



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 18th May 2017 at 7:30 pm in Padgate Village Club.

Present (36): Pat & Dave Allen, Raj Asani, Michaela Bowden, Pauline & Jack Buonanducci, Pat Cklark, Rosa Dale, Keith Dixon, Graham Eddy, Vinny & Paul Harrison, John Hill, Pam Hughes, Howard Klein, Dermott & Linda Lappin, Amanda Maycock, Bob & Sue McLaughlin, Tony Murphy, Chris Merritt, Geoff & Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Richard Robinson, Sam Starkey, Ann Sudlow, Brian Swan, Pat Taylor, Sheila Westwood, Flo Wright, Lynn Colter-Howard, Jane Vance, Steven Vance, Natalie Vance.

Apologies (6): Ron Westwood, Barbara Edmondson, Bob Millington, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Jim Smith.

Visitors (4): Councillor Russell Purnell, Jane Stanton (Greencore), Jeremy King (PCSO), Beky Wakefield (ASDA Birchwood).

Agenda Discussion	Outcome/Action To Be Taken
<p>Meeting commenced: 7.30 PM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Introductions</u> – Geoff Orange (GO) welcomed the above listed visitors and Apologies are also listed above.2. <u>Minutes</u> – GO encouraged residents to visit our website where the Minutes of the meetings can be found along with other News, Events, Dates and Projects etc.3. <u>Administration</u> - GO again mentioned the importance of communication with Longbarn Residents by keeping their details especially mobile phone numbers.4. <u>Speakers</u> – Greencore – GO introduced Jane Stanton (Greencore) by mentioning the visit he and other Committee members made to Greencore on Monday 15th May 2017, the welcome they received and the impressive progress that Greencore have made to date. Jane Stanton stated that work had begun in September 2016. The foundations and piling were finished by Christmas thereby reducing	<p>www.longbarnra.co.uk</p> <p>For contact and economy</p>

<p>the noise from the site considerably. The buildings have been turned south west away from Longbarn and thus facing Woolston Park including the loading bays. This will reduce the noise from fork-lift trucks loading and unloading lorries visiting the premises 24/7, and the buildings will also help baffle the noise. The smells are being removed using new technology (air scrubbers, carbon filter pressure valves etc). The work has been evaluated and signed off by the Environment Agency. Jane has promised a presentation with photos and video of the progress and works completed at the next LRA meeting on 29th June 2017. Residents complained about a recent serious amount of noise. They rang the Security Guard at the time but were told to ring back in the morning at 9am and speak to the Health & Safety Officer on site. The Residents were told it was a faulty pressure valve but were given no apologies. As a consequence of the noise the Residents suffered illness and loss of work. Jane explained the problem and that the Security Man did not follow procedures to get the pressure valve isolated immediately. Jane explained that it was a combination of errors, the pressure valve was located in the roof and the noise was not heard at the front of the Factory. Jane expressed regret for the incident and apologized to residents and in future will consider writing to residents to apologise if similar incidents happen in the future. The Residents were happy with the explanation and the apology. GO asked that in the future residents can contact him direct or via www.longbarnra.co.uk</p>	<p>Foundations finished and buildings turned around.</p> <p>Lorry & fork-lift truck noise almost inaudible</p> <p>Smells removed with new technology</p> <p>Problems with noise from faulty pressure valve</p> <p>Procedure not followed</p> <p>Explanation and Apology from Jane Stanton accepted by Residents</p>
<p>5. Police - PCSO Jeremy King update – The Police are aware of the problems with parking by non-residents in and around Burnet, Anderson and other roads off Harpers Road. He explained that the Police are powerless to act unless these cars are causing an obstruction or offence i.e. not taxed, insured etc. The problem has escalated since occupation of premises in Crab Lane affecting Fearnhead Lane, Longbarn Lane and Nook Lane. Police, The Parish Council and LRA are working together to try to reduce the problem by advisory notices on cars and possibly introducing signage etc. GO has written to WBC to try and make roads off Harpers Road ACCESS ONLY and LRA are awaiting a response. PCSO King went on to report other incidents such as ASB's in Eric Drive and Church Drive, a neighbour dispute in Duckworth Grove and missing persons now found. Residents at the meeting complained of parking in Guildford Close by parents dropping off children to and from School thus making it difficult, for example, for a Guide Dog to safely negotiate a route without it endangering its owner. Another resident complained of Adult cyclists riding on pathways at speed which will endanger pedestrians. PCSO King said he would look into these issues and possibly monitor or issue polite notices on parked vehicles. Again, there is no signage to say there is no cycling on footpaths.</p>	<p>PCSO King, Police are powerless to act unless cars are parked illegally</p> <p>Applying for Access Only on side roads off Harpers Road</p> <p>Problems accessing footpaths in Guildford Close – Police will try to monitor/issue notices</p>

<p>6. <u>Treasurer's Report and Gift Aid</u> - Dermott Lappin (DL) reported that the Accounts are healthy and that some monies are earmarked for upcoming events etc. DL invited all residents to question and inspect the accounts should they wish to do so. DL informed the meeting that the Local Area Boards were closing down, which means that we can no longer apply for funds from them. There will be new Boards but these will not include Longbarn as we are considered to be affluent. This statement is not acceptable though we accept that Warrington is classed as affluent and still attracting new businesses. WBC should work out ways of getting money from these businesses to pour back into the Community.</p>	<p>Area Board closing</p>
<p>7. <u>ASDA Birchwood – Beky Wakefield</u> – presented LRA with a cheque for £500 donated by ASDA using the Green Token scheme present in their Store. GO asked that we continue to use the scheme to help raise funds for Friends of St Mary’s Cemetery.</p>	<p>£500 from ASDA Birchwood green token scheme</p>
<p>8. <u>SCARECROW COMPETITION 2017</u> -GO invited everyone to build a scarecrow in August to be judged at the end of August. This year’s theme is “The Best of British”. Please ask GO for an application form. Prizes given out at the AGM in September 2017.</p>	<p>Scarecrow competition August</p>
<p>9. <u>LANDSCAPING</u> - Grass cutting and clean-ups have continued throughout the year. The next landscaping work is to be carried out on 1st Saturday in June which is the 3rd June. Meet at 10.00am at the Embankment. GO invited residents to use the petrol mower which is kept at his house and would be delivered by trailer.</p>	<p>Petrol Lawnmower available to use</p>
<p>10. <u>FALLOWFIELD GROVE PLAY AREA</u> – WBC has announced that the cost of Legal Fees for the Play Area is £1500 and Muir now awaiting approval from their Board. Planting at Pasture Lane is now complete. Emma Robinson (Muir) has confirmed that the trees planted are small ornamental trees that can be pruned to size required. The planting of the new hedge at the rear of 2 Peasley Close will commence in the Autumn to prevent them dying. LC-H to communicate this information to the resident. The number of trees identified for urgent attention have mostly been dealt with and some new works are required for which Muir are awaiting quotes. The works required on Oxmead Close are being assessed. Muir are concerned that some residents have not been helpful whilst work has been done on Pasture Lane and has spoken to David Pearson about this.</p>	<p>Update on Play Area and works by Muir</p>
<p>11. <u>PARKING</u> – at the East End of Longbarn – Mobility scooters and wheelchairs used by residents of Burnet Close and Blackburne Close are being forced to use the road due to the parking of non-residents</p>	<p>Parking by NCA vehicle, Police response</p>

<p>vehicles. Again, referring to the Police comment in 5. Above there is nothing that can be done unless the vehicles are illegal. NCA are not interested in anything outside their boundary. GO to approach WBC for Access Only status on these roads and a response is awaited. NCA are not willing to meet LRA to discuss. BMcL suggested contacting the BBC and also send a letter to the Home Office for solution, suggestion or discussion.</p>	
<p>12. Friends of Padgate Station – BMcL updated progress on Padgate Station. Northern Rail have agreed to the refurbishment of the Station but as yet no date for commencement of works. Northern Rail have donated £500 towards the Artwork for the station and a joiner has started the work to cover over the windows etc. The Artwork should be completed by Mid-June. A ceramic artist, Deborah Podmore, has introduced a new venture involving local school children with ceramic tiles, designed by them, to be placed at the end of the Station which will include a logo incorporating the Padgate RAF Logo, the RAF bullseye logo and a steam train. Greencore are donating two planters made from railway sleepers which will be located at Padgate Station. These should be much heavier and harder to move.</p>	<p>Update on work at Padgate Station</p> <p>Artwork</p>
<p>13. Social Events – Community Fun Day 20th May 2017 - There will be several Arena Events and stalls including burgers and hot dogs, cakes, bric-a-brac and a bottle and tin stall. GO asked for volunteers to help lay out and set up the stalls on Friday 19th from 4pm and Saturday 20th from 10am. LRA Ukulele Band will be playing at the Fun Day.</p>	<p>Fun Day</p>
<p>14. Litter Pick - The next Litter Pick is scheduled for 27th May 2017 meeting at the Pasture Lane shop at 10.30am where equipment will be provided for all volunteers.</p>	<p>Litter Pick</p>
<p>15. Afternoon Tea - Next dates for Afternoon Tea at PVC are Friday 26th May and 9th June 2017 at 2p.m. - 4p.m. Suggestions are invited for other activities to take place please.</p>	<p>Afternoon Tea</p>
<p>16. Report Back – Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2017. They wrote on our behalf for funding and WBC referred LRA back to the Parish Council as they say they have no money. The Parish Council say this is not acceptable as they also have no money and are replying to WBC outlining the Area Board changes and to include our area in their changes.</p>	<p>Parish Council</p>
<p>17. Litter Bins – 4 new Litter Bins have been installed along Harpers Road on 9th May 2017.</p>	<p>Litter Bins installed</p>
<p>18. AOB – A Map showing proposals for changes to the College Close Roundabout has been acquired by GO. These changes involve several</p>	<p>Changes proposed to College Place</p>

<p>sets of Traffic Lights. We are awaiting WBC announcing the consultation period end date after which LRA will need to respond (along with individual members).</p> <p>Meeting closed: 9.10 pm</p>	<p>Roundabout – traffic lights proposed</p>
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