

# Langford Village Community Association Minutes

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Attendees:** Ted Kingston, Bob Rudge, Dom Cotter, Matt Phillips, Caroline Cadbury, Rich Ponsford, Steve Clack, Jon Spinage, Rosemary Rolle, John Broad, Mike Oke.

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Dom welcomed and introduced everyone to the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and agreed. Proposed by Ted and Seconded by Dom.

## **3. Treasurer's Update**

Caroline advised that the bank has confirmed the new signatories, and that Rugby Tots and another new user have signed up for regular bookings.

Caroline had conducted a review of hall booking rates in the local area. It was decided to keep our prices at the present rate, but with flexibility for Caroline to alter these for individual cases if required. As the website states that the deposit for occasional users is £50, it was agreed to adopt this figure rather than the current £100.

Caroline raised concerns over our need for a Public Performing Licence, especially as a second invoice has been received. Dom agreed to look into the matter.

**ACTION: Dom** to check on requirements for a PPL.

## **4. Grants**

A grant of £750 had been received from CDC – Dom was thanked for his good work.

**ACTION: Dom** to investigate what grants might be available from Bicester Town Council.

## **5. Hall Improvements**

**The Garden** – it was agreed to include a feature in Langford Life requesting suggestions for how the garden might be developed, and also to speak to current hall users.

**ACTIONS: Steve** to include a feature in Langford Life; **Caroline** to liaise with the Tiny Tots group leader and **Mike** to liaise with the Cub group leader Ellie Thompson over suggestions for the hall garden.

**Bike Racks** – Rich advised that Tesco Cardiff Office had been helpful with the possibility of providing bike racks and that the matter now rested with the landlord of the property, Andy at the Chinese Take Away.

**ACTION: Mike** to speak to Andy and **Rich** to continue to liaise with Tesco

**Hall acoustics** – Mike advised that Beryl Mann from the WI had expressed concern regarding the poor hall acoustics. Similar concerns had also been voiced by Ellie Thompson. It was agreed that the matter should be investigated to ascertain options and prices.

**ACTION: Dom** to speak to Phil Pointer for advice over options.

## 6. Consultation Meetings

**Gavray Drive** – John Broad provided a thorough and encouraging update on proceedings of the meeting at Bodicote House on 20<sup>th</sup> October regarding the CDC Local Plan. Representations were made by John, and Pat Clissold, and John's recommendation that the East End of the development be recognised as a 'Local Green Space' was favourably received. John advised that he intends to speak again on the matter when the CDC Local Plan restarts on 9th December. It was agreed that John represent the LVCA on planning matters.

An invitation had been received by Gallaghers, the developers of Gavray Drive, for representatives of the LVCA to attend a 'dedicated period' prior to the public exhibition to be held at The Garth on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November. John, Nick and Bob intend to attend the meeting between 2.15 – 3.00 pm.

It was agreed that the general awareness of planning issues relating to Langford and the immediate surrounds was poorly understood by residents. John agreed to spearhead a campaign for greater awareness, using Langford Life and the website to further this aim.

**Network Rail** – A 'Level Crossings Information Evening' is being hosted by Network Rail in Launton on 19th November. Specific concerns need to be raised over the London Road crossing and the gross inconvenience this would cause to Langford Residents. John advised that a key cost of bridge building would be the disruption to rail usage and that any such development should be undertaken in advance of the track becoming operational. Even at this late stage in the development it was agreed that changes should be sought and all were encouraged to attend the meeting to ask questions about the intentions for the London Road crossing. Mike also agreed to write to Sir Tony Baldry to intervene prior to him standing down as our MP at the May general election.

**ACTION: Everyone** was encouraged to attend the Network Rail meeting. **Mike** to write to Tony Baldry.

## 7. Langford Life

Steve and Rich provided an overview of the encouraging progress made on the new design and re-launch of Langford Life. Print costs should be about £1,000 for an increased print run of 4,000 copies. Rich circulated paper samples and it was agreed to proceed with the 130 gsm option. A progress meeting is to be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10 Pipits Croft.

**ACTION: All interested parties** are invited to attend the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## 8. AOB

Mike advised that a letter has been sent to all estate and letting agents regarding inappropriate signage as agreed at the AGM.

It was agreed that the meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December be cancelled in favour of a Christmas meal at the Nightingale.

**ACTION: Mike** to coordinate proceedings.

**Date of Next Business Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 8.15 pm at the hall**