



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of LRA Management Committee Meeting held 5 January 2023

Apologies: P.Adams, L.Colter-Howard

In Attendance: David Pearson, Geoff Orange, Wendy Orange, Nicola Taylor, Howard Klein, Katy Melia, Bob Mclaughlin

1. Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed.

2. Police Report:

Moving Forward the Police reports will be via Howard in his role as a Parish councillor. He is also supplying details to enable us to contact the Cheshire Police regarding the police boundary map, which will enable us to cut through problems by having only one point of contact.

3. Financial report

Nicola has as usual completed the report up to 30 November 2022 in record time ~ again a massive thanks to Nicola.

Nicola has submitted her accounting invoice for 12 months' work on behalf of LRA. Again she has kindly donated her fee back to LRA & on our behalf will claim Gift Aid on her donation. A win:win situation, thanks again Nicola

4. Management Committee AGM

Our next meeting (& our AGM) has been set for 16 February, & Geoff asked for all to think carefully for topics & suggestions, for this meeting.

We need to confirm the criteria for removing persons from Our Management Committee due to persistent non-attendance at meetings.

5. Events 2023

Coronation Weekend: It has been suggested that several of our annual events be consolidated into one event ie Coronation, Fun Day, LRA Information Day & awarding the winners of the Scarecrow competition, all to take place on the Coronation weekend. Geoff to check the availability of Kassia Academy playing field.

Padgate Walking Day: LRA to look for volunteers to man the burger stall from 12-5pm. A "shift" pattern would be the best option. Geoff to speak with Greencore to see if they will supply food as usual.

Sunflower Competition: To be judged in September.

Firework Extravaganza: Will be on 3 November.

6. News Round up

A big thank you to both the Melia Family & The Thacker Family for all the work during 2022 ~ when needed they are always there to help.

Katy Melia has offered to help with social media to help alleviate the pressure from Paul ~ she is well versed in all social media aspects.

Last year's Fireworks Extravaganza was a complete success.

The Children's Christmas Party again was a great success ~ a big thank you to Father Christmas who has had his uniform dry cleaned & hanging in his wardrobe ready for next year!

The Christmas trees on Harpers road looked resplendent until the “idiots” pulled them out of the ground & broke the lights. All were repaired & put back in situ only for it to happen again!

The loss of 3 important members in 2022 was remembered ~ John Hill, Richard Robinson & Helen Broderick RIP.

The bus shelter that Helen had fought for endlessly was put in place, sadly after Helen’s passing, It has been authorised to fit a plaque to the shelter commemorating Helen.

7. **Kassia Academy**

LRA will in the near future be given the use of the on-site portacabin by Kassia Academy, which will henceforth become our LRA office. Free of charge, the only requirement of LRA is to pay for an independent alarm system & to have the interior painted. We have persons in mind to do the painting & will appoint one going forward.

It was emphasised that the unit will not be a replacement for PVC which, with their generosity, allowed LRA to use the club when our Association homeless.

The money paid by the Parish Council for LRA rent for our office at the library will be diverted to Kassia Academy to provide free school meals for the pupils.

8. **Road Safety on Harpers Road**

LRA, The Parish Council, WBC, Christ Church School & it’s Board of Governors are, for the first time, all working together to make Harper’s Road much safer for the children attending the school.

A new proposal has been advertised in the Guardian to improve road safety & we ask that all LRA respond positively by letter to WBC fully supporting the proposal. We will update as often as possible on progress made.

9. **Review of Meeting**

A very informative meeting covering numerous aspects & consolidating events going forward.

10. **AOB**

Congratulations to Howard on his being voted onto the Parish Council. He updated us on speed limits & Police enforcement of the same.

Padgate Station ~ an application for a grant of £800+ has been put to Northern Rail at their request, to cover the planters & a new water butt at the station.

A further request has been sent to Northern Rail for monies towards the community bowling green from their Community Fund.

Howard informed us that bus services will not be improved to a two per hour service as there is a massive shortage of drivers, despite a huge recruitment drive.

Howard also reported that on two occasions the police had carried out radar checks on Harper’s Road and **not one hit of speeding was recorded!** (Cheshire Police allow 30mph + 10% + 2mph, before prosecuting; no 20mph speed limit in Cheshire is ever enforced by Cheshire Police).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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