



Longbarn Residents Association

Representing Anderson Close, Blackburne Close, Burnet Close, Carpenter Grove, Church Drive, Fallowfield Grove, Guildford Close, Peasley Close, Oxmead Close, Duckworth Grove, Freshfields Drive, Lovage Close, Pasture Lane, Mullion Grove, Mayberry Grove, Saffron Close, Sage Close, Sorrel Close, Station Road South and West View.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30pm AT PADGATE VILLAGE CLUB

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Orange, Wendy Orange, Lynn Colter-Howard, Howard Klein, Pauline Buonanducci, Jack Buonanducci, Bob McLaughlin, David Pearson, Rajesh Asani, Linda Lappin, Dermott Lappin, Chris Merritt, Richard Robinson, Paul Adams

APOLOGIES: Rosa Dale, Martin Colwell, John Hill

INTRODUCTION

1. Geoff welcomed everybody to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. Minutes of the meeting held 19 October (available on the LRA website) were agreed. Matters arising were included as agenda items for this meeting.

LRA BASE

3. Geoff has secured an office at Padgate Village Library for the sole use of LRA business. Lease has been signed with LiveWire & commences 20 October for 1 year, with an option (though not guaranteed) to renew. Facilities include the office which, along with adjoining space on the second floor, is available for ad hoc meetings {**formal Committee meetings will continue to be held at Padgate Village Club**}; plus toilet & kitchen facilities.
4. Geoff received a warm round of applause, having worked tirelessly to strike this outstanding arrangement for LRA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

5. Dermott reported that our accounts were in a good state. We have purchased the fireworks for 3rd November display will be spending throughout the Christmas Period which will reduce considerable our funds.
6. We have the opportunity to make a new Lottery application in November (with a new focus ~ needs to be different to our 2016 application), once our full year budget/spend is brought to account.

UPDATE ON LRA GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW 2017

7. 42 local businesses have been approached inviting donations of prizes which to date include tickets for Warrington Wolves (including access to lounge), photo sessions (worth

£50 each), tickets to Gulliver's World, Asda Christmas Hamper, Tesco gift voucher, wine & spirits. £50 first prize donated by LRA.

8. Cheryl Hoddell has printed 2,000 tickets (thanks, Cheryl) & various ways of distributing them were discussed, ahead of the draw to be held at our LRA Christmas Party at Padgate Village Club on 15 December.

REPORT BACK ON FIRST AID COURSE (held weekly at Padgate Village Club)

9. Feedback from participants is positive. The course organiser (Vicky) observed that the composition of the course is excellent.

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA (to be held 3 November at New Horizons School playing field)

10. Fireworks have been purchased. Those responsible for ignition (4 LRA members + 2 reserves) have received certification. Names of 8 stewards for the event were confirmed. We have 3rd Party Public Liability insurance cover. Martin has created a poster.

LANGBARN COMMUNITY FUN DAY (to be held 19 May 2018)

11. We may use as a skeleton our plans for the 2016 event. But really, we aspire to double the number of stalls in 2018. Andrew Pearce has kindly offered to provide rides & lots of supporting paraphernalia. Geoff suggested a Steering group eg, to kick-start planning ~ so important that we get participating organisations booked & on board early.

LOCAL PLAN: PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT OPTION ~ further developments

12. Further to activity documented in minutes of LRA Committee meeting held 21 September, Bob Millington's paper (which outlines LRA's preferred development requirements for infrastructure to support the build of 22,000 new homes in Warrington) has been submitted to Warrington MBC.

REPORT BACK ON OFFER TO MEET WITH MP

13. Several efforts have been made to meet with Helen Jones MP to discuss the parlous state of car parking on Harpers Road, Burnett Close & Blackburn Close ~ all to no avail. On behalf of our residents we remain undaunted, & have written formally to our MP. If this fails to draw a response we will write formally to Home Secretary.

IMPROVEMENT OF HARPERS ROAD EMBANKMENT

14. In addition to the magnificent efforts of our volunteers in keeping our verges mown & litter free, 1,000 bluebells have been obtained in an effort to brighten up the embankment. But we desperately need more volunteers, both to maintain the verges but especially plant the bluebells. **All offers of help most gratefully received.**

SEDENTARY EXERCISE CLASSES ~ provision of funding

15. We are full of gratitude to Cheshire Community Foundation which has provided a grant of £1,000 to fund these classes for our residents.

UPDATE ON BAYLEAF SITE

16. We extend our thanks to Torus & local police for successfully ejecting travellers from the site & making it secure. Bill Lacy (Development Director at Torus Homes) will join us at our next Full Members meeting on 2 November (Padgate Village Club, meeting starts 7.30pm ~ all residents are welcome) & provide an update on the contractor, & planned start & finish date for the Bayleaf housing development.

UPDATE ON PADGATE STATION

17. Meeting held with NW Rail on 17 October to discuss LRA requirements eg, agreed a new bus stop-style shelter will be erected. Art work (3D panels to improve the appearance of the station) & ceramic panels on the gable end likewise, will be complete in 5 weeks, followed by an Open Day at the station & a buffet at Padgate Village Club ~ our residents are cordially invited to both events.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT OUR NEXT MEETING ~ 2 November at Padgate Village Club

18. Bill Lacey will join us (see paragraph 16), as will Maria Austin who will chat with us on matters of local interest behalf of NHS.

SUB COMMITTEE WRITTEN REPORTS

19. Geoff reminded sub committees to provide written reports ahead of our next full Committee meeting on 2 November.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20. We have obtained a full-size container for the storage of LRA kit (eg, lawn mowers). The lockable container will be placed in proximity to Padgate Village Club. Installation date to be advised (contingent on minor works at British Legion Centre).

21. Next steps following the LRA Committee awayday will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

22. The meeting closed at 9.50pm.