



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of LRA Trustees AGM held on 15 March 2023 at 4pm at our Kassia Academy office

Present: Lynn Colter-Howard, Nicola Taylor, Dave Pearson, Howard Klein, Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlin, Paul Adams

Apologies: Rosa Dale, Chris Merritt

1. Chair of Meeting

Paul welcomed everybody to the meeting, & extended our best wishes to Chris during his convalescence.

Consistent with our Terms of Reference & Governing Principles for our LRA Board of Trustees, Paul proposed that the meeting be chaired by Geoff Orange (LRA Management Committee Chair). Agreed unanimously.

2. In Memoriam

It is with great sorrow that we reflected on the passing of Richard Robinson (on 22 April 2022) & John Hill (on 13 September 2022). Both were members of our Management Committee & Trustees, & great stalwarts of our Association. They are sadly missed.

We echoed those sentiments to acknowledge the sad passing of Helen Broderick (who passed away on 27 May 2002, & Sheila Lawrence (who passed away on 13 June 2022). Two of our residents who famously supported our Association. They are sadly missed.

3. Minutes of our previous AGM held 25 February 2022

The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Howard Klein
Seconded: Nicola Taylor
Agreed unanimously

4. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

5. Ratification of Principal Members of our LRA Management Committee (MC)

The following nominations received from our Management Committee were ratified as follows ~

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

Proposed: Paul Adams
Seconded: Dave Pearson
Agreed unanimously

6. Ratification of Safeguarding Officer

Paul advised that he'd spoken with Lynn who had confirmed that she was content to continue to serve as our Safeguarding Officer. In turn the proposal of Lynn Colter-Howard as Safeguarding Officer was ratified.

7. Trustees' Annual Report 2021/2022

Paul reflected on the outstanding contribution made by LRA to our community, & captured in the Annual Report. In 2022 our contribution to our residents' morale, health & wellbeing was better than ever. We've looked after our environment & highways & byways. We've provided opportunities to enjoy some free & subsidised entertainment, have a laugh, & raise loads of money for charity into the bargain. Outcomes with which, Paul reflected, our Management Committee & Board of Trustees may be proud.

Colleagues thanked Paul for an excellent Report.

Proposed: Bob McLaughlan
Seconded: Lynn Colter-Howard
Agreed unanimously

In turn Paul will now submit our Annual Report to The Charity Commission via The Commission's website.

8. Approval of Annual Accounts to 30 November 2022

Our annual accounts were accepted as a true record, & we thanked Nicola for another year's outstanding job as our Treasurer/Accountant.

Proposed: Geoff Orange
Seconded: Dave Pearson
Agreed unanimously

9. LRA Restricted Funds Account

Nicola has done great work regularising our Restricted Funds account, aligning income raised through grants with spend activity. Next, Geoff, Bob & Paul (as signatories to our bank account) will meet with Nicola to baseline the account, ready for presentation to our Trustees at our next meeting.

10. Date Of Next Meetings

Consistent with Charity Commission guidance we set our next series of meetings for ~

14 June
6 September
13 December
13 March 2024 (AGM)

~ to be held at 4pm at our Kassia Academy office.

11.AOB

- **NCA car parking:** Howard explained that, picking up on Geoff's recent letter to Home Secretary (to which Geoff has had neither a reply nor acknowledgement just yet), he will do likewise in his official capacity; & the matter is up for discussion at the next meeting of our Parish Council.
- We all agreed that our new office space at Kassia Academy is great! And noted that the school has applied for funding to replace the existing portacabin with a brick building.
- Acknowledging the various mementos now decorating our office walls, Geoff proposed that we add to the compendium with a Roll of Honour, to honour those who have served/supported LRA so well before their sad parting. All concurred.
- We also agreed to retain the table football game that we have inherited, with a great idea from Lynn that it's something we may use in future community events.
- Bob reflected that Padgate Village Club Committee recently held it's AGM, celebrating inter alia the following elements of community spirit ~
 - * £600 raised for MacMillan Cancer Support at a 60's Night
 - * 80s Night is planned with proceeds being donated to St Rocco's Hospice
 - * Planning to purchase a defibrillator for installation at the Club, taking to 4 the number of devices available across our community
- **LRA website:** Paul explained the work presently underway to replace our LRA website, courtesy of Dave sourcing a web builder & Paul providing the content, anticipating that our new internet site will be ready for launch in April. The new website will include a section dealing with Frequently Asked Questions, & Paul invited colleagues to send him questions (with answers if known, but not a prerequisite (the kind of things our residents are likely to ask)) by 31 March.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4.50pm

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