



# 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 5 April 2018 AT 7.30pm AT PADGATE VILLAGE CLUB**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Our Vice Chairman Bob McLaughlin (BMc) welcomed everybody to the meeting (our Chairman Geoff Orange (GO) was present but recovering from an operation).

### **SPEAKERS ON BEHALF OF TORUS**

2. Nick Stevenson (Project Manager) explained that the builders, Anwyl, have now taken possession of the site at Harpers Green & are now responsible for site safety & cleanliness. Presently clearing the site, plant will be arriving on the compound. It's happening!
3. Sarah Houghton-Grimshaw (Supported Housing Commissioning Manager) explained that TORUS CEO will meet with ward councillors on 6 April to celebrate the start of the project. A press release will follow.
4. Melanie Owen (Sales Team) explained that a brochure on Harpers Green is being prepared. A coffee morning will be held on-site in 6-8 weeks' time when the brochures will be available for interested purchasers of the new homes.
5. Rounding off the session BMc thanked TORUS for the update, & added that he had met with Anwyl, who had explained that they will manage contactors' parking to minimise disruption to residents (including parking on PVC car park, which they will fully resurface upon completion).

### **POLICE REPORT**

6. PCSO Dean Cullerton provided a resume of activity since our last meeting. Details will be made available on our website.
7. BMc queried the quantity of Advisory Notices for cars parking especially in Blackburne & Burnett Closes.
8. Sheila Westwood raised the litter problem on Woolston Grange Avenue, where the police speed van parks. Sheila & residents take great pride in our estate & go litter picking ~ Dean will bring the matter to the attention of colleagues & we expect to avoid a repetition.

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 22 FEBRUARY**

9. Minutes are available on our website. There were no matters arising.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

10. Dermott Lappin explained our banking arrangements, & that with our accounts in good order, we are able to deliver our 2018 plans for the community with known commitments budgeted for.

### **UPDATE OF PROVISION OF PLAY AREA IN FALLOWFLELD GROVE**

11. BMC explained that our plans for the play area have been posted on our LRA Facebook page with voting buttons ~ the results to date are 65 in favour & 8 against. On that basis we shall proceed with our plans, & BMC described the proposed layout of the play area which was presented on an overhead projector.

12. After discount by the supplier the total cost (of clearing & making good the site, providing perimeter fencing, laying weatherproof floor & installing play equipment) is £54,900. LRA is pursuing cash support from WREN & Muir Group. A condition of the WREN application is that LRA must find 10.75% (£5,902) of the total cost

### **APPLICATION TO CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND**

13. Geoff Orange has submitted our application, & LRA will use any award to fund our 10.75% (WREN) contribution to the play area.

14. Sheila Westwood helpfully reflected that ASDA operates a similar community fund scheme, which LRA will follow up.

### **UPDATE ON MEETING WITH NCA**

15. Paul Adams (PA) provided feedback from a meeting held with NCA, WBC & the Police held 3 April ~

- Double yellow lines now painted on Harpers Road from traffic island to just past Pasture Lane
- Harpers Road now largely much safer. But still some cars parked beyond double yellows.
- Cars parking in side roads (esp Blackburne & Burnett Close)
- LRA monitoring situation & considering approaching WBC to have single yellow lines down the remainder of Harpers Road (EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER: need to allow time to assess the experiment)

16. Meantime, at NCA ~

- Bays in NCA car park have been re-marked & released +18 spaces
- Re-aligned 'who's got which space' so that parking can be managed over 24-hour period = +12 spaces
- WBC have agreed to lease land near university for NCA car parking. NCA will make land fit for purpose & include cycle paths. Funding proposal now with NCA Finance Committee. NCA will advise LRA of outcome. = +20 spaces
- Arrangement with JTF for NCA employees to park their cars on JTF car park for £1 per day. Take-up NK, but provides for +40 spaces.

- NCA parking on residents' drives for a fee (background details are contained in LRA Residents' Committee minutes of 22 Feb minutes, LRA Facebook page & latest 6-weekly newsletter)? Up to 12 residents have shown an interest. An App ~ 'Park On My Drive' ~ may facilitate this working for our community. LRA will investigate on behalf of residents.
- Police suggested we need to manage the expectations of our residents. **EQUALLY** we will manage expectations of Police & NCA that second best will not do!

#### **UPDATE ON 'FRIENDS OF PADGATE STATION'**

17. BMc explained that the artist's work will be completed 20 April. There will then be an Open Day followed by a celebratory buffet at PVC. In addition ~

- 2 new shelters will be erected at the station
- Ticket vending machine, CCTV & new LED lighting will be installed
- Trees in car park will be made presentable
- Survey to be conducted to establish most suitable use for the vacant building
- Station will ultimately be a feeder for HS2

#### **AOB**

18. BMc reminded us that our Community Fun Day will be held 2 June ~ all donations of tins & bottles of food & drink gratefully accepted ~ which may be dropped off at Raj's shop or with a Committee member.

19. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.