



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 2nd November 2017 at 7:30 pm in Padgate Village Club.

Present (47): Paul Adams, Pat & Dave Allen, Pauline & Jack Buonanducci, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Bob & Pat Colquhoun, Lynn Colter-Howard, David & Mrs Cullerton, Rosa Dale, Keith Dixon, Graham Eddy, Ken Griffiths, Vinny Harrison, John Hill, Howard Klein, Dermott & Linda Lappin, Margaret Mackenzie, Sue & Bob McLaughlan, John & Janet Melia, Chris Merritt, Bob Millington, John & Mrs Moreton-Evans, Tony Murphy, Wendy & Geoff Orange, David Pearson, Richard Robinson, Steve Rydzkowski, Jim Smith, Brian Swan, Pat Taylor, Ron & Sheila Westwood, Barbara & Jim Whaley, P Cullerton, David Humphries, Mark & Leanne Tyrer.

Apologies (5): Maria Austin (NHS) Martin Colwell, Barbara Edmondson, Ann Sudlow, Raj Asani.

Visitors : Bill Lacey (Development Director, Torus) PCSO Jeremy King

Agenda Discussion	Outcome/Action To Be Taken
<p>Meeting commenced: 7.35 PM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Introductions</u> – Geoff Orange (GO) welcomed the above listed visitors and Apologies are also listed above <u>North West in Bloom Competition</u> - GO informed the Residents that LRA had achieved a level 5 Certificate – Outstanding Achievement and thanked everyone for all their efforts over the last year. – Also Friends of Longbarn Park were congratulated on their success of achieving a level 5 Certificate – Outstanding Achievement. GO reminded everyone who shopped at the CO-OP to register LRA as their charity online under their membership details, for LRA to be able to receive a share of the donations the CO-OP are currently offering. (That’s 1p for every £1 you spend). To date we believe it has reached approx. £700 but there’s more available. 	<p>Intro’s</p> <p>North West in Bloom Achievements</p> <p>CO-OP Register online your charity preferences</p>

<p>3. Administration – 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.,</p> <p>4. Speakers - Bill Lacey (Development Director Torus) Torus is a group structure involving Golden Gates Housing and St. Helens Park Social Housing. They are responsible for 22,000 properties in the Northwest Region. There will now be 97 extra-care units built on the Bayleaf site. 48 will be for renting and the remainder will be based on 50/50 shared ownership. BL brought 3 large boards for residents to look at showing details and plans of the proposed development. A Contractor has now been appointed following a 2 stage tender process. There was a rigorous process to procure the Contractors who are ANWYL Construction and by 16th November hoarding should be in place. By 8th December Anwyl will have appointed Security for the site and will leaflet Longbarn residents in the area. There will be a dedicated Project Manager who will update residents at future LRA meetings and a Sales Manager Jacqui Martin. Work is to start on the site 8th January and will last approximately 90 weeks. Completion being Sept/Oct 2019. BL will leave contact details for himself and the Sales Manager as some residents showed an interest in the purchase/rent of the properties. Funding for the project from Torus, Loans, Rents, Capital Receipts for Sales, Grants from Communities Agency and the Governments to review the cap on Local Housing Allowance – more updates as they move forward and open days planned nearer completion. Rent or Share... Council Housing Policy will determine this and give priority to people in more extreme circumstances. Prices not available yet as too early to value. Parking spaces is down to Planning Regulations and Torus have developed this to have 47 spaces as it is not foreseen that all residents will require a space, however LRA residents pointed out that staff will - and BL to look at this with a reply in the future. Extra Care Scheme – no one has been appointed yet but a specialist will be commissioned in conjunction with the Council. BL to update on a number of issues and will get the Project Manager to come and talk to LRA. There are no plans for a ‘gated’ entrance and residents are concerned about overspill of cars onto Harper’s Road. PCSO Jeremy King suggested they look at a gated community so that parents, on the school run, would be prevented from parking on their site. Staffing levels were not known yet, and The Secretary Paul Adams suggested (for anyone interested) providing email addresses for updates/mail shots. GO suggested that queries/enquiries could go on our Website and would be dealt with by GO as and when.</p>	<p>www.longbarnra.co.uk for contact and economy</p> <p>97 extra-care units</p> <p>Details of design and elevations Anwyl Construction appointed</p> <p>Work to commence 8th Jan 2018</p> <p>Pricing – Sales Team to update as and when available</p> <p>Further presentations by Torus</p> <p>Spaces for resident parking Spaces for Staff parking</p> <p>Extra Care Scheme</p> <p>Gated Community</p> <p>Anyone with enquiries should use the website to contact LRA for updates and answers.</p>
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<p>5. PCSO Jeremy King – reported that there were 6 incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour and 4 incidents of Criminal damage mainly in the Woolston Area. 2 incidents of Thefts from cars and 1 incident of Burglary and 2 of Burglary on Business premises on Woolston Grange. 9 incidents reported involving Traffic mainly ‘Parking’ incidents around Bruche Primary, Christ Church and St Oswald’s primary schools, Crab Lane, Fearnhead Lane and Woolston Grange Roundabout. 2 vehicles seized 1 for no insurance and 1 used in crime incident. again in the Woolston Area.</p>	<p>Police report from PCSO King</p> <p>Odour Incidents</p>
<p>6. Sub-Committee Reports - Grencore – David Pearson – 10 Odour incidents reported during October. The Odour Abatement System has been delivered and is being installed. Please continue to report incidents to either Grencore on 01925 825196 or the Environment Agency on 0800 807060.</p> <p>Social Housing – Lynn Colter-Howard – (Vice Chair) - Several issues regarding trees and shrubs were brought to LRA’s attention and following a meeting with Muir work on all one of the matters raised has now been approved at a cost of approx. £4000. The one outstanding matter will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>Social – Pauline Buonanducci - Fireworks Night – Several volunteers trained for the display and others for First Aid. Sparklers and Alcohol and Smoking banned. Donations being collected on gate but children free. The Children’s party on 17th December is now full but there are still tickets at a cost of £5 for the Adults party on 15th December. Christmas Lights switch on is 1st December at 7pm.</p> <p>Land Trust & NCA – Geoff Orange – (Chairman) – Complaints about the standard of work by Contractors an on site meeting was held with Mary Doyle of the Land Trust to look at ways of improving and maintaining the trees and shrubbery in their ownership. There was a positive response and we await the results of a meeting between them and the contractors.</p>	<p>Trees and Shrubs Muir</p> <p>Fireworks</p> <p>Children’s and Adult’s parties</p> <p>Land Trust</p> <p>PARKING ON HARPERS RD</p>
<p>7. WBC – Dermott Lappin (Treasurer)– currently being progressed are non-residents parking in Longbarn. LRA wrote to MP Helen Jones asking for help to persuade the NCA to stop their employees parking on Harpers Road and in Blackburne Close and Burnet Close. We are awaiting a response after a 2nd letter was sent on 16th October. LRA is preparing a letter to the Home Secretary, Ms Amber Rudd, to seek her assistance. Related is a meeting with Mark Tune (WBC Traffic Safety Officer) on 9th November to discuss the proposal of Double/Single yellow lines at the eastern end of Harpers Road. There was an accident at the junction of Harpers Road and Blackburne Close on Mon 30th October due to inconsiderate parking and blind</p>	<p>Police involvement</p>

<p>spots. A review of the whole of Harpers Road will take place and we shall report back to members.</p> <p>8. PCSO Jeremy King was asked why the Police can do nothing to stop this problem which is also prevalent on Crab Lane and Fearnhead Lane and his response was that his Sergeant is in communication with parties concerned and they are looking into legislation to enforce a ban on parking on these roads but as yet they have found none. A suggestion from members was that they should look into the Safety aspect of allowing Emergency Vehicles free access to these sites, as at present they can have none. A meeting with the Council and NCA was suggested. Other Issues – DDA friendly pavements between the Doctors and the Chemist on Station Road and on Harpers Road at the rear of no 6 Anderson Close. Also Bus Shelters at the Doctors on Station Road and at Guildford Close.</p> <p>Communications – Paul Adams (Secretary) – A Communications sub-committee was established following the AGM and at our first meeting we discussed what, when and why we communicate with and from Residents. We want to keep you well informed and to promote a dialogue with residents on common interests. We are looking at survey tools to elicit your opinions and views but the process must be two-way. If you have any ideas on how we can communicate with you (young and old) now is a good time to have your say. AND IT'S SO EASY – simply go to your website http://www.longbarnra.co.uk/contact-us/ AND HAVE YOUR SAY.</p> <p>Friends of Padgate Station – Bob McLaughlin – Artwork - The fitter is on standby to install the artwork in the next few weeks. Mosaic – has been completed and the artist is in the process of doing the individual tiles for the frame. Station Building - GO and I met with Vicky Cropper (Community & Sustainability Mgr) and Theo McLaughlin (Regional Property Mgr) regarding the refurbishments of the buildings. A new shelter has been allocated for the South side of the Station and this will be first time in 20 years there has been a shelter on this side of the platform. We also discussed the main building refurbishment, trees, access to Green Lane from the platform, ticket machines and CCTV. Planters - have been replanted with winter pansies and hopefully they will not be a target for vandals. Unveiling – On completion of the artwork and mosaics we will hold an unveiling event, Northern Rail, ACORP and Carillion will be there along with the Press. All LRA members are invited along with Christ Church School. We are planning to have a finger buffet afterwards in PVC to celebrate the milestone of this Community Project.</p> <p>Update on the Provision of a base for LRA - GO was proud to report that the base for LRA at Padgate Library was proving to be an asset.</p>	<p>DDA friendly pavements</p> <p>Bus shelters</p> <p>Communications</p> <p>Have your say</p> <p>Contact us Go to website</p> <p>Artwork and Mosaic almost completed</p> <p>New Shelter for south side allocated</p> <p>CCTV</p> <p>Planters re-planted Unveiling - members invited Buffet in PVC afterwards</p> <p>LRA Base</p> <p>Printer needed</p>
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<p>Several meetings have already taken place as there are no restrictions on the times i.e. Daytime as with PVC and no conflicts with other PVC users. It can be used out of Library opening hours. We have use of the Staff facilities and kitchen. GO thanked members of the Parish Council, who were present, for their contribution of the 1st year's rent. At present we are applying to the Cheshire Trust for a donation to supply a Printer. A meeting with WBC is planned for the 9th Nov in the new premises.</p> <p>9. Treasurer's Report – Dermott Lapin - The Lottery Account is all spent bar a nominal amount. The Standard Account is healthy though invoices still to be paid. £900 for Fireworks for instance. As usual DL offered up the accounts for perusal by anyone and stated that we were in a good position financially and we are not constrained so we are still able to provide services and events. David Pearson was thanked for his great efforts in finding and raising funds for LRA.</p> <p>10. Richard Robinson - (see also sub-committee reports WBC) elaborated on LRA's efforts to contact MP Helen Jones and the lack of response from WBC regarding the parking on Harpers Road, in particular by NCA. RR said that we must go through the right channels and on 18th July wrote to the MP also providing photos- there was an acknowledgement in September but since then we have heard nothing. We are now considering writing to the Home Secretary.</p> <p>11. First Aid Course - The course has been well attended and held at PVC on Wednesday's at 11.a.m. All will receive a certificate at the end of the course. It has proved very successful and GO is considering numbers for a 2nd course. The course Tutor was well liked and very proficient.</p> <p>12. Fireworks Extravaganza - 3rd November at New Horizons School. From 5 pm with Kiddies Fair, Burgers, Cakes etc., Fireworks at 7.30p.m.</p> <p>13. Social Activities - see Sub-Committee report item 7 for up-coming social activities. Also the Coach trip to Leeds Christmas Market 2nd December is now full. Children's Party 17th December is now full. There are still tickets for the Adults part on 15th December tickets £5 and Christmas lights switch on and carols on 1st December at PVC 7p.m.</p> <p>14. Afternoon teas – 10th November, 24th November and 8th December.</p> <p>15. Sedentary Exercise Classes – 3rd November, 17th November and 1st December</p> <p>16. Advance Notice – Longbarn Community Fun Day 19th May 2018</p> <p>17. AOB – There are Christmas raffle tickets for Sale so please contact GO They are £1 each and 1st prize is £50 with lots of prizes including tickets to Warrington Wolves games.</p>	<p>Healthy Account</p> <p>Raising funds</p> <p>MP Helen Jones, WBC and NCA</p> <p>First Aid Course</p> <p>Fireworks</p> <p>Upcoming Events and Activities</p> <p>Afternoon Teas Exercise Classes</p> <p>Fun Day 19/5/2018</p> <p>Raffle tickets</p> <p>Volunteers required for bluebell planting</p>
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Volunteers required to plant bluebells on the embankment on Saturday 11th November. - high viz jackets and equipment, tea coffee and biscuits provided.

The Meeting closed: 9.10 pm