



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20 January 2022

at 7:30 pm in Padgate Village Club

Present (29): Mr & Mrs Acton, Paul Adams, Dave & Pat Allen, Helen Broderick, Syd & Marjorie Charlton, Lynn Coulter-Howard, Rosa Dale, Shirley Edwards, Vinnie Harrison, Linda Mckay, Sue & Bob McLaughlan, John & Janet Melia, Katy Melia, Tony Murphy, Geoff & Wendy Orange, John Hill, Howard Klein, David Pearson, Mary Robinson, Nicola Taylor, Flo Wright, Ron & Sheila Westwood

Apologies (2): Richard Robinson, Jim Smith

Agenda Discussion	Outcome/Action to Be Taken
<p>Meeting commenced: 7.35 PM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introductions & Welcome Geoff Orange (GO) welcomed everybody. Apologies are as listed above.2. Minutes of our last meeting held 11 November 2021 (available on our LRA website) were agreed. Residents are encouraged to visit our website where latest news & events may be found alongside minutes of previous meetings & lots of other stuff.3. Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.4. Police Report In total there have been 86 incidents recorded across Poulton North Ward. There were no significant issues to report in Longbarn. A new Beat Manager has been appointed, Hazel Culleton, who will be coming along to one of our Residents Meetings soon.5. Parking on Harpers Road and Burnet Close Parking on the road outside Harper's Green is becoming a nuisance as cars, including vans & low-bed trucks parked on the 'wrong side of the bend' making it difficult to see oncoming traffic. GO has spoken with management at Harper's Green & has agreed that whilst the bowling green car park is unoccupied the staff from Harper's Green may park there. This will free up spaces for carers, & customers to the bistro & hairdresser. Hopefully, this will ease the problem. Cars parked along Burnet Close, Blackburn Close, Sage Close, Pasture Lane & Fallowfield Grove, whilst not committing any road traffic offence, is a nuisance, & could result in difficulties for emergency services to attend properties in these areas. GO will take the matter up with the Manager of National Crime Agency (the perceived offender), & acknowledge that it is now illegal to park on pavements ~ NCA will be advised that we will inform the Police if this is happening (which may result in a £60 fine and 3 penalty points on offenders' licenses).6. Financial Report – Previously approved by our Management Committee, accounts for the year ending 30 November 2021 were shared with residents attending the meeting. Ron Westwood (RW) enquired about the recently introduced charge of £3 to attend the	<p>www.longbarnra.co.uk</p> <p>No significant recorded incidents in Longbarn</p> <p>Report parking on pavements</p>

'Footloose in Longbarn' dance class (it was previously free of charge). **Paul Adams (PA)** noted that the change was made without the knowledge of our Management Committee & will raise the matter at their next meeting.

7. **Mindfulness & Memory classes** – **PA** introduced the topic, sensitively acknowledging that Dementia & Alzheimer's are complaints which touch many of our hearts & minds, affecting both carers as well as the infirm across our community. In March **PA** will kickstart a project, exploring professional insights, advice & support available in the borough with eg, MIND, Warrington Voluntary Action, & NHS including our Community Matron. And with a grant kindly provided by Cheshire Community Foundation, **PA** thinks there is an opportunity here for us to do something really special for our community. With some Management Committee colleagues already on board, **PA** opened the topic up for debate, inviting residents to let him know if they wish to get involved in a working group to get the project off the ground.

RW pointed out that this is a sensitive area; LRA is not qualified; & asked what solutions LRA is going to 'magic up?' **PA** reassured residents that we have a title on the book cover; we have some chapter headings; & we'll seek professional advice & support to add the narrative, in a venture which **Katy Melia** went on to support, observing that we have a real opportunity here to signpost help & respite, & organise practical activities, not just for those in our community troubled by Alzheimer's & Dementia, but also their carers; and that the project could include young people, & those whose mental wellbeing is troubled, too. To add traction, **B.McL** shared an anecdote about the positive spin-off in this area achieved by 'D'Ukes of Longbarn,' & **Dave Pearson** suggested that similar spin-offs could be achieved by adding our Afternoon Tea & Seated Exercise classes to the melting pot.

{for any residents wishing to get involved in the working group, please contact lrasecretary15@gmail.com}

Residents invited to join working group

8. **'Planting with Pals' ~ Bulb donation & planting** **GO** explained that Rivendell Garden Centre has kindly donated lots of bulbs to LRA (courtesy of a good word from Jim Smith/Friends of Longbarn Park (Thanks, Jim 👍)). They'll be planted along the embankment on Harper's Road on Sunday 30 January (starting at 10.30am), & **GO** invited residents to join us to plant the bulbs. Refreshments will be provided. Just bring your own dibber! And with more than enough bulbs available, the surplus was offered out to residents at this meeting.

Planting donated bulbs

9. **Grass Cutting** Our lawnmowers are being refurbished ready for the new season, & LRA is looking to purchase a sit-on mower to make the job easier for our volunteers. Following a visit to Greencore by **GO & B.McL**, **GO** explained it is part of their company's policy to help in the community where they can. In turn Greencore has promised assistance with the grass cutting (& litter picking), undertaking to mow the embankment at least 4 times a year. Outstanding behaviour 😊

Greencore help in the community

10. **Community Clean-up Day: Litter Picking**

We are aware that Saturday is not always a convenient day for this Huge thanks to those who already litter pick in their own time; & to Wind in the Willows Nursery, which supervises kiddies litter picking. Sweet 😊 Our organised litter pick on 3rd Saturday of each month simply hasn't worked. So **GO** explained that we're going to try **last Sunday of each month**, with our next Community Clean-Up day taking place **SUNDAY 30 JANUARY**. Volunteers are invited to meet at Raj's shop in Pasture Lane at 10.30am. Litter grabbers & hi viz vests will be provided, along with refreshments for kiddies (Thanks, Raj 👍)

Litter Picks ~ change of day each month

11. Bus Shelters – update Work is to start soon on installation of our new bus shelter on Harper’s Road (at Guildford Close). Unfortunately a second bus shelter we’d hoped for (at the Doctor’s Surgery on Station Road) can no longer proceed due to underlying mains services. Still, 1 out of 2 ain’t half bad!

Bus Stop at Guildford Close

12. COVID Test Check – PA emphasised just how important we keep the wellbeing of our residents uppermost in our planning for activities & events. In turn we took stock of our LRA position at our Management Committee meeting held 12 January, where we concluded that we’re not being complacent, but confident that we’re taking due account of Government guidelines, including for our activities at Padgate Village Club (PVC) & coach trips. Indeed, where conventionally we’ve set out chairs at PVC in rows for these meetings on this occasion, we’d left the tables & chairs cabaret style, & residents agreed this was a better arrangement. **PA** concluded by saying we’ll continue to review on a quarterly basis, & respond appropriately to any change in Government guidance along the way, & adapt to any change in policy at PVC.

Covid precautions

13. A.O.B.

(i) Applications for **planning permission** for properties in Longbarn have been made as follows ~

Planning applications

No.2021/40525 to build 2 x 3-bedroom houses next to No.4 Station Cottage

No.2021/40540 to convert 14 Fallowfield Grove into a Children’s home.

Objections to devcontrol@warrington.gov.uk

If you wish to register an objection to either of the above please visit the devcontrol@warrington.gov.uk & mark for the attention of the case officer – Pauline Shearer – by 2 February 2022

(ii) The **poppies** we erected on the lamp posts along Harper’s Road (along with the 2 metal Tommies) raised £550, & the sale of poppies at PVC raised £160 ~ a total of £710 donated to The Royal British Legion & an incredible show of generosity by our people. LRA thanks everyone for their kindness.

Poppy Appeal

(iv) **PA** brought residents’ attention to a scam leaflet (**Next-door Neighbour**) recently dropped through our letterboxes. The leaflet invites folk to register personal details on a website which at best will likely result in spam emails, at worst the risk of misuse of personal data.

Beware a scam popping through your letterbox

The Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next Meeting is our AGM on the 3 March 2022 at 7.30pm

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. Similarly we invite our residents to take any necessary precautions to keep themselves safe 😊

COVID message