan Dargie from Warrington Voluntary Action and Committee members plus active members in Longbarn. (18 in total) Funding had been acquired for this training day. As a newly formed Charity there</p>	<p>All ages welcome</p> <p>Lots of fun</p> <p>Tree Officer awaiting clarification</p> <p>No new reports on flyer</p> <p>Muir waiting for board approval</p> <p>24th February 21st April 20th May 2017 Bottles and tins needed</p> <p>18th March 2017</p> <p>Acquire and site litter bins along Harpers Road</p>
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<p>was much to learn about 'can' and 'can't' do's, requirements for form filling and reports for the Charity Commission etc. The meeting was very successful and it is possible that another will be arranged for the Autumn. LRA is to have the report in by November so there is work to be done recording and auditing finances and information long before then. There are 5 Trustees of the Charity but another 2 trustees could be enrolled.</p> <p>17. Afternoon Tea - Next dates for Afternoon Tea at PVC are Friday 3rd March and 17th March 2017 at 2p.m. - 4p.m. David Pearson (DP) has been in touch with Active Cheshire to try and get funding and help for the Friday afternoons. As the main room is not occupied during these afternoon teas it was suggested that we have other activities as not everyone likes 'Bingo'. DP suggested 'indoor bowls' or 'indoor boules' sitting exercises or even a film club. Suggestions or requirements needed.</p> <p>18. AOB – There will be a <u>coach trip</u> to Manchester – Richmond Tea Rooms for afternoon tea at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party with Alice in Wonderland. The coach will leave from PVC at 1.15p.m. on 31st March 2017 arriving back at approx. 4.30p.m. The cost for everything is £6.00 per person but the coach only seats 37 so please request tickets for this trip from GO by ringing 01925 820647. Flyers with information on will be in the usual places.</p> <p>19. AOB -Blackburne Close Pathway – LRA have acquired the full support of the Parish Council regarding the closure. According to WBC the pathway is well used but we believe that 10 people using it is not well used. If the pathway is 'stopped up' there is an alternative route to the same point at the Pelican Crossing on Grange Avenue. The Parish Council have received a letter from WBC outlining the cost of this operation. WBC require £45,000. The removal of the concrete panels would be £9,500 and £18,000 for removal of the tarmac. Russell Purnell (RP)we would need a court order to close the path and therefore WBC would require the £10,500, the remainder would be admin etc., RP to ask WBC for a more realistic and detailed breakdown of the cost involved. GO suggested that Mark Tune (WBC Traffic Officer) be invited to explain (as author of the letter to the Parish Council) in more clarification. RP to ask WBC to remove the concrete as promised last year. It was suggested that LRA write a letter to the Parish Council to thank them for their support. LRA to contact WBC to co-ordinate efforts of the Parish Council and LRA.</p> <p>20. AOB – Russell Purnell notified the meeting that the Peel Hall application for developing the site has been refused.</p> <p>Meeting closed: 9.25 pm</p>	<p>Reports needed for Charity Commission</p> <p>3rd March 2017 17th March 2017</p> <p>Suggestions for activities</p> <p>Coach trip 31st March 2017</p> <p>Parish Council support closure</p> <p>RP to request detailed breakdown of cost</p> <p>Mark Tune to be invited to next meeting</p> <p>WBC to remove concrete</p> <p>Co-ordinate efforts</p>
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