



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Registered Charity No. 1170309



Minutes of Resident's Meeting held 28 September 2023 at Padgate Village Club

ATTENDANCE: Paul Adams, Shirley Edwards, Barry Gundry, Janet & Bob Heap, Howard Klein, Christine Mather, Linda McKay, Sue & Bob McLaughlin, Mary Robinson, Ted Sherriff, Nicola Taylor, Brian & Denise Walton, Flo Wright.

Councillor Graham Friend, PCSO Neil Potter.

APOLOGIES: Rosa Dale, Wendy Orange

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** Geoff welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies received as noted above.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 August 2023:** Minutes were agreed with no matters arising.
- 3. Police Report:** Whilst on Patrol at the back end of the month PCSO Potter found three youths on Longbarn Park smoking Cannabis. All three were stop searched, parents notified, & Community Resolutions were issued. It's fair to say the youths were very embarrassed they had been caught by a PCSO, who made it clear he will be happy to remind parents if he sees them again! Plain clothes police are now patrolling Burnett Close in response to notifications of drug dealing in the area.
Speed camera on Harper's Road 17 August. No activations. Future speed checks will focus around Harper's Green & Station Road South.
Due to the schools being closed PCSO Potter has been able to focus more time on illicit car parking & a number of advisory notices have been issued in August.
As well as the usual phone numbers for contacting the police (999 & 101) Cheshire Police have introduced an on-line facility, Residents' Voice, which provides the opportunity for you to have you say & raise any issues which cause you concern.
- 4. LRA Fireworks Extravaganza:** We had scheduled our annual Fireworks Extravaganza for Friday 3 November, to take place on the Kassia Academy school playing field. Sadly the building works taking place at the school render that location unavailable. At our recent Residents' & Management Committee meetings we discussed potential alternative locations & dates. But for all sorts of practical reasons we've not got a viable alternative & have reluctantly had to cancel this year's event. Which is a great shame, the event is always so well supported by our people & creates a great community event for young & not so young. Rest assured we'll come back even bigger & better next year. In the meantime our excellent team of volunteer firework setter off-ers will be doing the business at The Station House Fireworks Display being held on Saturday 4 November.

5. Barclays Bank: We have 3 accounts with Barclays Bank (Current, Restricted Funds & Bowling Club) which currently earn no interest. EU legislation requires us to set LRA up as a new entity (as a charitable organisation) & following several meetings with the Bank, this has now been done. At the same time we took the opportunity to set up our Restricted Funds & Bowling Club accounts as deposit accounts (& thereby generate interest).

6. NCA car parking on our Longbarn estate: A Longstanding problem, & previous letters have been sent to NCA (& meetings), MP, Home Secretary, but to no avail. The matter was recently brought to the fore with a complaint from a Fallowfield Grove resident ~ NCA staff parking in a disabled bay. Bringing matters up to date, a substantial letter has been sent to our Ward councillors inviting their intervention. Howard Klein has written to the Security Minister, Tom Tugendhat, inviting his intervention. But from an LRA perspective, we agreed that we have done all that we can do on the NCA front, & that residents may care, in future, to write to NCA personally.

7. Local Councillors Report: Howard advised that a new bus service will operate in the area, but we need our bus stops to include a timetable. Councillor Friend will ask Warrington Borough Council to sort that. In the meantime Paul will obtain the timetable & Howard will create laminated copies for our bus stops.

8. Landscaping & theft of planters: Following the recent theft of 3 of our roadside planters the remaining smaller ones have been taken out of service pro tem, whilst we procure larger (& hard to steal!) planters. And we canvassed for volunteers to, sort of, take charge of small, easy to handle parts of our local landscape to maintain it. On the night 2 volunteers from Harper's Green very kindly offered their services ~ thank you so much.

9. 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, & participants may cancel involvement at any time. The 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. By a **selecting LRA as their good cause**, to date 19 of our residents have bought 53 tickets which will raise £1,378 for LRA in 2023.

10. LRA Jubilee Bowling Club: With further grass treatments being applied during the winter months, the bowling club will be ready for use in April 2024. 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)
- £20 per person for Harper's Green residents
- £10 for under 18's

We'll also lay on taster sessions, & rent out bowls (£5 for 2-hourly sessions for up to 4 people; £2 per person for hire of bowls). We presently have 12 pairs of bowls complete with bags & accessories; if anybody has an unwanted set of bowls gathering dust, we'd be delighted to take your donation. For application forms or any enquiries, 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.

11. Activity Zone:

Afternoon Tea Held alternate Fridays at Padgate Village Club (2-4pm). Next 2 sessions 29 September & 13 October, 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 6 & 20 October

'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 1 October. MEET AT RAJ'S SHOP IN PASTURE LANE AT 10.30am.** 'GRABBERS' & HI VIZ VESTS PROVIDED. REFRESHMENTS FOR KIDDIES (Thanks, Raj)

12. **Any Other Business:** There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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