



# LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 1170309

## Minutes of the Meeting held on

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7:30 pm in Padgate Village Club.**

**Present (16):** Paul Adams, Rosa Dale, Vinnie Harrison, Geoff & Wendy Orange, Richard Robinson, Nicola Taylor, Sue & Bob McLaughlin, John Hill, Jim Smith, Brian & Denise Walton, Emma & Debbie Humphries, Adam Barnes.

**Apologies (7):** David Pearson, Ron & Sheila Westwood, Raj Asani, Lynn Colter-Howard, Howard Klein, Katie Melia,

**Visitors (3):** Councillors\_Graham & Diana Friend, Police Inspector Haddock.

Agenda Discussion	Outcome/Action to Be Taken
<p><b>Meeting commenced: 7.35 PM</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Introductions &amp; Welcomes</u></b>– Geoff Orange (GO) welcomed everybody, and Apologies are listed above</li> <li>2. <b><u>Minutes</u></b>– Minutes are from our last Residents Meeting which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and are on the website. Residents are encouraged to visit our website where the minutes of the meetings can be found along with other news, events, dates and projects etc.,</li> <li>3. <b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> There were no matters arising from the last meeting.</li> <li>4. <b><u>Police Report</u></b> – GO read out the current Police Report. Police took positive action for policing in our community following a recent assault on one of our residents, and, made Fallowfield Grove their ‘street of the week.’ Police have been making patrols where possible at opening and closing times of Kassia Academy and this will continue over the coming weeks. Results of a resident’s voice survey which asks questions relating to issues residents have in our community and how they feel Police can improve. In Total there have been 132 incidents recorded across Poulton North ward during August - 58 incidents recorded as crime 15 incidents were concern for safety 14 incidents were domestic. Longbarn Park – Limited incidents reported to the Police during August, however, <b>PCSO Potter</b> is alert to the history of misuse, including fires being lit at night, drug use at the back of the pond and</li> </ol>	<p><a href="http://www.longbarnra.co.uk">www.longbarnra.co.uk</a></p> <p>Positive Police action</p> <p>Patrols at ‘Kassia Academy’</p> <p>Survey results soon</p> <p>Recorded incidents</p> <p>Longbarn Park</p>

<p>fishing lines being left tied to the banks. <b>PCSO Potter</b> will continue to patrol the park on foot at every opportunity.</p> <p>If you have not already, please 'like' Facebook page "<b>Poulton North Police.</b>" In doing so you will be provided with regular alerts about Police activity in our community and can message our local constabulary with questions and comments. <b>B MCL</b> asked that a 'follow up' report on the positive outcomes of these incidents be provided.</p>	<p>Facebook page Poulton North Police</p>
<p><b>5. Assault on Pasture Lane 16<sup>th</sup> September -</b> Following this brutal assault on one of our residents, LRA held an extraordinary Committee meeting, GO has written to our 3 local councillors ~ our elected officials ~ asking what action they propose to take, in response to the incident, in support of our community. Also, a meeting is to take place with the School to discuss the matter further. <b>Inspector Haddock</b> cannot discuss the matter at this meeting as it is an ongoing Criminal Investigation, but assured <b>LRA</b> that evidence will be collated, and the matter expedited. He went on to say that, whilst incidents of assault do take place, and, we have concerns about the school, during his work with the community there have been no incidents involving the public that have come to his attention until now. However, there have been reports of 86 incidents at other schools in Warrington. <b>Inspector Haddock</b> will attend a meeting with <b>LRA</b>, and the Kassia Academy next week but it is important the incident will be judged on the facts and evidence and not until the matter has been forwarded to the <b>CPS</b> once the evidence has been reviewed.</p>	<p>Assault 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021</p> <p>Important not to discuss the matter as Police investigation underway.</p> <p>No prior incidents involving the public</p> <p>Meeting with Kassia Academy, LRA and Police.</p>
<p><b>6. Kassia Academy -</b> Following inflammatory and slanderous comments posted on Longbarn Community &amp; Chat, about staff and children from the school, The Head Teacher responded with a threat of legal action against the Facebook page Admin. The school is collaborating closely with the police and the victims of the assault and the residents of Longbarn have her full support. The police advised that she write to request that the comments be removed and that they will investigate these posts as it is a criminal offence to post comments of this nature.</p> <p><b>PA -</b> Comments should be made about the good things and achievements of the school whose children have serious challenges and that we should be more understanding of what the Kassia Academy is trying to accomplish.</p>	<p>Longbarn Community &amp; Chat posts inflammatory</p> <p>Police advised threats to be removed from the Facebook page</p>
<p><b>7. Harpers Road - Whilst Inspector Haddock</b> was in attendance he invited questions and <b>Speeding on Harpers Road</b> was brought up. Whilst it is difficult to police this road he suggested that we might invest in a <b>S.I.D</b> a speed indicator device. Which may slow traffic down. GO to investigate further.</p>	
<p><b>8. Financial Report</b> – Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 was received and approved by the Management Committee and shared with residents attending this meeting. Unfortunately, the projector used to display</p>	

<p>the presentation is broken and <b>GO</b> and <b>PA</b> will source a replacement.</p> <p><b>9. Dog Fouling</b> - A Longbarn resident has started a Facebook page '<b>Longbarn Against Dog Fouling</b>' and you are invited to '<b>like</b>' the page. Residents are asked to gather evidence and report any perpetrators. Photos and Videos will be passed onto WBC and LRA will chase prosecutions of offenders and post details on the LRA Facebook page, LRA website and the Warrington Guardian.</p> <p><b>10. Litter Bins</b> - 2 New Litter bins have been installed on Harpers Road and 2 more in Longbarn Park. The Parish Council were thanked for their donation to purchase. <b>GO</b> has passed on our gratitude to the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>11. Bus Shelters</b> – <b>B McL</b> reported that the Specialist Transport Manager, Alan Jones (WBC) have informed LRA that there is money in the WBC 2021/2022 budget available for these bus Shelters. One at the Doctors Surgery and One at Guildford Close. The Bus Shelter's foundations at the Surgery will affect the underlying service, gas, electricity, water etc., so we are waiting to see what can be done even though the land for the bus shelter is to be donated. The Bus Shelter at Guildford Close, whilst originally approved by Warrington Housing, has been put on hold by the current Manager of WHA due to an objection by a resident in Guildford Close, who fears that 'yobs might collect there'. It is important that we install these bus shelters for our elderly, especially for Guildford Close and Harpers Green whose residents are mostly over the age of 55. At present there is money budgeted for them by WBC. And LRA have been canvassing for these shelters since 2016. RD is compiling a 'petition' to canvass residents of Guildford Close, Mullion Grove, Mayberry Grove and Harpers Green. Residents Helen Broderick and Tony Murphy to help. <b>Inspector Haddock</b> says there is no evidence of 'yobs' or 'drug taking' in other bus shelters along Harpers Road.</p> <p><b>12. Volunteers for Grass Cutting</b> – <b>GO</b> made a plea for help with grass cutting</p> <p><b>13. Trees and Shrubs</b> - <b>LCH</b> is meeting with Land to discuss the way forward. Residents are invited to individually contact Muir, Land Trust, WBC and WHA to complain about their particular issues. <b>GO</b> and <b>PA</b> are to meet Angus Lord to discuss WBC issues <b>GO</b> has now obtained a map of Longbarn outlining pieces of land and has invited Muir, LT, WBC and WHA to mark their ownership on the map.</p> <p><b>14. Social Activities</b> – <b>Afternoon Tea</b> – <b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b> at 2pm PVC <b>Sedentary Exercise Class</b> - <b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b> at 2.15pm PVC <b>Footloose</b> new date for classes will be Wednesdays with a start date to be advised date to be advised <b>Trips</b> - Next trip to York Christmas Market on <b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b> Cost £6</p>	<p>See it, Report it</p> <p>New litter bins</p> <p>Bus shelters</p> <p>Petition for bus shelters</p> <p>Map to mark ownership of land</p> <p>Both events held fortnightly</p> <p>Event held weekly</p>
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<p><b>Quiz Night – 19<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm for 8pm – Tickets £6 with hot &amp; cold buffet</b></p> <p><b>Race Night – 22<sup>nd</sup> October in PVC</b> first race at 8.30pm with other activities during the evening</p> <p><b>15. <u>Fireworks Extravaganza</u> – 5<sup>th</sup> November</b> at Kassia Academy School, gate open at 5pm, entrance by donation, FREE raffle donated by Andrew Pryce, (Fair) Fireworks display at 7pm approx. Burgers etc., donated by Greencore.</p> <p>Jane Stanton, previous Manager of Greencore has moved with well deserved promotion to Boston in Lincolnshire. Her Successor Richard Martin assures LRA that there will be no change to the help and support and donations from Greencore.</p> <p><b><u>As with all our activities – To the best of our ability LRA will take as much care as possible to maintain a safe environment for our members But we must let our Residents decide whether they wish to take part in our activities and take any necessary precautions to keep themselves safe.</u></b></p> <p><b>16. <u>Friends of Padgate Station (Update)</u> – B McL</b> reported that there is now a new Manager for Padgate Station. One of the planters had to be moved due to it being used to gain unauthorized access to the Fish and Chip Shop, it was found that most of the planter’s sleepers are rotten and steel plates were used to repair it. It has been moved to the other side of the entrance gate.</p> <p>There is no ticket machine as it has been temporarily moved to another station which is not staffed. Please make sure you have tickets when travelling as you will be fined. There will be occasions when ticket inspectors will be stationed there.</p> <p>There is at present scaffolding surrounding the Grade 2 listed building on the Green Lane side. It is being demolished to the cost of around £2000, whereas repairs would cost around £30,000. Please avoid this area as it is dangerous. No plans for the housing development and the bus stop yet. There is an ‘Agent’ trying to let the remaining buildings at the Station but no takers yet.</p> <p><b>17. <u>Litter Picks</u> -</b> restart on Saturday <b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b> at 10.30am outside Raj’s shop where equipment will be provided</p> <p><b>18. <u>A.O.B – Jim Smith</u></b> (Friends of Longbarn Park) thanked <b>PA and LRA</b> for the Litter Bins and the mentions on our Website and Facebook. He asked for donations of compost for the new planters they have. The new paths have now been completed.</p> <p>Councillor <b>Diana Friend</b> reminded LRA of the display at Padgate Library (upstairs) by York University &amp; WBC about the early days of Longbarn. It will be on display until mid-November and is worth a visit.</p> <p><b>There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm</b></p>	<p>Lit at 7pm approx.</p> <p>Well-deserved ~ Jane Stanton</p> <p>COVID message</p> <p>Planter moved</p> <p>Caution - purchase tickets before travel</p> <p>Longbarn Park update</p> <p>Early Longbarn years</p>
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