

Langford Village Community Association Minutes

15th June 2015

Attendees: Bob Rudge, Ted Kingston, Rich Ponsford, John Broad, Matt Phillips, Carole Hetherington, Richard Kingshott, Mike Oke Dan Sames, Robert Jackman.

Apologies: Dom Cotter, Steve Clack, Caroline Cadbury, Nick Cotter,

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and agreed.

2. Treasurer's Update

Bank Balances at end of April 2015:

Account	No. 1	No. 2	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
April 15	1,764.63	7,309.81	0.00	23,646.04	0.00	32,720.48

In her absence, Caroline had reported a loss for the month of £360, plus one-off business rates of £183. £969 is due from Langford Life advertising. Nick Crutch, who had two weekly-bookings for the hall, has cancelled, so two slots now exist. The 9.30pm slot on Monday evening is unlikely to be filled, but freeing up Wednesday mornings, means that all day on Wednesdays are now available.

Caroline continues to chase the two hall users who are behind with payments.

3. Hall Improvements

- **The Garden** – The article in Langford Life has resulted in several suggestions. As Ellie Thompson is among these, it was agreed that she should be approached first to ascertain the requirements of the Cubs with the hope that they assist with on-going upkeep. Budgets were discussed, but it was agreed to seek ideas first. It was advised that grants might be available.

ACTION: Rich to liaise with Ellie with a view to a sub-group being formed with the other people who expressed interest.

- **Bike Racks** – The style of bike racks have been decided and Richard is liaising with Tesco.

ACTION: Rich to continue to liaise with Tesco.

- **Hall acoustics** – Matt and Bob reported that the panels have been ordered and that the design and installation is in hand. Matt was also undertaking a reverberation test to gauge the effectiveness of the panels.

4. Langford Life

Feedback from the recently relaunched Langford Life was overwhelmingly positive from all quarters. Emails have been received in praise of the content and quality of the publication, volunteers have come forward to deliver the magazine, and interest has already been expressed by those wanting to advertise in the next issue. Well done to all concerned. A meeting is being arranged to start planning the next issue.

ACTION: All were encouraged to think about articles for the next issue and people who might be featured.

5. Current Issues

- **Jubilee Lake** – Work has commenced on the renovations and Bob has been taking pictures for inclusion in the next edition of Langford Life.
- **Grass Verge** – Work has started on cutting the overgrown verges, but a flail mower was required due to the length of the grass. The verges look tatty, cuttings have not been removed and some verges remain uncut. Dan gave some background to the problem, reporting that new contractors are being used. It was agreed that lessons needed to be learned for next year.
- **School Lollipop Crossing Patrol** – Despite the involvement of councillors, DBS checks remain on-going. It appears unlikely that an incumbent will be in post before the autumn term!

6. Section 106 funding – Gavray Drive

Carole and Richard reported on progress and advised that ‘laddering’ was the most hopeful solution given financial constraints. They expressed the desire for Section 106 funding. Section 106 funding is also being sought for the upkeep and management of the proposed ‘Green Space’, if this is adopted. At the previous meeting it had been advised that funding of £30,000-35,000 might be available. Larger sums had been mentioned some time ago but it appears that CDC and the Highways Department see this as a means of supplementing their own budgets.

ACTION: Mike to approach CDC to enquire what moneys may be available – all ideas welcomed.

7. AGM – Wednesday 16th September

With only one more meeting before the AGM, committee members were asked to confirm by next month whether they intend to remain on the committee next year and if anyone would like to stand for the role of chair. Matt indicated that he would consider the role of secretary if Mike stood as chairman. Initiatives next year were welcomed, as were items to be discussed at the AGM.

As Victoria Prentis MP is unable to attend the AGM, Carole suggested Lisa Michelson from OCC Planning Department as a replacement to speak on the highways infrastructure.

ACTION: Carole to invite Lisa Michelson to speak at the AGM.

8. AOB

- **Thames Water** – It was reported that many residents in Langford have received exorbitant water bills as a result of overestimating in the past, resulting in standing orders being too low. This has caused a furore on Facebook. Dan advised that all complainants to Thames Water should ask for a reference number.
- **Litter Pick** – Dan advised that a litter pick is planned for Saturday 25 July at 9.00 am. Victoria Prentis MP is due to attend. Mike advised that the LVCA would provide coffee and bacon sandwiches afterwards as usual.
- **ACTION:** Dan to liaise with Ellie Thompson to see if the cubs might be involved.
- **Dog bins** – Dan advised that these were often not overfilled, as has been advocated by dog owners. The problem was usually the result of bags being left at the top of the bin.

Date of Next Business Meeting – Monday 20th July 2015 at 8.15 pm at the hall

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