LONGBARN
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
"Working together for our Community"
Registered Charity No. 1170309

RESIDENTS' OPEN MEETING
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.30pm AT PADGATE VILLAGE CLUB
MINUTES

1. **Welcome**
Bob welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of LRA & thanked our residents for attending.

2. **Minutes of last meeting held 19 March 2026**
The minutes of the last meeting are on the web site & were accepted as a true report of the meeting,

3. **Matters Arising**
There were several items from those minutes that needed raising again at tonight's meeting & are included in these minutes.

4. **Accounts to July 2026**
The accounts were accepted by all with yet another thank you to Nicola for the superb job she continues to do as our accountant.

5. **Location for our Fireworks Extravaganza**
As we are no longer allowed to use Kassia facilities for the fireworks after 13 years of working in co-operation with the school, we were left with only two possibilities for our Fireworks Extravaganza scheduled for 6 November ~ Christ Church school field, & The Station House pub. The school is in the throes of changing its headmaster, & enquiries have proved difficult. We are delighted to accept The Station House pub's generous offer.

6. **Speed of traffic round the estate**
We've had an increasing number of complaints about speeding in Longbarn, notably along Harper's Road. The Police are periodically in place with a speed camera, but of course that's hit & miss. We've spoken with the local constabulary: their advice is to use Residents' Voice to report the incident, with as much detail as possible. Like, day & time, & as much detail about the vehicle as possible. The more of us who follow this advice, then the more the police can build a pattern of offences & target their speed gun presence accordingly.
As well as the usual phone numbers for contacting the police (999 & 101) ~ about **any** matter, use Residents' Voice by scanning the bar code on the poster & you'll be directed to their website which provides the opportunity for you to have your say & raise any issues which cause you concern.
Paul will include this information in a poster on our social media, & in our next LRA Newsletter.

7. **Harper's Road embankment**
Despite being in contact regularly since January by Dave Allen, Bob with our councillors, WBC & Parish Council regularly, there had been Zero response or help from any of them to get the agreed (for over a decade) first cut & clear up of the grass out carried out, until eventually the grass was cut at the end of July !! Unfortunately it was left in a worse mess than before the cut & impossible to use a lawnmower or strimmer on it.

Sue Mclaughlin approached the Probation Pay Back Scheme working at the church, then passed on the information to LRA. The Scheme was contacted & we had on-site meetings where all WBC permissions were given immediately.
The embankment was completely cleared of all dead grass, filling over 60 bags of cuttings. All broken branches were chipped and disposed of.
It was originally agreed that they would work on the embankment regularly, but since then we have been informed that the embankment does not conform to the Health & Safety parameters for the Payback Scheme to work on it (No toilets, no facilities, too steep for safety of the crew).
A great shame. However, they did carry out all the initial requirements for which we are very grateful & thankfully, our fantastic team of Dave & John have again restored it immaculately We will have to see if WBC can step up to the mark next year.

8. LRA Bowling Club green update

Howard has written to Torus (again) asking for updates following their agreement to reinstate the green as originally promised. They have responded by letter pointing out that there is yet again another new contact with the responsibility who is asking numerous questions.
Howard has responded with an ultimatum by letter. Fingers crossed this will have the desired effect

9. Social events ~

- **Quiz Night**
  The next quiz is on Friday 4 September in PVC. These quizzes help to generate revenue for LRA to enable all subsidised social activities for the residents going forward. A big thank you to all who help & attend.
- **Entertainment Night with Natalie**
  There is a concert on 11 October in PVC, with local singer Natalie as the star of the show.
- **Coach trip**
  The next Coach trip has been arranged & by popular demand, is going to Llandudno on Sunday 4th October (leaving PVC at 10am & returning approx. 6pm). The cost is again heavily subsidised by LRA at £15 per person.
- **D'Ukes of Longbarn**
  Our LRA Ukulele Club has over 30 members & continues to meet most Thursday evenings at PVC. Any revenues generated are usually directed to St Rocco's Hospice. A massive thank you to Ron & Sheila for leading this group for over nine years & doing a tremendous amount of work on a weekly basis.
- Our **'Footloose in Longbarn' dance classes, Afternoon Tea** & **seated exercise classes** continue every week, heavily subsidised by LRA ~ a great investment from LRA into the local community, tirelessly run by our amazing volunteers.

10. Date of next meeting

Our next residents' open meeting will be held on 26 November, at 7.30pm at Padgate you Village Club.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm, with a big thank you to all for attending.

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