



# **LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**"Working together for our Community"**

Registered Charity No. 1170309

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## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 February 2020 at 7:30pm in Padgate Village Club**

**Present:** (27) Pat & Dave Allen, Raj Asani, Helen Broderick, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Bob & Pat Colquhoun, Rosa Dale, Shirley Edwards, Vinny & Paul Harrison, John Hill, Sue & Bob McLaughlin, John & Janet Melia, Tony Murphy, Geoff & Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Richard Robinson, Jim Smith, Nicola Taylor, Ron & Sheila Westwood, Flo Wright.

Councillor Graham Friend.

Cheshire Fire Brigade: James McColl, Rob Clarke, Ben Henry, Sam Rogers.

Torus: Gareth Jarvis, Nina Walsh, Melanie Owen

Anwyl: Andrew Adamson

**Apologies:** Paul Adams

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1. **Introductions** – The Chairman gave a very warm welcome to all our visitors.
2. Torus and Anwyl gave an update on the progress of the new Harpers Green development and suggested that the revised date for opening was June 2020.
3. Minutes of the last meeting are on the website.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. The Financial Report for the period 1/12/2019 to 31/1/2020 was considered and accepted. Warm thanks were given to Nicola Taylor for her work in keeping us up to date financially.
6. The Chairman asked for volunteers to join one of our sub-committees to spread and support the workload.
7. Padgate Library – a new lease has been signed for a further year to maintain our library office. The financial contribution was £200 for LRA (with continuing financial support from our Parish Council).

8. Big Lottery Fund – The latest application had now been approved in full.
9. Bright Ideas – next steps. Discussions taking place about Footloose in Longbarn dance classes. Look out for day and time and join in with our professional instructor.
10. Arrangements are moving forward in arranging a LRA Information Day on Sunday 15 March 2020 from 12noon. The event will take place on the plateau outside Raj's shop and will be staffed by the Police, Muir Housing, WBC, the Land Trust, NHS and others. Please do your best to attend. There will be refreshments on hand.
11. We have entered North West in Bloom again for 2020.
12. Social activities –
  - Charity social evening – 20 March 2020
  - Community Fun Day – 25 May 2020 from 12 noon
  - Scarecrow Competition – throughout August 2020 with judging on Bank Holiday week-end
  - Sunflower Competition – throughout summer with judging at end of August 2020
13. Friends of Padgate Station – as usual nothing more has been heard from Northern Rail. Decision might have to be taken to remove ourselves from working on the Station.
14. Litter Picks – next one to take place on 21 March 2020 at 10:30am starting from Raj's Shop. This will be part of the Great British Spring Clean with which we are registered.
15. Next Afternoon Tea – 21 February 2020 at 2pm in PVC
16. Next Sedentary Exercise Class - 28 February 2020 at 2.15pm in PVC
17. Speaker for next meeting on 2 April 2020 will be the Police & Crime Commissioner

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

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