



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309   

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held 26 October 2023 at Padgate Village Club

ATTENDANCE: Wendy Orange, Katy Melia, Nicola Taylor, Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlin, Steve Taylor, Dave Pearson, Howard Klein, Paul Adams

APOLOGIES: Lynn Colter-Howard

- 1. Welcome & apologies:** Geoff welcomed everybody to the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 August 2023:** Minutes were agreed with no matters arising.
- 3. Financial Report for period ending September 2023:** Presented with no queries raised.
- 4. LRA Fireworks Extravaganza:** Presently scheduled for 3 November at Kassia Academy playing field, we've hit a major snag ~ the school caretaker will not be available, which means we'll not have access to toilets, water or power. We considered other venues (Bennett's Rec, Christ Church School playing field) but the same problems pertain. We concluded that, disappointingly, we have no option but to cancel this year's event. Paul will cover the news on our social media.
- 5. Raise awareness of the continued dangers & high risk on the road from the parking on Harper's Road:** Raised by Katy, the addition of more double yellow lines along Harper's Road is welcome, but problems remain where the double yellows stop & there's a gap, especially opposite Mullion Grove. Geoff will invite Mark Tune (WBC) to review the situation. Paul will publish a Road Safety article on our social media ~ recognising there's an onus on car users, but on parents picking up & dropping off their children, too, to be super cautious when crossing the road between parked cars.
- 6. Mindfulness & Memory (M&M) classes:** Paul explained that he has concluded successful negotiations with WBC Wellbeing Team. A copy of their proposal is attached. Total cost will be in the region of £3,630, compared with £2,340 granted to us by Cheshire Community Foundation. Paul proposed that we accept the proposal & associated costs, especially because our M&M programme is thus de-risked by delivery by trained experts. MC Colleagues agreed. Paul will move forward now to plan implementation with our Project Team (Bob, Janet & Katy).
- 7. Barclays Bank:** Geoff explained that he & Paul have had a further meeting with the bank, concluding with agreement that our Restricted Funds & Bowling Club accounts will be changed to become interest-bearing.
- 8. Non-attendance of Management Committee members at MC meetings:** Bob noted that our Terms of Reference & Governing Principles include a mandate that failure to attend 3 consecutive MC meetings without good cause will be deemed as resignation from the MC; that 3 of our colleagues fall into this category; & asked the question ~ so what next? Katy helpfully suggested that as a starter for 10, we ask our colleagues if they actually wish to remain on our Management Committee? Geoff will take those discussions forward.
- 9. LRA notice boards:** Dave noted that the material on our notice boards (2, adjacent to Raj's shop & on the railings outside PVC) is out of date, & we had a bit of a chat about keeping them refreshed in the future. Agreed that ~
 - When Paul crafts publicity posters, he will direct copies for the 2 notice boards, to ~
 - Steve, who will include the posters on the notice board outside Raj's shop, &
 - Dave Allen, who will include the posters on the notice board on the railings outside PVC
- 10. AOB:** Katy offered to help with our LRA Children's Christmas Party.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.