



**LONGBARN
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309   

**LRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
28 May 2026 AT 7pm AT PADGATE VILLAGE CLUB
MINUTES**

1. Welcome

Bob Welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of LRA, with apologies from Howard, Lynn & Katy.

2. Minutes of last meeting held 16 April 2026

The minutes of the last meeting are on our website & were accepted as a true report of the meeting,

3. Matters Arising

Several items from our last meeting are included in this agenda. Otherwise there were no matters arising.

4. Accounts to March 2026

The accounts were accepted by all, as anticipated, & with yet another, 'Thank you' to Nicola for the superb job she continues to do.

5. Padgate Walking Day ~ 20 June 2026

LRA will again have a BBQ at PVC on Padgate Walking day. We will meet at 10am on Saturday 20 June at the unit to prepare the Gazebos & BBQ's, ready for the start of the event. Dave Allen, Paul, Barry, Janet, Nicola & Howard to help with the event setup, & breakdown & cleaning of all equipment afterwards. Greencore have kindly offered to supply the food for the day. Nicola & Paul will tally up the takings once the event has closed.

6. LRA Bowling Club

Howard was unable to attend to give an update, so any progress with the replacement of the green & renewal of the of the Asset of Community Value paperwork etc. will be carried forward to our next meeting.

As far as we are aware, Torus have received their 3 quotes (works required to return the green to us fit for purpose), & it looks as though it's Torus vs Anwyl going forward.

Bob had contacted the ex-greenkeeper & former hierarchy of the original bowling club to ask if they would give an account of problems, treatments etc., carried out before the realisation that the replacement green was installed incorrectly, in the first place. They all agreed to speak to Howard. Otherwise,

Howard had contacted the ex-greenkeeper & asked him for a witness statement of the work he had carried out on the re-laid green. Unfortunately he declined, not wanting to get involved in any potential litigation.

7. Landscaping

- **Embankment** Despite regular requests to our ward councillors, WBC & Parish Council, there has been zero response or help from any of them! As a workaround we agreed that LRA cut a strip of the grass along the pavement adjoining the planters & cut a semi-circle around each planter (it would be a mammoth task for LRA to clear the embankment). The responsibility of WBC, it's very disappointing & rather implies that WBC has no interest in the appearance of our community whatsoever, despite huge increases in Council tax.

- **Planters** LRA has bought plants & compost to cover all our planters, which have been repaired by Dave Allen, planted up by our volunteers, & are being maintained during the “heat wave.” No mean feat watering the planters on a daily basis. A huge, ‘Thank you’ to all our volunteers.
- **Roadside gutters** A massive thank you to Dave Hollowell who is single-handedly clearing all the kerbs of weeds along with the edges of pavements along Harper’s Road. The difference is amazing 🙌

8. **Future LRA Management Committee Meetings**

With an eye on doing our bit to help maintain the ongoing viability of PVC, we agreed to start future LRA Management Committee meetings at 6pm. In turn freeing up the evening for our D’Ukes of Longbarn ukulele band & it’s 30+ members to do what they do. The outcome being that the gesture will really help with the cash flow of PVC in these trying times of rising running costs. Our LRA residents’ open meetings will continue as normal.

9. **Social activities**

- **Coach Trips** The next coach trip is on Sunday 26 July to York. The cost will be subsidised to £15 per person (£30+ is the normal cost). We agreed that our volunteers will be allocated tickets first before any advertising of the remainder to the whole community.
- **LRA Quizzes** There was a very successful quiz in May, with more to come on 10 July & 4 September. The quizzes help to generate revenue for LRA to enable our programme of social activities for our residents going forward. A big, ‘Thank you’ to all who help & attend. Especially Bob McLoughlin, our quizmaster extraordinaire 🤩

10. **AOB**

- **Kassia Academy** There has been a change of Headmaster at Kassia Academy, with implications for our future use of the Academy’s facilities. LRA must now, 3 months in advance, formally apply for permission, complete several forms, & pay to use the facility. Paul has arranged to meet with the new Head on 6 July to discuss how we may best help each other.
In case we need to resort to a Plan B, Katy will speak with Christ Church School about the possibility of using their school field for our future events, which will also be backed by securing the support of Dee Bonsall (Dee is a Christ Church School governor & local Parish councillor).
- **New Trustee** Bob will speak to Kevin Barlow regarding his agreement to join our Board of Trustees.
- **LRA Newsletter** Paul has drafted the next edition which is now with the printers & will be available for delivery during the next week.
- Ahead of our next MC meeting Paul hailed Lynn’s birthday on 22 June & we wished Lynn all the best.

11. **Next meetings**

- Residents open meeting on 11 June
- Trustees meeting on 25 June
- MC meeting on 9 July

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.15pm with a big thank you to all attendees.

