



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309



LRA Management Committee Meeting 9 July 2026 Minutes

1. Welcome

Bob welcomed all to the meeting. Paul explained in appropriate words that our thoughts should be with Katie & family during this difficult time.

2. Minutes of last meeting held 28 May 2026

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the last meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Any outstanding matters are included at this meeting as per the remainder of agenda.

4. Accounts to March 2026

As usual, a massive thank you to Nicola for the accounts, again fully up to date. The Accounts speak for themselves & there were no queries.

5. Kassia Academy Facilities

Paul attended the pre-arranged meeting with the new headmaster, Glenn Prime, whose opening statement was that LRA can no longer use their facilities for our Fireworks Extravaganza, on the instruction of David Donnelly (Chief Operating Officer & Estates Manager). Trying to recover the position Paul pointed out the positive history between LRA & Kassia Academy ~

- Initially LRA rented an office at Padgate Library (rent paid for by our Parish Council). Kassia subsequently invited LRA to use their unused pre-fab building at the back of the school as an office. LRA accepted & refurbished the building, bought furniture, & paid £1500 to have an alarm fitted (subject to Kassia instructions & supplier). The point being that LRA negotiated with the Council for the money originally allocated as rent to be diverted to Kassia for free school dinners for those pupils not entitled.
- LRA events continued very smoothly for a couple of years, before Kassia announced that the pre-fab building was being demolished & replaced with a new brick-built unit. We hired vehicles to empty the interior & move everything to Greencore (who had to who kindly allowed us storage FOC).
The new building was completed with limited access for LRA; the appointment of the new headmaster has led to no access at all, now.
- LRA supported Kassia charity with cash donations (eg, for selection boxes at Christmas).
- LRA donated a canoe for Kassia reward days for pupils at Salford Quays.
- LRA co-ordinated with Cheshire Police to ensure Kassia lost their "Hooligan" pupil reputation.

None of which swayed the headmaster. So Paul politely said he'd have a go then with David Donnelly; the Head's riposte was that we'd just get the same answer! But Paul will give it a go.

6. Encourage more "active" members

Dave suggested the above due to the lack of volunteers going forward. LRA has been trying to recruit since inception, but with limited success. It was suggested that more use of social media may be the answer; Katie suggested video & social media could be looked into as a way forward.

7. Review of our Fireworks Display options

Now that Kassia has closed the door, there are two possible options ~

- Chris Katani (The Station House) has offered his facilities as he will not be holding an event this year due to costs.
- Christ Church School field could be a possibility. Mr Williams is standing down as Headmaster to be replaced by Mrs Kirkham. Katie will have a word with her along with Parish Councillor & School Governor Dee Bonsall, who has also agreed to put our case forward.

8. LRA Bowling Green

Howard was unable to attend the meeting, but has organised a meeting of interested Management Committee colleagues for 16 July. At today's meeting we simply reiterated our position ~

- We've provided Howard with all the receipts we can find for the money spent by The Bowling Club & LRA.
- Tho Torus/Anwyl initially blamed the state of the new green on not being looked after properly i.e. not watered initially, it was pointed out that they never replaced the tap as agreed.
- All causes known to man have been blamed, rather than accepting that the green was not correctly replaced in the first place & would never be fit for purpose as things stand.
- All surveys have since highlighted that the green was not installed properly, with no drainage, incorrect, guttering etc.
- Torus have had quotes for the remedy but no action has been taken at all.

9. Landscaping, quizzes & coach trips

- Hooray! The grass on the embankment on Harper's Road is finally being sorted, under the aegis of the Payback Scheme (part of the Probation Service), who will meet with Bob on 15 July to finalise both initial clearance of 6-12 inches of grass & ongoing maintenance. Paul will take care of the paperwork. And just to be clear, we've had no response (to emails dating back to January) from WBC about them providing an initial cut of the grass; & a BIG shout out to Bob for securing Payback's collaboration. Outstanding behaviour 🥳
- The next LRA quiz is this Friday 10 July
- The next coach trip is on Sunday 26 July to York. At the moment there is only one remaining ticket available.
- All dance classes, afternoon teas & exercise classes are proceeding as normal, subject to holidays.

10. LRA Support for PVC

LRA continue to support PVC on an ongoing basis. The proceeds from the LRA BBQ provided during Padgate Walking Day will, as a one-off gesture, be donated to PVC. Our quarterly payments for premises hire will continue as usual. A massive thank you to all at LRA for these kind donations, helping to keep PVC as a "community asset" for all residents. It really is appreciated 👍

11. AOB

All covered during the meeting.

12. The Next meeting will be held on 20 August at 6pm at PVC.

