



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 29th June 2017 at 7:30 pm in Padgate Village Club.

Present (46): Raj Asani, Andy Barton, Josh Booth, Marcelle Jones, Carla Booth, Michaela Bowden, Jack & Pauline Buonanducci, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Peter & Margaret Clare, Bob & Pat Colquhoun, Lynn Colter-Howard, Claire & Martin Colwell, Rosa Dale, Barbara Edmondson, Paul Harrison, John & Sarah Hill, Pam Hughes, Julie Kirk, Dermott & Linda Lappin, Arlene Mayor, Sue & Bob McLaughlin, John & Janet Melia, Amanda Millington, Tony Murphy, Geoff & Wendy Orange, John & Pat Richards, Betty Rictchie, Richard Robinson, Steve Rydzkowski, Jim Smith, Sam Starkey, Ann Sudlow, Brian Swan, Pat Taylor, Flo Wright,

Apologies (4): Bob Millington, Ron Westwood, Sheila Westwood, Chris Merritt

Visitors (2): Jane Stanton (Greencore), John Scott (Greencore)

Agenda Discussion	Outcome/Action To Be Taken
<p>Meeting commenced: 7.40 PM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>1. Introductions</u> – Geoff Orange (GO) welcomed the above listed visitors and Apologies are also listed above<u>2. 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.,<u>3. Administration</u> – It is important that communication/contact with Longbarn Residents is made easier by keeping and updating their details, especially mobile phone numbers. To comply with the strict Data Protection Act, - none of these details are published or sold to 3rd parties etc.,<u>4. Graham Eddy</u> – GO informed the meeting that Graham Eddy from Carpenter Grove had suffered a serious stroke and that LRA will be sending our get well wishes.<u>5. Speakers</u> – Greencore - GO introduced Jane Stanton (Greencore) who at the last meeting had promised a video presentation of progress on the developments at the site. Jane Stanton stated that	<p>www.longbarnra.co.uk</p> <p>for contact and economy</p>

<p>work had begun September 2016. The foundations and piling were finished by Christmas thereby reducing the noise from the site considerably. The buildings have been turned south west away from Longbarn 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. John Scott said that the Odour Abatement equipment should be received in July and work should be completed by October/November. The Majority of the work should be finished by December 2017 with internal snagging etc., remaining and hopefully all work completed and signed off by March 2018.</p>	<p>Foundations finished, buildings turned round</p> <p>Lorry and fork-lift truck noise almost inaudible</p> <p>Odour abatement due July</p>
<p>6. PCSO Jeremy King – There was no update from PCSO King as he is at present on annual leave.</p>	<p>No Police report</p>
<p>7. Treasurer's Report - Dermott Lappin - 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 said that the efforts of both the Fun Day and Padgate Walking Day brought in just under £1000. Burgers were sold at Padgate Village Club and cartoons laid on indoors for the children. The Fun Day proved successful despite the awful weather. Next year it will be held on 19th May. LRA to let local communities and schools know so as not to clash with any of their upcoming events.</p>	
<p>8. Scarecrow Competition - 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 application forms. Prizes given to winners at the AGM on September 21st 2017.</p>	<p>Scarecrow Competition "Best of British"</p>
<p>9. North West in Bloom – Longbarn was visited by the Judge for the Competition which took place on Wednesday 28th June. As well as the Estate, the Judge visited the Social Services Bungalow in Anderson Close where he met the residents and chatted about the Scarecrow Competition amongst other things and was impressed with the Community spirit. He was also impressed by the locals in Pasture Lane who have cleared a derelict area (7-13 Pasture Lane) and re-planted it. He was amazed at how much grass is cut along the Estate and also visited Padgate Station where Greencore have donated 2 planters made of railway sleepers. He was given a folder containing before and after photos etc. Prizes will be awarded in November.</p>	<p>North West in Bloom Judge impressed with Community Spirit</p>
<p>10. Star Award – GO attended Orford Hub to receive a Group Star Award from the Mayor outlining the achievements of LRA</p>	<p>Star Award</p>
<p>11. Next Quiz Night - to be held on Friday 30th June 2017 – tickets are available from the Treasurer.</p>	<p>Quiz Night</p>
<p>12. Christmas Activities - dates are to be confirmed as 1st December – Christmas Lights and Carols. 15th December – LRA Adult Party with</p>	

<p>Christmas Fayre. Sunday 17th December LRA Children's Christmas Party, tickets £2. Children and Grandchildren welcome aged between 4 and 10.</p> <p>13. Other Social Activities – 14th July Social Evening with Singer and hot and cold buffet. - 29th September – Social evening with Singer and hot and cold buffet. Tickets £5 available from the Treasurer.</p> <p>14. Coach trip for Children – Wednesday 16th August 2017 to Southport setting off at 9a.m. from the Village Club, tickets are £5 available from Geoff Orange tel: 820647 leaving your full name and address so he can deliver them to you.</p> <p>15. Tree Survey- Muir Group – A meeting with Social Housing sub-committee and Muir was held on site and trees and bushes affecting you must be identified by letting Geoff Orange know before 6th July. Muir say that they will be dealt with over a 5 year programme, the most serious first. A meeting with the Land Trust to be arranged to identify the other areas on Longbarn causing problems.</p> <p>16. Roadside Bench – The Land Trust installed a roadside bench on the 19th June – This was donated by LRA</p> <p>17. Litter Pick – The next Litter pick is scheduled for Sat 15th July meeting at Pasture Lane Shop at 10.30 where equipment will be provided for all volunteers. starting at 10.30 at Raj's shop</p> <p>18. Laurel Hedge - The hedge at the front of the Bayleaf site has been trimmed by Torus in time for the judging for the Britain in Bloom Competition. Torus have begun surveying the site which is encouraging for a start on the work in the near future.</p> <p>19. Friends of Padgate Station – BMcL updated progress on Padgate Station. His report is on the longbarnra website:- <i>We have reached an agreement between FOPS, Christ Church School & a local ceramic artist, Deborah Podmore based at Fairfield School, for a permanent mosaic piece of artwork on the side wall of the main station building, it will depict a steam train , the RAF logo and the school. We are now looking for funding for the project, the artist has dramatically reduced her fee, LRA will contribute and we are hoping the school will hold a raffle and sponsorship from each participant for perhaps £1 -£2, for their unique handmade tile, to make up the frame of the artwork. Work on this has already started by the artist; the estimated cost will be circa £2,000. The artwork for the station windows is all in hand after a delay with the artist moving studios. We will be installing two large planters on the station, kindly donated by Grencore. We have five possible local tenants for the station when refurbished. Planning permission has been given for the construction of houses and flats on the southern side of the station where Millmans coaches have been. Along with 50 + other personnel from numerous stations around the North of England, I attended a full day seminar in Manchester with ACoRP (Association of Community Rail Partnerships) on Monday 5th June at Transport for Greater Manchester, covering all things to do with the station. I met up initially with our main contact Vikki Cropper for an update on the station with the following confirmed:- that</i></p>	<p>Christmas Activities Dates</p> <p>Social Activities dates</p> <p>Children's Coach trip</p> <p>Muir Group tree survey</p> <p>Roadside Bench</p> <p>Litter Pick</p> <p>Bayleaf hedge</p> <p>Full report on www.longbarnra.co.uk</p>
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*(Carillion) will be felling the trees surrounding the car park on the north side of the station. There will be a survey carried out by the property department of Northern Rail to plan all the upgrade work required on the station building in order for it to be brought up to tenant standard. Again Vikki has told me not to hold our breath, but it will definitely go ahead. The loudspeakers on the station will be improved so that you can actually hear them. Ticket machines will be installed. CCTV will be installed. A new shelter will be erected on the south platform after the existing derelict one has been demolished and removed. It will be confirmed in the near future that any volunteers working on station property will be covered by railway insurance, provided they are following guidelines and proper practice. All positive but subject to the railways timescales !” **Bob McLaughlin.***

The artist has cut the cost of the artwork by 50% as she is impressed with our community spirit. There will be a new waiting room and a gate to the Millman's site for access to local buses. Some local business have shown interest in renting the old station building.

20. **Afternoon Tea** – next dates for this event are 7th July, 4th August and 18th August 2017. Suggestions are welcomed for other activities to take place please. On the 16th June there was a Sedentary Exercise Class with Daniel Wright (a local resident) costing £3, tea and biscuits were provided and it proved very successful. If anyone has any ideas please contact **GO** or any member of the Committee.

21. **A.O.B** - Jim Smith (Friends of Longbarn Park) has asked us all to take a walk through the park to see the transformation. The Park has also been entered into the Britain in Bloom Competition this year and we wish them well. You can see details on their **facebook** page and look out for dates for working in the park if you can donate some of your time. They are looking for support from WBC to help with the renewal of the play area equipment which hopefully will include some adult exercise equipment.

Afternoon Tea

Exercise Class

Friends of Longbarn
Park

The Meeting closed: 9.30 pm