



# 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*

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## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Padgate Village Club.**

Present (13): Dermott Lappin, Geoff Orange, Lynn Colter-Howard, Wendy Orange, Linda Lappin, Christopher Merritt, Raj Asani, Jack Buonanducci, Pauline Buonanducci, John Hill, Ann Sudlow, Bob McLaughlin, Martin Colwell.

Guest: Bob Millington

Apologies (2): Rosa Dale, David Pearson.

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

3. Matters arising - None.

4. Treasurers Report – The Treasurer reported the balances in both of our Accounts was in good shape. The last Quiz Night was a success, making £177.

5. Local Plan Preferred Option – Consultation – The Chairman had invited Bob Millington (a residents) to formulate a response to WBC (The Planning & Programmes Team). Bob outlined what we were being asked to comment on and had drawn up a 6 page response letter that LRA could use. Bob went through the response letter in detail and a discussion followed. It was agreed that Committee Members should read the document in detail and look at the WBC website if they needed more information. Any comments on our response to be sent by email to the Chairman by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and thereafter Chairman would consult with Bob Millington to agree a final draft which would be circulated to Committee members before submission.

6. Report back on Meeting with East Area Manager – 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 co-ordinated from the St Werbergh Hub in Irwell Road. The maximum Annual Grant had now been reduced to £3k. It was noted that to test the market David Pearson had handed in a finding application for £1200 and we were now awaiting the result of our application.

7 Report back on meeting with MP – The promised meeting with Helen Jones MP had not materialised and the Commons had now returned to full activity after the Summer Recess. On behalf of LRA, Richard Robinson had been in touch the Office of the MP and had been told to ring back on Monday morning (11<sup>th</sup> September) to further our request.

8. Further Coach Trips – a) Bury Market on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September b) Leeds Christmas Market on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.

9. LRA Base update – It was reported that, finally, we had been granted a meeting with Councillor Tony Higgins (WBC Executive Board Member for Leisure, Community & Culture) on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 10:30am. Of course, LRA has nowhere to meet and to ensure that the meeting does take place the Chairman has agreed to meet at his house. Due to this location numbers will be restricted. However, this does clearly show one of the reasons why LRA needs a Base.

10. Improvement of the Harpers Road Embankment – It was pointed out that further work is required to improve this landscaped area. We had already spread 2 ton of soil together with grass seed but the area had not improved. Further investigation and possible spring flowers might be the answer due the many trees along the embankment which were preventing the new grass germinating. A date to be set when we can have another morning on the embankment to see what can be achieved.

11. Sedentary Exercise Classes – These were now well established but were costing LRA £50 per week. An application has been made to Cheshire Community Foundation which had been favourably received. We now await their decision.

12. Update on the Bayleaf Site – Torus had confirmed that they were progressing well expect the Tenders in shortly. This would enable a start on site either at the end of December 2017 or the beginning of January 2018. There would then follow a 22 month build.

13. Update on meeting with three Ward Councillors – a meeting was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in Ian Telfer House, Vulcan Close. 17 items were put to the Councillors for action. Some limited responses had been subsequently received and the discussion needed a follow in the next few weeks to ensure progress is maintained.

14. Speaker at Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 – Mandy Roberts from MRHMC Ltd with some of her colleagues would be in attendance from 6:45pm before the meeting to encourage members to sign up to the First Aid Course that would be run throughout October.

15. Any Other Business – a) Provision of a Storage Cabin was ongoing. The Cabin was stationed at St Mary's Cemetery and their replacement required planning permission. It was hoped at a cost of £500 (there may be delivery charges) this Cabin will be transferred to LRA and sited at the rear of PVC in the not too distant future. b) Work was ongoing at Padgate Station and we were working towards on Open Day to unveil the 3D windows. A buffet would be provided in PVC on that day. Members need to watch out for the agreed Date. Work was also ongoing with Christ Church School on the Mural to be affixed to the Gable End of the Station.

The Next Full Members meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2107 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.



