



**LONGBARN  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309   

## MINUTES OF LRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24 JUNE 2024 AT 6pm

**PRESENT:** Bob McLaughlin, Katy Wallace, Nicola Taylor, Janet & Bob Heap, Howard Klein, Steve Taylor, Paul Adams

### 1. **Welcome**

Bob warmly welcomed everybody to the meeting.

### 2. **Minutes of last meeting held 21 May & Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising ~ Community Fun Day:** Paul has contacted our Fun Fair supremo, Andrew Pryce. Unfortunately he's fully booked & on that basis, regrettably, we're unable to hold our Fun Day this year. Paul has made arrangements to phone Andrew in December so that we may reliably book Andrew's services for our Fun Day 2025. On the plus side, Paul took the opportunity to book Andrew's services for our Fireworks Extravaganza (1 November 2024).

### 3. **Finance**

- Nicola presented our accounts for month ending May 2024, which were agreed as a true record. And we extended huge thanks to Nicola for bringing our accounts up to date so efficiently following all that was entailed following the sad passing of Geoff Orange.
- Nicola went on to suggest that we invest in a card reader machine for taking payment for events, for those who wish to pay by card. With minimal overheads (£24 for the device & 1.75% transaction charge (eg, just 11p on our £6 tickets)) we all thought this is a great idea.

### 4. **LRA Fireworks Extravaganza Friday 1 November**

- Kassia Academy has agreed that we may use their premises, with their caretaker available to lend a hand (Friday, & Saturday morning).
- We agreed that leads for the event will be Bob McL, with Mark Wallace taking charge on the playing field
- Andrew Pryce booked
- Paul has a list of activities (a checklist) of everything that needs to be done before, during & after the event. Which may form the main agenda item for .....
- Our first meeting to get cracking (in September)
- Bob McL will order the fireworks, & Paul will join him to collect them from the supplier.
- Bob McL asked if we are content to again lend our pyrotechnicians to Station House Pub for their fireworks display this year? We agreed in principle, on the basis that ~
  - (i) Our pyros are happy to oblige, &
  - (ii) Station House agrees to make usual donation to LRA

### 5. **LRA Bowling Green**

Bob McL provided an update ~

- He & Howard have had a successful meeting with Tom Anwyl (building contractor responsible for the laying of the bowling green when the Harper's Green development was completed) & Ben Morgan (consultant with Sports Turf Research Institute).
- Ben provided a document which summarises the problem with the bowling green drainage & steps necessary to make it right.
- 90% of the remedial costs will be borne by Anwyl

- Once heavy-duty activity is complete our greenkeeper will tend to the bowling green with an expectation that it will be fit for purpose summer 2025.
- Particular thanks to Howard for bringing his business acumen to bear to get this sorted for us.

## 6. **Kassia Academy: The Woodlands Centre**

The new outbuilding, built to replace the former portacabin, was officially opened on 28 June. With particular thanks to Janet & Bob for representing LRA at the opening ceremony.

## 7. **LRA coach trips**

Bob McL's done loads of work to assess viable places for our next LRA coach trip. Several of us took his list away to have a think & let Bob know our preferences. Headline is that coach hire is significantly more expensive than in previous year's &, after a bit of a chat, we unanimously agreed that ticket prices will be £10 per person.

## 8. **LRA Big Quiz**

Bob McL is organising our next charity quiz night, which will be held on Friday 30 August at Padgate Village Club, 7.30pm for 8pm start. We agreed that folk will be invited to bring their own picnic & on that basis, tickets will be priced at £5 per person. Paul will load publicity on our website & social media. Bob will use our LRA mobile phone to take requests for tickets.

### **NOTE:**

- Our LRA mobile number is 07467 634965
- We've already agreed that when one of us is organising an event that person will hold the phone until someone different is organising a subsequent event, at which point the phone will be passed on.

## 9. **Dates of future meetings:**

### ***Residents' meetings***

Paul opened the topic by reflecting that pre-COVID, 40-50 residents would turn up; post-COVID that number has halved. Maybe that's a hangover from COVID. Maybe (we'd like to think) it's because so many of the issues that used to be raised at the meetings by residents have been sorted by LRA, or at least stabilised.

Either way we decided to move the residents' meetings from 6-weekly to quarterly for the remainder of this year, & then review the position for 2025. That means that our remaining residents' meetings for 2024 (still at Padgate Village Club, starting at 7.30pm) will be held 15 August, & 7 November where we'll ask the audience the frequency they'd prefer for 2025.

### ***Management Committee meetings***

We agreed to leave as is, with remaining meetings for 2024 on 1 August, 12 September, 24 October & 5 December

### ***Trustees' meetings***

We agreed to leave as is, with remaining meetings for 2024 on 1 July, 27 August & 10 December.

## 10. **AOB**

- Bob H pointed out that the 9<sup>th</sup> & final session of cognitive therapy sessions for residents attending our LRA Forget Me Not Club is approaching. D'Ukes of Longbarn will perform at the last session. Paul will contact WBC to ensure continuity in terms of what next.
- Bob McL observed that payment for room hire for our residents' weekly activities has fallen into arrears. Paul will sort it, in terms of assessing & paying arrears up to June, & quarterly in arrears thereafter.
- Howard helpfully offered, through his business, to do LRA photocopying. Thanks, Howard 👍

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.