



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Registered Charity No. 1170309



MINUTES OF LRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 24 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT: Bob McLaughlin, Katy Wallace, Nicola Taylor, Janet & Bob Heap, Howard Klein, Lynn Colter-Howard, Dave Pearson, Steve Taylor, Paul Adams

1. **Welcome**

Bob warmly welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of last meeting held 1 August & Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

3. **Accounts to month ending September 2024**

Nicola presented our accounts for month ending August 2024, which were agreed as a true record.

4. **LRA Poppy Appeal 2024**

Remembrance Day is Monday 11 November. Agreed we'll launch the activity again this year. Sponsorship costs £20 per poppy & as with last year, all proceeds will be donated to The Royal British Legion. Bob McL will write to local businesses. Paul will advertise on our website & social media, & do the signage for the poppies. Katy & her husband Mark will erect the poppies on lamp posts. Bob McL will organise donation arrangements at PVC & Station House Pub. Sponsorship monies may be by cash or BACS.

5. **LRA Fireworks Extravaganza**

Event will be held Friday 1 November on Kassia Academy playing field, with gates opening at 5pm, fireworks to be set off at 7pm. Bob McL presented an action plan including roles & responsibilities of our volunteers, which we discussed at length & satisfied ourselves that we've covered all the angles. Critical matters are ~

- Paul has completed risk assessment
- Dave will confirm that Kassia Academy are content with our arrangements
- Bob McL & Katy will collect the fireworks
- Paul has completed WBC questionnaire & will meet with them to deal with any questions arising
- Volunteers meeting scheduled for 3 October (at 6pm at PVC).

6. **LRA Bowling Green**

The kit required to resolve the bowling green's drainage problem has landed in the UK. It will cost LRA in the region of £7K to make the green fit for purpose once the drainage kit is installed. Unanimous that we'll invest nothing more in this venture until it is confirmed that the drainage problem has been solved.

7. **LRA planters**

Sad to report that the planter adjacent to the bench on Harper's Road has been vandalised, being tipped over several times. Bob H will arrange to install metal rods to avoid recurrence. Given the time of year & a long term weather forecast of particularly inclement weather this winter, we'll clear the planters ready for re-stocking in the Spring.

8. **Greencore ~ Fireworks Extravaganza & Kiddies Christmas Party**
Bob McL will contact Greencore & invite donations of food & drink for both events.
9. **Update on our relationship with Station House Pub**
Bob McL reported back on a successful meeting with Chris Catelani, Station House Pub owner. Chris will return as a sponsor of our LRA Newsletter, sponsor 3 poppies, & donate a contribution from forthcoming Station House Pub fireworks display to LRA. Outstanding behaviour!
10. **AOB**
Through her lead role with Land Trust Lynn advised that a final cut of grass on Land Trust land will be completed shortly, followed by a 2025 first cut in the Spring.

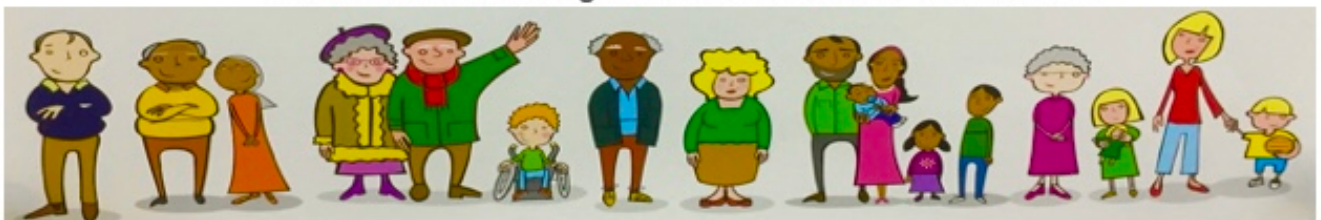
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

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