



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of Resident's Meeting held 17 August 2023 at Padgate Village Club

ATTENDANCE: Paul Adams, Sid & Marjorie Charlton, Bob & Pat Colquhoun, Barry Gundry, Vinny & Paul Harrison, Janet & Bob Heap, Howard Klein, Christine Mather, Tony Murphy, Janet Melia, Linda McKay, Bob & Sue McLaughlin, Geoff & Wendy Orange, David Pearson, Mary Robinson, Jim Smith, Nicola Taylor, PCSO Neil Potter, PC Hazel Culleton, Councillors Graham Friend & Una Gillham

APOLOGIES: Rosa Dale, Katy Melia, Lynn Colter-Howard

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** Geoff welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies received as noted above.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 6 July 2023:** Minutes were agreed with no matters arising.
- 3. Tallest sunflower competition:** Geoff celebrated the fact that we've had more entries this year than ever before. And the winner is Trisha in Fallowfield Grove, with a sunflower standing at a magnificent 10' 4"
- 4. Police Report:** Neil explained that he's am aware that Longbarn Park is having some issues with youths, & asked that if these issues persist then residents call it in via 101 or in an emergency, 999. Neil attended LRA Community Fun Day on 16 July. It was a pleasure to be invited to this event where he met lots of residents giving them a chance to raise issues Speed camera deployed on Harper's Road 13 July ~ no activation. In terms of parking issues on our Longbarn area, Neil explained that he's not been able to spend as much time as he would like on this side of the Ward. But now that the schools are closed for the Summer, he hopes that this will free up time for him to pay more attention to parking issues in Longbarn. Responding to a question from the floor Neil will look to include details of crimes solved in his written Police Report (distributed on a monthly basis). Neil provided copies of a poster, "Residents' Voice" which, with the use of a QR code, enables residents both to have their say about policing in our area, & provides the opportunity to raise issues of concern. Neil will provide Paul with an electronic copy for us to distribute the poster on our social media. Issues raised for further investigation by our Police ~
 - Dogs in Oxmead Close causing significant distress to residents
 - Drug dealing in Burnett Close
 - Parents patently ignoring the road signs/markings at Crist Church School
- 4. Local Councillors' Report:** No particular issues raised but we took the opportunity to welcome Councillor Una Gillam to her first LRA Residents' Meeting.
- 5. Financial Report for period ending 30 June 2023:** Presented with no queries raised.

6. Warrington Community Lottery: Promoted by Warrington Voluntary Action, the Lottery raises money for good causes in Warrington. LRA has joined the scheme & by taking part & selecting LRA as your good cause, for every £1 ticket you buy, 50p will be donated to LRA by the scheme. Tickets cost £1 per ticket per week. Choose your own ticket numbers or elect to have 6 numbers randomly selected for you by the automated system. Pay weekly or by direct debit. Cancel your involvement at any time. Weekly draw takes place every Saturday night. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top weekly prize of £25,000. To date 17 residents have bought 53 tickets which will raise £1,378 for LRA in 2023.

7. Parish Council Community Fun Day: Being held Saturday 2 September, when gates open at noon, at Bennetts Recreation Ground on Station Road, Padgate. Entrance fee is tinned food, with all proceeds being donated to The Padgate Food Bank. LRA will have a stall at the event ~ be sure to pop along & say, 'Hello.'

8. Celebrating 150th anniversary of Padgate Station: Padgate Station was opened on 1 September 1873 & next month sees it's 150th anniversary. We're marking this auspicious occasion with a suitable celebration Meet at the Station at 11am where Simon Abbott (Northern Rail) will unveil a commemorative plaque. After the unveiling we'll adjourn to Padgate Village Club for buffet refreshments. It is expected that the event will end at approx. 4pm. An invitation is extended to all our people in Longbarn Land to join in the celebration & have fun. Professor Steven Broomhead (WBC Chief Exec), local councillors & The Warrington Guardian have been invited.

9. LRA Jubilee Bowling Club ~ Update on fees: With weeding & feeding & scarifying & mowing, the bowling green's beginning to shape up nicely. We hope that, weather permitting to allow for some more green care, the bowling club will be ready for use in September or October. The club will be a 'members only' facility, with annual subscription fees as follows ~

- £25 per person
- £40 per couple
- £50 family membership (for 4 persons)
- £10 for under 18's

We'll also lay on taster sessions, & rent out bowls (we presently have 9 pairs of bowls with more in the pipeline (but if anybody has an unwanted set of bowls gathering dust, we'd be delighted to take your donation). For application forms or any enquiries eg, about our taster days, please contact Club Chairman Bob McLaughlan on robert-mclaughlan@sky.com We'll keep you posted with news on our website, LRA Facebook page & future editions of our Newsletter.

10. Activity Zone:

- Afternoon Tea Held alternate Fridays at Padgate Village Club (2-4pm). Next 2 sessions 18 August & 1 September, where we'll entertain you with tea & cakes & bingo & 'Play Your Cards Right'
- Seated Exercise Class Held alternate Fridays at Padgate Village Club (2-4pm). Next 2 sessions 25 August & 8 September
- 'Footloose in Longbarn' dance class Our weekly dance studio held at Padgate Village Club every Tuesday (1-2pm)
- Weekly bingo sessions at Harper's Green Open to all Longbarn residents, every Wednesday starting at 7pm. 5 games for £5

- Community Clean-Up Day An organised litter pick on last Sunday of each month. Next event Sunday 27 August. MEET AT RAJ'S SHOP IN PASTURE LANE AT 10.30am. 'GRABBERS' & HI VIZ VESTS PROVIDED. REFRESHMENTS FOR KIDDIES (Thanks, Raj)

11. Any Other Business: Bob extended our thanks to volunteers who so kindly gave of their time to help us at our recent Community Fun Day.

12. Date of next meeting: Thursday 28 September at 7.30pm at Padgate Village Club.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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