



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of LRA Residents' Meeting held on Thursday 7 July 2022 at 7.30pm in Padgate Village Club

Present (20): Geoff Orange, Wendy Orange, Pat & Dave Allen, Rosa Dale, Lynn Colter-Howard, Bob & Sue McLaughlin, Nicola Taylor, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Vinny Harrison, Linda McKay, Tony Murphy, David Pearson, Mary Robinson, Jim Smith, Tom McMakh, Carol Clynes, John Melia

Geoff welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** (3): Paul Adams, Katy Melia & Councillor G. Friend.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of our last meeting held 26 May were moved by Bob McLaughlan and seconded by David Pearson and agreed as a correct record. There were no Matters Arising.
3. **Financial report:** Management Committee members had been provided with the latest statement of accounts to 31 May 2022. No matters were highlighted, and the accounts were accepted by residents unanimously (with an explanation of recent spend and money allocated from our existing balances), as a true record.
4. **The Police Report:** The written report was circulated. An update on the speed indicator device (SID) with questions on when it will be introduced were asked. The answer is that it will be brought into use on Harpers Road when repaired. LRA will ask Councillor Sue Emery to put pressure on to get the SID into action as soon as possible. The Police will be asked to supply the report for Poulton South in future since Longbarn is covered by both Wards.
5. **Road Safety:** LRA, The Parish Council, Christ Church School and their Board of Governors are for the very first time working together to make Harper's Road much safer for the children attending the school. The Station House pub has kindly offered their car park for parents to use when dropping off or picking up their children from school. Double yellow lines, flashing warning lights and speed limits are included in the topics being discussed. The opportunity to have a "volunteer" lollipop person is being closely looked into and this time we have been assured that will be no problem with demands for a fully paid person in this position. Members will be updated as progress emerges.
6. **New 10m BT Pole:** Residents in Station Road South are concerned to learn that BT are to erect a new pole. BT do not need any planning permission to erect a new pole. Originally it was thought that a new radio mast was to be constructed. However it appears that it is a normal wooden pole. If required LRA will contact BT for an explanation if necessary.
7. **New bus shelter on Harper's Road:** After many years of lobbying, we have at last had a new bus shelter erected at Guildford Close. A big, "Thank you" to all that eventually made it possible. The next project is a new bus shelter outside the doctor's surgery in Station Road South.
8. **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations:** Unfortunately none of our Platinum Volunteers were able to attend to provide feedback. But the street parties laid on for the Platinum Jubilee weekend were discussed, and all agreed that they were a resounding success for all. Rosa Dale pointed out that two lamp posts did not have the large flags because it was impossible to purchase any more flags before the event. A big thank you to

all LRA volunteers who spent so much time and effort to make the event the success that it was. And of course a huge, "Thank you" to the anonymous donor who made it all possible.

9. **Parish Council Community Fun Day:** It was agreed that LRA should take a stall at this event on Sunday 4 September 2022 (noon to 4pm) on Bennet's Rec. Volunteers are required to help on the day and Sue, Mary and Linda immediately volunteered. Thank you so much 👍
10. **Social Activities:** All upcoming events were discussed, and dates and times noted.
11. **Friends of Padgate Station:** Bob McLaughlan provided an update. One of the ticket machines has been removed from the station making it very inconvenient to purchase a ticket if travelling westward, bearing in mind that if you don't purchase a ticket, you could be fined!! The planters have now been rebuilt and are now resplendent with bushes and flowers. A big, "Thank you" to all who helped to move all the soil on the hottest day of the year. And thanks, too, to Sue McLaughlan for planting them up and going to the station on a daily basis to water and weed them (from our installed water butt!).
12. **Litter picks:** The last litter pick was a disappointment for numbers, tho several residents look after their own areas on a weekly basis and indeed it was agreed that the whole area is looking 100% better.
13. **Grass Cutting and Bowling Green:** The grass on the estate is now looking neat and tidy again thanks to the efforts of the 2 Dave's and John Melia – what a great job they do. The Harper's Green bowling green was looking an absolute disgrace with each person blaming the other for lack of progress. Bob called a meeting with bowlers for a make-or-break decision on the way forward. Despite a spend of £1600 on the project it has now been decided that the Longbarn Bowling Club will not be returning to play on Harpers Green. As a result, LRA has decided to take on the project, to bring the bowling green back to life and to make sure that there is no further embarrassment to LRA in the future. We are actively looking for grants and funding to ensure this happens to our valuable Asset of Community Value. To make a start Dave Allen and Bob McLaughlan have kindly mowed the green, and we are actively seeking someone, both to maintain the green on a regular basis and who has the contacts for specialist work when required. More to follow.
14. **Defibrillator:** The defibrillator has now been used on 3 separate occasions and as far as we are aware, with really positive results. We have been contacted by CIRCUIT (they keep the database of all equipment around Gt Britain) to inform us that ours needs attention. We have asked for routine training on the defib and instructions on how to check everything moving forward and have asked if this could happen on a Friday afternoon in the PVC. We await their reply.
15. **COACH TRIP:** We have been questioned about when our next coach trip will happen. This is being investigated. Prices have rocketed since the end of lockdown and details will be available as and when it has been decided.

Our chairman, Geoff Orange brought the meeting to a close at 8.45pm.

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