

Langford Village Community Association Minutes

19th October 2015

Attendees: Mike Oke, Matt Phillips, Ted Kingston, Rich Ponsford, Richard Kingshott, Bob Rudge, John Broad, Steve Clack, Caroline Cadbury, Robert Jackson.

Apologies: Carole Hetherington, Nick Cotter.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and agreed.

2. Treasurer's Update

Bank Balances at end of September 2015:

| Account | No. 1 | No. 2 | No. 4 | No. 5 | No. 6 | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| September 15 | 1,304.63 | 6,087.35 | 0.00 | 23,636.57 | 0.00 | 31,028.55 |

Caroline reported an overall loss of approximately £800 in the month. This was partly down to the one-off payment for installation of the acoustic panels. Income was also low in the month, but a significant amount of hire income is due in the next couple of months. A high gas bill was challenged and subsequently reduced.

3. Matters Arising from the AGM

- **Community Spirit/Street Parties** – Mike invited discussion on possible arrangements for street parties. Possible association with the Bicester Big Lunch. Committee to consider whether to start on a small scale (e.g. 1 event centred around the Hall) or with multiple street parties across Langford.
- **Condition of Wretchwick Way Cycle/Foot Path** – Path currently in poor condition. Richard Kingshott advised that the Bicester 12 development could offer an opportunity to address the issue, in association with the developer's plans to improve permeability between the new development, Langford and the town centre. Discussion also opened up to consider improvements to other cycle routes around Langford, particularly between the A41 and Bicester Village.
ACTION: Richard K to take the lead in making contact with Oxfordshire County Council on the matter.
ACTION: Rich P to investigate status of other cycle routes and report back.
- **London Road Level Crossing** – Limited opportunity to influence current works or OCC investigations of long term solutions. Limited scope for highway sub-committee to influence multiple highway issues.
ACTION: Committee to remain up to date on developing proposals and communicate them to Langford residents.
- **School Keep Clear Markings** – Richard K was willing to review what information may be available from previous work on this issue. However, it was acknowledged that there is limited scope for the highway sub-committee to influence multiple highway issues.
- **Coordinated Council Planning Website** – **ACTION:** Matt to investigate.
- **Tim Hallchurch Monthly Report** – Bob confirmed this report is now added to Langford Life website.

4. Bicester 12 Update

Richard K and John reported back on the meeting held with Krystian Groom and colleagues, representing the developer (Redrow/Wates) for the proposed Wretchwick Green development. The meeting was positive, giving the impression that the developer is willing to listen to proposals. Key points:

- The primary route through the development appears to form part of the wider radial route that will extend around Graven Hill. The road is proposed to have a 30mph limit, possibly incorporating traffic calming measures. OCC are still considering the best option for managing traffic flows in the area, but the possibility remains that Wretchwick Way will still be the primary through route.
- Developer interested in opportunities to promote foot and cycle traffic across Wretchwick Way and through Langford. Such opportunities likely to introduce traffic lights and other measures that would assist in traffic calming.
- Part of the development appears to infringe on the Conservation Target Area (CTA) at the north of Bicester 12.
- Krystian Groom to attend November LVCA meeting.

ACTION: All encouraged to attend the Public Exhibition on 20/21 October and feedback on the proposals.

ACTION: Bob, Rich P and Matt to promote attendance at the Public Exhibition through website, Twitter and Facebook.

5. Langford Life Magazine

Next edition publishing date targeted for 18/19 November. Magazine to be 4 pages longer than previous edition, providing more advertising space. Steve looking for input on articles on the Wretchwick Way proposals (Richard K) and London Road (via Bicester Traffic Action Group, BicesterTAG)

6. Hall Improvements

- **The Garden** – Ellie Thompson to develop proposals in the spring.
ACTION: Mike to continue to liaise with Ellie.
- **Bike Racks** – No progress to report.
ACTION: Rich to ascertain costs and to continue to liaise with Tesco.
- **Hall acoustics** – Acoustics appeared to have improved.
ACTION: Matt to carry out follow-up reverberation test.
- **Paintwork** – Walls starting to become badly marked.
ACTION: Mike to re-visit previous quote from Micky to repaint walls only.

7. AOB

Robert Jackson provided information on the following:

- Construction of a new shop unit on Nightingale Place is due to commence in November. A local resident has proposed to open an independent community coffee shop, with money raised pumped back in to community projects.
- A possible proposal to construct and open a Business Hub between the Hall and Tesco. Possible funding sources are Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), Bicester Vision, and/or OCC.

Mike raised concern about the absence of trustees and exposure of committee members:

- **ACTION:** All to consider ideas for new trustees, e.g. local councillors.
- **ACTION:** Matt to investigate indemnity. Seek advice from Community Matters.

John advised he'd become aware of an opportunity for free supply and install of solar panels. Previous investigations of this nature have resulted in issues with liability for the work. **ACTION:** John to investigate the opportunity and have dialogue with Vickie Zielinski (Cherwell District Council)

Date of next Meeting – Monday 16th November 2015 at 8.15pm at the hall