



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Registered Charity No. 1170309

Minutes of LRA Management Committee meeting held 16 April 2026 at Padgate Village Club

1. Welcome

Bob welcomed all to the meeting,

2. Minutes of last meeting held 22 January 2025

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed & accepted as a true reflection of the last meeting. For matters arising, all items have either been actioned or are included in tonight's agenda

4. Accounts to March 2026

As usual, a massive thank you to Nicola for the accounts: fully up to date, the accounts speak for themselves & were accepted as a true record.

5. Padgate Village Club

Addressing numerous rumours regarding the prospects for PVC closing down at the end of the month. Bob was unequivocal: there is no truth in any of these rumours. Of course the club committee is not complacent: mindful that, as with all establishments, the economic climate (with significant increases in salaries, National Insurance, business rates, utilities & the costs of supplies) presents a challenge. But the club committee is working hard to maintain the venue as a viable proposition & thank all in Longbarn Land for their loyal support.

6. LRA Bowling Club

Torus now has the requisite 3 quotes for the replacement green. Howard has been asked for a dossier of costs, treatments etc incurred by both the Bowling Club & greenkeeper. Bob has agreed to speak to all, hopefully to help going forward.

Torus has incorrectly contacted the former secretary of Longbarn Bowling Club about renewal of the bowling club as an Asset of Community Value. The last contract was signed by Geoff Orange at a meeting with Torus (as per paperwork in Howard's possession). ACV status was granted by WBC 16 August 2021 (& listed 16 April 2021). We need to discuss further retaking up the ACV option.

7. Landscaping

The subject of the embankment (clearing rubbish & fallen tree branches & first cut of the grass) has been put before the Parish Council and WBC. The need has been acknowledged but as yet zero progress has been made.

Councillor Una Gillham from WBC is aware of our needs for the embankment before LRA can start to maintain the grass. Photographs of the embankment & its poor condition were also sent to every Parish Council member.

All repairs to planters have been completed by Dave Allen & Barry Gundry including the Station. Barry will also ensure that each planter will be treated with preservative & new LRA signage fitted where required.

The new plants for the planters have been ordered & paid for & will be picked up on Saturday 16 May (big Shout Out to Station House pub for loan of their van & Barry Gundry for driving 🤪) for distribution to our wonderful volunteers for planting. Compost will be bought to top up all planters.

8. Social Activities

LRA quiz night – next one Friday 22 May, with posters on Raj's notice board, Harpers Green & of course the club & social media.

Coach Trips – it was confirmed that we would be running 2 coach trips this year, the first is to York and will take place on Sunday 26 July, leaving PVC @ 9.30am, returning at approximately 6.30pm. The cost will be £15 per person & will initially be allocated to regular supporters of LRA before being thrown open for residents at large. The second trip will be to Stratford-on Avon in September, hopefully on a Regatta weekend.

9. AOB

The head of Christ Church School is retiring soon & we have agreed to contact his replacement with a view to using the school field as a fallback for our Fun Days & Firework Extravaganza (a new headmaster at Kassia Academy has thrown some doubt on our use of their school field. A meeting with the new Kassia headmaster will be arranged for June to discuss the matter).

Padgate Walking Day ~ volunteers are required as marshals on the day. This involves wearing a hi vis jacket & ensuring traffic does not encroach immediately before, during and shortly after the walk. Please see relevant posters strategically placed around Longbarn for contact details

With their birthdays being celebrated before our next meeting, we wished Bob H (25 April) & Dave (13 May) all the best 🥳

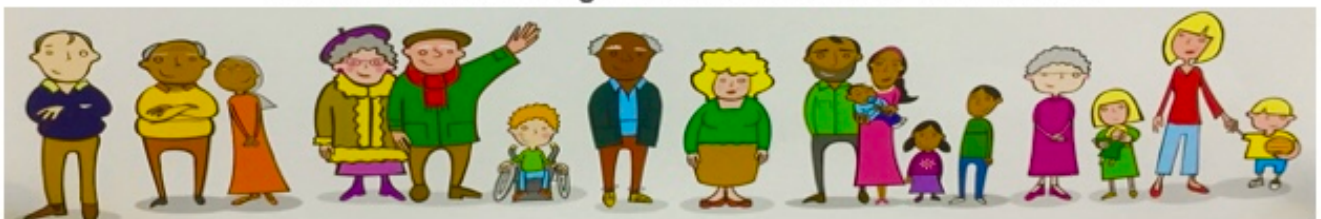
10. Next meeting ~ 28 May at 7pm at PVC

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