



# 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 AGM Meeting held on

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at 7:30 pm in Padgate Village Club.**

**Present (39):** Raj Asani, Michaela Bowden, Helen Broderick, Pauline & Jack Buonanducci, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Bob & Pat Colquhoun, Lynn Colter-Howard, Martin Colwell, Rosa Dale, Keith Dixon, Barbara Edmonson, Vinny Harrison, John Hill, Dermott & Linda Lappin, Clem Lawton, Bob & Sue McLaughlin, Bob Millington, Tony Murphy, Dr Mike Murphy, Geoff & Wendy Orange, Richard Robinson, Jim Smith, Sam Starkey, Ann Sudlow, Brian Swan, Pat Taylor, Brian & Denise Walton, Flo Wright, Brian & Mary Lawrinson, Paul Adams.

**Apologies (8):** Councillor Purnell, David Pearson, Graham Eddy, Ron & Sheila Westwood, Chris Merritt, John & Janet Melia, Howard Klein.

**Visitors (1):** Councillor Diana Bennett, Vicky – First Aid.

Agenda Discussion	Outcome/Action To Be Taken
<p><b>Meeting commenced: 7.35 PM</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. <u>Introductions</u> – Geoff Orange (GO) welcomed everyone to the AGM and Apologies are listed above</b></li> <li><b>2. <u>Presentation of Prizes and Certificates</u> - GO presented prizes and certificates to the winners of the Scarecrow and Sunflower Competitions. The Scarecrow competition was won by Irene Smith for her 'Afternoon Tea' and the Sunflower measuring 9ft 4ins was won by the owners of 15 Station Road.</b></li> <li><b>3. <u>Invitation to join the LRA Committee</u> – Anyone interested is to meet with the Committee after the AGM</b></li> <li><b>4. <u>The Police</u> - There is no report from PCSO Jeremy King at this time</b></li> <li><b>5. <u>Minutes of the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August</u> – and matters arising can be found on the website, GO encouraged residents to visit our</b></li> </ol>	<p>Prizes</p> <p>Invite</p> <p><a href="http://www.longbarnra.co.uk">www.longbarnra.co.uk</a></p>

<p>website where the Minutes of the meetings can be found along with other News, Events, Dates and Projects etc.,</p> <p>6. <b>Administration</b> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> parties etc.,</p> <p>7. <b>Sub-Committee Reports</b> - given verbally – <b>Lynn Coulter Howard</b> met with <b>Muir Housing</b> – The complaints about areas of concern near some homes had been dealt with but there are some complaints not yet addressed as there are limited funds available. At present the more urgent complaints are being dealt with but if anyone has any problems, please see <b>Lynn</b>.</p> <p><b>Dermott Lappin</b> for <b>WBC</b> met with <b>Geoff Orange</b> and the <b>East Area Manager</b> - The Treasurer and Chairman had met with Ruth Whitworth to discuss changes to the WBC Area Boards and how WBC could help the work of LRA. It was a difficult meeting for the Manager since she had not been told of the exact changes that were to be made and, therefore, could not answer our questions. It was likely that there was to be a panel of Councillors to oversee Grant Aid from WBC which was to be co-ordinated from the St Werbergh Hub in Irwell Road. The maximum Annual Grant had now been reduced. It was noted that to test the market David Pearson had handed in a funding application and we were now awaiting the result of our application.</p> <p><b>Land Trust – Geoff Orange</b> The Autumn ‘cut’ is due but no start date yet. There is concern about the hedges and trees in Blackburne Close which is very overgrown and we are waiting for Mary Doyle (Land Trust) to get work started.</p> <p>8. <b>Acceptance of Constitution and Safeguarding Policy.</b> The Charity Commission guides us on the Constitution – reporting and updates on paperwork are necessary. <b>Lynn Coulter Howard</b> is the Safeguarding Officer voted for unanimously at tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>9. <b>Treasurer's Report - Dermott Lappin</b> - The Treasurer reported the balances in both of our Accounts was in good shape. The last Quiz Night was a success. Raj’s Shop was to be a sub-Post Office and loose change to the value of £98.77 was donated by Raj to LRA. The play area near Horizons School requires £50-£60,000 and we are working at getting grants.</p> <p>10. <b>WBC Local Plan, Preferred Development Option</b> – Consultation - The Chairman (<b>GO</b>) had invited Bob Millington (a resident) to formulate a response to WBC (The Planning &amp; Programmes Team). Bob outlined what we were being asked to comment on, and had drawn up a six-page response letter. It would be prudent to look at WBC’s website to read the document in detail and register an opinion. (<b>GO</b>) to consult with Bob Millington to agree a final draft which would be circulated to Committee members before submission. Basically WBC wants to make Warrington a ‘Garden City’; to build</p>	<p>for contact and economy</p> <p>Muir</p> <p>WBC</p> <p>Land Trust</p> <p>Constitution and Safeguarding Officer appointed</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>WBC Local Plan – Consultation</p>
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<p>22,000 homes mainly South and East Warrington (Stretton) way waterfront area, Arpley sidings etc., and to build an expressway to avoid Bridgefoot. The Committee agreed in principle to liking the plan, however, there is no significant infrastructure of highways, roads etc., in the plans and not enough information. This is fundamental especially if Green Belt Area is being considered. Bob advised that ‘if roads go in, fine; if not, disapprove plans’</p> <p><b>11. Meeting with 3 local Councillors</b> – Several items were raised at the meeting including why we have had no response to our letters regarding for example, a base for LRA, and other items. As a result of the meeting an internal investigation was held and we did receive a response offering LRA a base at Padgate Library. The office would be for the exclusive use of LRA for Storage, Printing and Committee Meetings. Greencore have donated office furniture. General Meetings will still be held in Padgate Village Club. LRA to meet with Livewire for negotiation and this should contribute to saving Padgate Library.</p> <p><b>12. Letters to Helen Jones MP and Tony Higgins</b> – (Executive Board Member for Leisure, Community &amp; Culture – WBC) – We have had no response from Helen Jones office even following telephone call by Richard Robinson. <b>(RR)</b> was informed that a meeting would be arranged but so far we are not featured in Helen Jones diary. A letter to Tony Higgins had been sent each month and <b>(GO)</b> wrote 20 emails to the Chief Executive and various Councillors. As a result of a meeting Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept with Richard Robinson, Bob McLaughlin, Dermott Lappin and Geoff Orange a base in Padgate Library was offered. (see above).</p> <p><b>13. Quiz Night – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b> – Tickets £5 from Treasurer</p> <p><b>14. Social Activities – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b> – Social Evening with Singer Joe Tilly, Hot &amp; Cold Buffet – Tickets £5 from Treasurer</p> <p><b>15. Coach Trip – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017</b> – Leeds Christmas Market</p> <p><b>16. Friends of Padgate Station - Report from Bob McLaughlin</b> (available in full on the LRA website) – The Artwork has been delayed due to illness. Mosaic - The workshops have begun involving the children at Christ Church School and will take about 5 weeks to complete. The demolishing and replacement of the new shelter is now in the 2018 budget. A meeting with Vicky Cropper and Theo Steel is to take place next week regarding refurbishment of building, trees, access to Green Lane, the platform making safer, ticket machines, CCTV etc., On completion of the Artwork there will be an unveiling event with Northern Rail, Acorp and Carillion and the press in attendance. All LRA members are invited along with Christ School and there will be a finger buffet in PVC to celebrate. There have been no more reports of vandalism since our last meeting in August.</p> <p><b>17. Fireworks Extravaganza – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017</b> – From 5p.m. There will be a few children’s fairground rides and Greencore are once again providing the burgers and buns.</p> <p><b>18. Afternoon Tea – 29<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b></p>	<p>No real infrastructure yet</p> <p>Approve or disapprove</p> <p>Councillors achieved a response</p> <p>No response from MP Helen Jones</p> <p>New base for LRA Committee</p> <p>Quiz Night</p> <p>Social Evening Coach Trip</p> <p>Update on Padgate Station</p>
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<p><b>19. Sedentary Exercise Classes – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b></p> <p><b>20. <u>Advance Notice</u> – LRA Christmas Lights Switch on and Carol Sing 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.</b> LRA Christmas Social with Paul Dillon – <b>15<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b> LRA Childrens’s Party <b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 2 till 4 pm.</b> Children’s entertainer and Father Christmas.  <b><u>IMPORTANT -LRA Social Committee need to know in Advance the ages of the children, their contact numbers and any allergies etc.,</u></b></p> <p><b>21. A.O.B – Jim Smith from Friends of Longbarn Park</b> has informed LRA that Asda’s green tokens are available Further dates and information concerning items above are on the Website.  <b>The CO-OP’s</b> website has information regarding Community project and for the near future they are donating to LRA – please visit the website and vote for our Community.  <b>First-Aid volunteers</b> to meet on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 11.am in PVC</p> <p><b>The Meeting closed: 8.55 pm</b></p>	<p>Fireworks</p> <p>Afternoon Tea Sedentary Exercise classes</p> <p>Lights and carols Social Evening</p> <p>Children’s party</p> <p>Provide details</p> <p>Asda’s Green tokens</p> <p>CO-OP Community Funds</p> <p>First Aid</p>
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