



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of Resident's Meeting held 6 July 2023 at Padgate Village Club

ATTENDANCE: Eric & Margaret Acton, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Bob & Pat Colquhoun, Rosa Dale, Shirley Edwards, Barry Gundry, Janet & Robert Heap, Howard Klein, Christine Mather, Linda McKay, Bob & Sue McLaughlin, Geoff & Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Mary Robinson, Ted Sherriff, Nicola Taylor, Katy Wallace, Brian & Denise Walton, Flo Wright, Councillor Graham Friend.

APOLOGIES: Paul Adams

1. **Welcome & apologies:** Geoff welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies received as noted above.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 May 2023:** Minutes were agreed with no matters arising.
3. **Police Report:** In the absence of Police representation Howard Klein provided the Police report, noting that there had been an increase in bicycle thefts in the area, & that the stolen items have mainly been recovered from the hotels allocated to the immigration service.
4. **Local Councillors' Report:** Was mainly regarding the NCA situation, which is largely being ignored by both WBC & the NCA. We have been trying for 10 years for a solution, but no progress has ever been made over the last 5 year's.
5. **Financial Report for period ending 31 May 2023:** Presented with no queries raised.
6. **Illicit car parking in Longbarn:** See item 4.
7. **Community Fun Day 16 July 2023 ~ Update:** Arrangements all set up now for our forthcoming annual Fun Day. Just need decent weather, now!
8. **Warrington Community Lottery:** LRA has received the first pay-out from the scheme. We will have a dedicated stall at the Fun Day to further promote the scheme to our residents, & to sign up naming LRA as their chosen charity for the weekly draw.
9. **Communicating more effectively with our residents ~ "Spond" :** The Spond App has not had the response we had hoped for. In turn we agreed to revert back to our conventional comms methods, but will explore WhatsApp as an additional alternative.
10. **Sunflower Competition ~ Update:** Well under way & will be judged in August.
11. **Scarecrow Competition:** Take-up has been poor & we decided to cancel this year's competition.

12. LRA Bowling Club ~ Bowling green update: The background, current & future plans were covered with a comprehensive overview of all. An appeal had been put out for anyone with a spare set of bowls to donate them to LRA, & we have since had a fantastic response. Thank you so much.

13. AOB:

- **The defibrillator** has been used with a negative result. It has now been used 4 times. The ambulance service has recovered it & installed it again on site.
- **LRA Headquarters:** It was confirmed that our new headquarters have been left whilst a brand new facility is taking its place & should be ready for the end of September 2023. Greencore again came to our rescue with the offer of storage of all our equipment & furniture in their warehouse during the rebuild.

Next Meeting. Thursday 17th August

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