



Longbarn Residents Association

Representing Anderson Close, Blackburne Close, Burnet Close, Carpenter Grove, Church Drive, Duckworth Grove, Fallowfield Grove, Freshfields Drive, 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.

Charity Number – 1170309

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27th July 2017 in Padgate Village Club.

Present (15): Dermott Lappin, Geoff Orange, Lynn Colter-Howard, Wendy Orange, Rosa Dale, David Pearson, Linda Lappin, Christopher Merritt, Raj Asani, Jack Buonanducci, Pauline Buonanducci, John Hill, Ann Sudlow, Bob McLaughlin, Martin Colwell.

Apologies (0): None.

2. Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on the website.

3. Matters arising - Martin Colwell has been welcomed as a Committee member..

4. Treasurers Report – The Treasurer reported the balances in both of our Accounts was in good shape. The Lottery Fund money is transferred to the Main Account as and when needed. Dermott announced that Dr Murphy had audited last year's accounts and accordingly are signed off. The last Quiz Night was a success, however, disappointment that the Live Entertainment on 14th July made a loss.

5. WBC Boards - Longbarn was previously in the Central Area Board's district but we have now been moved to the East Area because of the re-organisation and that we are considered more affluent than the "Central Area District". Changes in the way WBC run the Boards mean that no resident has any input at the meetings only Councillors. The previous amount we could claim was £5k but no that's been reduced to £3k. Geoff, Lynn and Dermott will meet with the East Area Manager (Ruth Whitworth) on 10th August 2017 and will report back. At a recent "Tier One" meeting only members from Longbarn attended.

6. Report back on Safeguarding Policy meeting with Bryan Dargie – after elaboration of our responsibilities by Bryan it was agreed that we needed to appoint a Safeguarding Officer for LRA. It was agreed unanimously that due to her previous experience and training that Lynn Colter-Howard was the perfect candidate for the position

7 & 8. Parking on our Estate – Meeting with Helen Jones MP and Mark Tune (WBC Traffic Officer) – The MP wrote to no. 1 Burnet Close and a member of her staff emailed GO regarding the situation (in particular with NCA) that she would like to meet to try and resolve the problem and is willing to mediate between NCA and WBC. Letters have been sent for suitable dates and we await the response. Chris Merritt said a newspaper article

he read stated that it was illegal to drive on the pavement or verges but there is some degree of dispute or anomaly as it does not mention parking on pavements or verges.

9. Burnet Close Barrier – A wooden barrier, provided by the Land Trust, has been erected at the entrance to Burnet Close to prevent cyclists from taking short cuts across the grass verges.

10. Coach Trip for Children – There had been a very poor response to the Southport trip arranged for 16th August 2017. Parents seem to think it is too expensive. Due to the poor response LRA have decided to invite any who would like to go and shall be putting this in newsletter prior to the General Meeting on 10th August 2017.

11. Sub-committee Reports – GO requested that written sub-committee reports be provided for the next general meeting on 10th August 2017. He suggested that Sub-Committees should meet more regularly.

12. LRA Base – LRA have made an application for funding to “Multilotto” – they are offering up to £10k in grants to Charities in Warrington. David Pearson is to apply for funding to The Gannett Foundation.

13. Future Social Events – In order to contact members it was decided to look into the purchase of a mobile phone and cheap tariffs in order to remind everyone of events. Also communication by Social Media (Facebook and possibly Twitter).

14. Embankment – Primroses have been donated and planted on the embankment. The Lawnmower is at present under repair. JB is to get in touch with his contact at B&Q to negotiate the possible donation of a new lawnmower. BMcL is looking into the purchase of a container for storage of equipment and has had permission to site it at PVC. “Friends of St Mary’s Cemetery” are looking to replace theirs and Bob is negotiating the purchase of their “old” one...

15. Sedentary Exercise Classes – are held fortnightly at PVC. Funding from Cheshire Community Foundation is being considered and at present these classes are attended by up to 20 people.

16. Post Box – Provision of a Post Box for suggestions and possibly comments is going to be situated by the Notice Board outside Raj’s Shop.

17. Update on the Bayleaf Site – Site investigations have taken place and work is to start at the end of the year. The hedges have been trimmed by Torus as promised. Work should take around 22 months. The T tender process should end in September. There has been interest in the Bowling Green which is an Asset of Community Value. This is currently being maintained by Dave Allen (Carpenter Grove). Chris Merritt has been contacted by Exova (Farrell Street) personnel to be able to make use of it as a bowling Green. DL said the previous users don’t want it.

18. Padgate Community Centre Car Park – WBC has in the past promised to resurface the car park but to date only pot-holes have been filled due to the recent serious accident of an elderly person. There was talk of a Pay & Display Car Park but this has not been installed nor do we want it. WBC have said recently to Doctors Surgery staff that they don't own it and it uncertain who filled in the pot-holes. Councillor Diana Bennett has been contacted for help and we await her reply.

19. Local Plan Preferred Development Option – Consultation. Bob Millington is to study report for us and will give feedback at the next Committee Meeting on 7th September 2017 which is within the consultation period.

20. The speaker at the General Meeting on 10th August 2016 will be Maria Austin from local NHS Commissioning Group.

21. Any Other Business – DP asked if we should have regular meetings with other Social Housing providers. It is understood that Warrington Housing Association, Golden Gates Housing (Torus), Manchester & District Housing and Muir Housing all have properties on Longbarn. We should be made aware of how many houses are owned and where they are situated. Chris Merritt said that parking spaces should be identified and that a meeting of the above to discuss and determine these should take place; however its like that WBC will not be amenable. GO & LC-H to arrange meeting.

The Next Full Members meeting is on 10th August 2107 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.