



Longbarn Residents Association

Working together for our Community

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 4 January 2018 AT 7.30pm AT PADGATE VILLAGE CLUB

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Orange, Wendy Orange, Rosa Dale, Howard Klein, Pauline Buonanducci, Jack Buonanducci, Bob McLaughlin, David Pearson, Rajesh Asani, Linda Lappin, Dermott Lappin, Chris Merritt, Richard Robinson, John Hill, Paul Adams

APOLOGIES: Lynn Coulter-Howard, Martin Colwell

INTRODUCTION

1. Geoff welcomed everybody to the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. Minutes of the meeting held 2 November 2017 (available on the LRA website) were agreed. Matters arising were included as agenda items for this meeting.

OBITUARIES

3. Geoff advised members of the passing of David Lowndes (a founder member of our Association) & Roy Humphries. Our condolences & best wishes are extended to their families.

SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4. As the New Year dawns, & acknowledging busy diaries & time constraints, Geoff issued a gentle reminder to sub committee chairs to be sure to reconvene regular meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

5. Dermott reported that our accounts are in good order, with known commitments budgeted for.

PARKING AT EAST END OF HARPER'S ROAD

6. Following meeting held with Mark Tune (Traffic Management & Road Safety Manager at Warrington Borough Council) held 9 November 2017 LRA has now been provided with a

revised plan which demonstrates an extension of proposed double yellow lines along Harper's Road.

7. Marking progress, MP's office has written to WBC & Home Office, supportive of LRA position. Geoff has written to Chief Superintendent of Police inviting her support for 'Access Only' signage in adjoining side roads. LRA will subsequently meet with NCA at their request; & with police sergeant Ruth Atherton (recently appointed specifically to look after parking issues) on 10 January.
8. Next steps ~ Road Traffic Sub Committee meeting of WBC on February.

CLOSURE OF BLACKBURNE CLOSE FOOTPATH

9. The footpath (which sadly lends itself to antisocial behaviour) can be closed, but at considerable cost. A meeting, to be attended by Councillor Hans Mundry (WBC Executive Board member for Highways, Transportation & Public Realm) has been arranged for 6 February. Our Committee agreed to invite a local resident with first-hand experience of the problems prevailing on the footpath.

LAND TRUST ~ TREES IN MAYBERRY GROVE

10. LRA has been working for some time, with the residents, to have problems with large Leylandii in the Grove (blocking out sunlight & interference with TV signals) addressed. We are delighted to report that the trees have now been removed.
11. Geoff acknowledged that this represents our first success of 2018, and is good news for the affected residents and LRA who worked together to get a problem satisfactorily resolved.

UPGRADING LANDSCAPING etc IN PREPARATION FOR 'NORTH WEST IN BLOOM' 2018

12. We discussed ideas for implementation in May, including the prospects for composting (which could increase our judged scores significantly). We discussed tree trimming, & cutting back bushes on Harper's Road, & decided that Bob will invite 'Shades of Green' to conduct a survey/review of the Lonbarn estate to assess the size of the task.

CONFIRMATION OF DATES

13. Dates for the following events were confirmed ~

23 February 2018 – 'A Bit of a Do' (replaces Valentine's Day event originally scheduled for 9 February as it clashes with PVC event being held 10 February)

19 May 2018 – Community Fun Day

2 November 2018 – Fireworks Extravaganza

7 December 2018 – Adult's Christmas Party

16 December 2018 – Children's Christmas Party

STRAP LINE FOR USE BY LRA

14. Agreed that we will use, '*Working together for our Community*' in all correspondence.

REPORT OF MEETING WITH TORUS/ALWYN REGARDING BAYLEAF SITE

15. Item deferred to agenda for next Committee meeting. Paula Underwood (Torus) will attend our next Full Members' meeting on 22 February to report progress. In the meantime we noted that fencing & a gate have now been erected (good work, too), & Torus has invited LRA to visit similar premises in Newton le Willows.

UPDATE ON PROVISION OF PLAY AREA IN FALLOWFIELD GROVE

16. The transfer of land between WBC & Muir has now been agreed. LRA now needs to raise funds for kit for & installation of play area. Muir exploring prospects for grant aid.

SPEAKERS AT FULL MEMBERS' MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 11 JANUARY & 22 FEBRUARY

17. Maria Austin (NHS) is no longer able to attend our meeting scheduled for 11 January. She hopes to be able to send a representative to our meeting being held 22 February. Both Torus & Greencore will speak to our meeting being held 22 February.

AOB

18. Revised General Data Protection Regulations will come into force on 25 May 2018 & will change how organisations treat personal data records. We agreed the matter will form a substantive agenda item at our next Committee meeting scheduled for 8 February.

19. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.