



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of residents' Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 7.30 pm in Padgate Village Club.

Present: Paul Adams, Helen Broderick, Marjorie & Sid Charlton, Bob Colquhoun, Lynn Colter-Howard, Rosa Dale, Shirley Edwards, Vinny & Paul Harrison, John Hill, Howard Klein, Sue & Bob McLaughlan, Janet & John Melia, Tony Murphy, Wendy & Geoff Orange, Dave Pearson, Mary Robinson, Richard Robinson, Steve Rydzkowski, Jim Smith, Nicola Taylor, Sheila & Ron Westwood, Flo Wright, Cllr Graham Friend

Apologies: Katy Wallace

Our Vice Chairman Bob McLaughlan welcomed everybody to the meeting.

1. Police Report

In total there have been 141 incidents recorded across the Poulton North Ward. There was an attempted burglary at to one of the houses backing onto Longbarn Park. Safeguarding advice has been offered to the address & surrounding houses by our PCSO.

Ron Westwood was grateful for the update, but asked that future reports illustrate cases cleared as well as incidents ~ Paul Adams will follow up with our PCSO.

2. Speed indication device on Harper's Road

Speeding motorists, especially down Harper's Road, pose a serious risk to our residents' health & safety, especially to the young & not so young in our community. To mitigate the danger our local police manage the problem with speed guns as & when.

Following many complaints from our residents, a speed indication device will be installed on Harper's Road in the near future, with a trial period during which data will be collected. We may then discuss with the Police what further action may be required.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of our last residents' Annual General Meeting held 9 January 2020 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

5. Ratification of Principal Members of our LRA Management Committee

Our Board of Trustees has ratified the following ~

- **Chairman** Geoff Orange
- **Vice Chair** Bob McLaughlan
- **Treasurer/Accountant** Nicola Taylor
- **Secretary** Paul Adams

Bob explained that an account of our business in LRA Land during the last year has been captured in our annual report to The Charity Commission, & thanked Paul Adams for a right riveting read 😊 A copy of the Report will be made available on our LRA website.

6. Reappraisal of our LRA sub-committees

We have 8 sub-committees to discharge our daily business covering the following topics ~

- National Crime Agency
- Land Trust
- New Town Housing
- Communications
- Friends of Padgate Station
- WBC
- Social activities
- Greencore

We decided to rescind the sub-committees, & replace with lead persons who'll deal with issues as & when they arise. Residents were invited to consider whether any of the topics tickle their fancy, & interested in joining us to help make Longbarn a better place to live. If so please contact us at lrasecretary15@gmail.com

7. Financial Report for year ended 30 November 2021

Accounts for the full year ended 30 November 2021 have been received & approved by our LRA Management Committee & ratified by our Board of Trustees, & the accounts were shared with our residents.

8. New print of our 6-weekly Newsletter

Bob explained that we can look forward to a new layout of our LRA Newsletter, with content provided by Paul Adams, layout created by PPM Print in Risley, & printing provided by Warrington Borough Council ~ with huge thanks to Greencore Foods who will pay for the print costs 👍

9. Coach trip to Port Sunlight & New Brighton

Bob advised residents of our next coach trip, from Padgate Village Club to Port Sunlight & New Brighton, on Sunday 3 April. For tickets (£6 per person) please phone 01925 820647 (answerphone), which will provide for ~

- A visit to the museum, walking tours & the history of the soap works at Port Sunlight to enjoy; followed by ~
- New Brighton's past with pirates at the Black Pearl galleon, the town's history at Fort Perch Rock, the lighthouse & Victorian Quarter to entertain you.

10. Update from Friends of Padgate Station (FoPS)

FoPS work hard to keep our station in good order, & Bob McLaughlan explained that we're in the process of repairing & moving the existing planters, & waiting for some new ones, too.

11. Community Clean-up Day

Our organised litter pick is now held on last Sunday of each month. Huge thanks to those who turned out for our last Community Clean-Up Day on 30 January ~ a fantastic turnout. And to Wind in the Willows Nursery, who regularly escort our kiddies litter picking in Longbarn
Our next Community Clean-Up Day will take place on Sunday 27 March, & residents are invited to meet at Raj's shop in Pasture Lane at 10.30am. 'Grabbers' & hi-viz vests will be provided, along with refreshments for the kiddies (Thanks, Raj 👍). And if folk would care to share photos of their endeavours on our social media, please email them to lrasecretary15@gmail.com

12. LRA activities

Bob advised residents of the next dates for our 3 lots of community activities, run at Padgate Village Club ~

- **Afternoon Tea** Friday 4 March at 2pm
- **Sedentary Exercise Class** Friday 11 March at 2pm
- **'Footloose in Longbarn' dance class** Thursday 10 March at 1pm, then every Tuesday from 15 March at 1pm

13. AOB

Ron Westwood explained that D'Ukes of Longbarn, our very own ukulele band, had successfully convened virtual practice sessions during Lockdown using Microsoft Zoom &, following the lifting of COVID restrictions, is now going from strength to strength, with new members (& a waiting list, now!), & gigs lined up.

Paul Adams concluded proceedings by observing that folk had had a chance this evening to see & hear & discuss the kind of stuff we do for our community in LRA Land. And extended an invitation at our AGM to anyone interested in volunteering to join our LRA Committee. We meet 9 times a year, & do lots of interesting stuff of value to our community in the background. And it's fun! Residents were encouraged to have a chat with Geoff or Bob or Paul as our meeting closed, & join us & help to keep Longbarn a great place to live. Or have a think & subsequently contact lrasecretary15@gmail.com

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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