



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 1170309

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS 20th SEPTEMBER 2018

GREENCORE FOODS (David Pearson)

LRA were represented and the re-opening of the Greencore Factory on 14th September where the CEO of Tesco and the CEO of Greencore officiated. There are still some issues relating to noise from the site which are being investigated. Jane Stanton and her team will attend our next meeting on 1st November 2018 to explain to us what has taken place and to show us a Video of the “new” Factory. In the meantime, members are encouraged to contact the EA 0800807060 or Greencore 01925825196 should you wish to report any odour or noise problems.

NEWTOWN HOUSING (Chris Merritt)

Formerly called our ‘Social Housing Sub Committee’ we have renamed the sub-committee because:

- This part of our estate is a mix of rented & owner-occupied properties
- Some residents had taken exception to the use of the term ‘social housing’ &
- ‘Newtown’ was the original name of the development with estate was built.

Following a meeting with WBC the footpaths and some potholes in the roads have been repaired. We expect this to continue and we will monitor progress. Further meetings are planned but no date fixed just yet

Following a meeting with Muir Housing no works identified in the list of issues we presented have been tackled. Promised work on a property in Peasley Close has not yet started.

New issues raised by residents include: - (a) removal of a large branch broken off a tree in the middle of Oxmead Close. (b) Blackberry plant in a hedge extending on to a footpath, with brier-like tendrils considered to be a danger to children & adults. The plant is fast growing and needs removing altogether from this hedge. (c) Grass cuttings left around the area (next

to the shop on Pasture Lane – WBC are responsible for this piece of Land and have promised to clean this up.

SOCIAL (Geoff Orange)

Several events have been arranged by the Social Committee. The next is a Coach Trip to see the Giants in Liverpool on 7th October 2018. Due to illness there is still 1 seat remaining at £6. Quiz Night on 26th October 2018 in PVC at 7:30 pm for 8:00pm. Tickets £6 each including Hot & Cold Buffet. Fireworks Extravaganza 2nd November 2018 on New Horizons School Playing Field. Christmas Lights switch on & Carol Singing at PVC on 30th November 2018. Adult Christmas Party (Dom Collins – Comedy/Singer) with Christmas Fayre. Tickets are £6 each. Children's Christmas Party with Kevin the Clown & Father Christmas. Please continue to support these events.

LAND TRUST & NCA (Geoff Orange)

We continue to discuss a Licence to work on Land Trust land Some amendments to the Licence have been accepted by the Land Trust and the amended document should be signed shortly. Discussion, however, is now centred on the production of a "Rick Assessment" before we can begin to work on the Land Trust areas of grass.

WBC (Howard Klein)

The subcommittee met on 13th August 2018. On 11th September we met Mark Tune, the WBC Traffic Manager, who told us that the Double Yellow lines on Harpers Road will be made permanent and extended slightly. He also agreed to review the Burnet Close and Sage Close parking problem, and to consider safety and parking at the junction of Station Road and Harpers Road. This subject is ongoing.

We appear to have reached a stalemate on the Blackburne Road footpath. WBC supports the closure in principle but estimates the cost at £46K (mainly legal costs), which neither WBC nor LRA has. Perhaps we should change tack and press for metal railings? (i.e. keeping the footpath open), but local LRA members would have to agree to this.

Other issues to be taken up with WBC are: felled trees along the railway line; bus shelters (roofs are not currently being cleaned; shelters are needed at Guildford Close and near the Station Road doctor's surgery); children's safety at Christ Church School; resurfacing the Community Centre Car Park; and a crossing for disabled adults on Harpers Road. Borough Councilors are to be involved in sorting all new WBC issues.

We agreed to continue to maintain the Longbarn environment ourselves rather than rely on WBC.

COMMUNICATIONS (Paul Adams)

We have created a template for Committee members so that they may inform our Communications Team of any **news items** they would like to see **published on our website, Longbarn Residents' Association Facebook page and/or Twitter account** in a consistent way. Of course, residents may do likewise, by using the following –

- The form on our website <http://www.longbarnra.co.uk/contact-us/>
- Or by calling us on our LRA Answerphone service (01925 820647)
- Or write to us at 1st Floor, Padgate Library, Insall Road, Fearnhead, Warrington WA2 0HD
- Or email us at: longbarnra279@sky.com
- Please remember to provide your contact details in case we need to come back to you for clarification

Our Communications Strategy is in the final stages of completion. We'll let you know when it has been published on our website, and we'll invite your comments for any ways in which you think we could communicate better with you.

FRIENDS OF PADGATE STATION (Bob McLaughlin)

No more progress to report, however, please be aware that the Ticket Machines at the Station are in operation with Northern Rail having regular checks. This includes travel from Padgate to Birchwood and Warrington. The fine is £20 and if left unpaid prosecution will certainly follow. If the machine is broken you should, if possible, take a photo with your 'phone as proof. We are awaiting a response from Northern Rail regarding "Duo" tickets as currently they are not available from the machines.

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