

Langford Village Community Association AGM

Wednesday 17th September 2014

Attendees: In excess of 45 members of Langford Village were present making the meeting quorate (list on file).

Invited guests: Councillors Lynn Pratt (Mayor), Melanie Magee, Timothy Hallchurch and Nick Cotter, PC James Waterson, PCSO Kate Ford, Sarah Tomlin (Acting Deputy Head Langford Village Community Primary School), Dr Pat Clissold (Gavray Drive Development), Kieran O'Brien (The Nightingale).

1. Welcome Mike Oke deputising for Ted Kingston welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the proceedings.

2. Apologies: Ted and Mya Kingston, Carole Hetherington, Cllr Dan Sames, Ellie Thompson, Pam Roberts, William Patience, Jan Dawes, Tony Bramley.

3. Approval of Minutes of 2013 AGM

John Broad requested an update on the actionable items:

Lynn Pratt reported that the resident seeking clarification over protected hedgerows had been contacted – it was a private boundary issue between neighbours.

Dan Sames was not at the meeting but has since advised that issues regarding overgrown shrubs can be reported direct to CDC or any of the Councillors. Providing it is land that is maintained by the council, action can be taken. Dan reported the damaged footways to the area steward, some of which were followed up. Other footpath problems and any concerns over potholes should be reported to highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk Dan also reported success in getting the roundabout at Osprey/ Falcon Mead resurfaced, and Peregrine Way at the Ravencroft end.

Dom Cotter proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. This was seconded by Matt Phillips and agreed unopposed by the meeting.

4. Secretary's Report: Presented by Mike Oke – see Appendix I. Roger Winson was thanked for his lengthy term as treasurer of the LVCA, and Caroline Cadbury was welcomed as new Treasurer elect. Richard Augur was also thanked for his valued time as Chairman, having stood down mid-term due to his move to Northampton. Ted Kingston kindly stepped into the breach, despite his recent poor health – Ted was wished well. It was proposed that this year there be two 'Co-Chairmen' of the committee, Dom Cotter having stood as Chairman before, being joined by his older brother, Councillor Nick Cotter.

The sad and shock news of the recent passing of Jim Hagan was reported, with tribute being paid to his extensive work in the community. Condolences to his family were asked to be minuted.

Thanks were expressed to everyone who plays their part in the many community activities that make Langford Village a special place to live.

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- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Prepared by Roger Winson and presented by Caroline Cadbury – See Appendix II and Appendix IIa. Hall refurbishment accounted for the small deficit of £1,275, but reserves remain healthy.

Caroline was thanked for her work in the handover as Treasurer from Roger, and Pete Stoddart was thanked for his efforts as Honorary Auditor.

6. Election of Committee

Nominees:

Co- Chairman	Dom Cotter
Co-Chairman	Nick Cotter
Vice Chairman	Ted Kingston
Treasurer	Caroline Cadbury
Secretary	Mike Oke
Health and Safety	Matt Phillips
Website	Bob Rudge/Jon Spinage
Grants	Dom Cotter
Highways	Carole Hetherington
Community Links	Kirsty Coombes
Langford Life – Editor	Mike Oke
Langford Life – Advertising	Ted Kingston
Langford Life – Distribution	Bob Rudge

The nominees were elected en masse unopposed.

7. Wretchwick Way/Peregrine Way Junction

Prepared by Carole Hetherington and presented by Mayor Lynn Pratt – see Appendix III.

An excellent meeting with County Cllr Tim Hallchurch was reported, with the hope of a safety survey of the junction being carried out. 50 mph repeater signs are to be replaced as they do not comply with legal requirements, and the sub-committee also succeeded in getting the road on the police mobile camera rota. Dialogue with the Council continues.

Everyone was encouraged to report any incidents at the junction in order to build up a comprehensive portfolio.

Lynn added her own thanks to Bicester Police for hosting the meetings at their premises.

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8. Gavray Drive Development

Pat Clissold addressed the meeting, advising that public pressure had resulted in the development on Gavray Drive being reduced from 500 to 300 houses. Pat advised that an 'e-petition' was in the process of being set up entitled: 'Save Gavray Meadows Local Wildlife Site'. She encouraged all interested parties to sign the petition. A link to the petition is to be made available via the LVCA website: <http://www.langfordlife.org.uk>

Pat raised several concerns regarding the CDC Local Plan modifications. Pat, with assistance from John Broad, outlined points they had identified to challenge the legality of the revised Local Plan with regard to areas Bicester 12 & 13. John advised that objections need to be filed by 3 October 2014 and to contact him if assistance was required with the wording. John gave his email contact to the meeting: johnbroad@hotmail.com – Pat's is: patricia288@btinternet.com

Again, John and Pat agreed to provide full details via the LVCA website.

Cllr Tim Hallchurch provided an update on the Graven Hill site, the sale of which has been completed with CDC, through a company limited by shares, taking ownership of the site from the Ministry of Defence. Further information can be found at: <http://gravenhill.org.uk>

9. Langford Village Community Primary School

Acting Deputy Head, Sarah Tomlin advised that after several delays the school is now in a position to proceed with the recruitment of a 'Lollipop' Crossing Patrol, with a view to starting on 3rd November 2014. This news was welcomed and any prospective 'Lollipop' personnel were encouraged to apply for the position.

10. The Nightingale

Kieran O'Brien addressed the meeting advising that he and Matt Kaprockyi had recently taken over the running of The Nightingale and that they are keen to forge strong links with the community. Thursday night is charity night, with quizzes and other fund-raising events; they are also keen to promote new local bands and provide a wide menu of entirely fresh food.

11. Community Policing

PC James Waterson and PCSO Kate Ford gave an overview of the crime profile experienced in Bicester, and on Langford Village in particular. Whilst crime figures are low, complacency was warned against. They encouraged the bike registration scheme and advised of their work with Langford Village Community Primary School. As resources are allocated by demand, contact via 'twitter' and phoning '101' was encouraged, as was signing up to 'Thames Valley Alert' on the Internet.

Various 'goodies' were made available, including UV pens for marking property, and tamper-proof screws for number plates.

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12. Open discussion

- Concern was expressed regarding sewerage and crumbling brickwork at Jubilee Lake. Lynn Pratt and Melanie Magee advised of the action in hand.

Action: Melanie Magee to liaise with Thames Water and advise on progress.

- Low Water levels and balancing pools were also seen as a concern. Nick Cotter and Melanie Magee agreed to investigate further.

Action: Nick Cotter and Melanie Magee

13. Any Other Business

- Concern was expressed over the growing number of estate agent signs appearing on the outskirts of Langford Village, principally on Seelscheid Way, Wretchwick Way and Gavray Drive. The meeting agreed that this was unacceptable and that a letter be sent to all Bicester estate agents on behalf of the LVCA requesting that they desist from erecting all such signs. A proliferation of signs on the London Road, especially by Coach House Mews and the roundabout of Mallards Way was also regarded as unsightly. It was further agreed that signage here should be limited to one per agent and letters sent accordingly.

- **Action:** Mike Oke to draft and send a letter on behalf of the LVCA

- An announcement was made regarding the Langford Community Orchard Apple Day and Scarecrow Competition on Sunday 28th September. More information is obtainable via the LVCA website: <http://www.langfordlife.org.uk>

- Melanie Magee announced a litter pick on Saturday 4th October 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, meeting out the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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To conclude the meeting, everyone was reminded to sign the attendance sheet in order to receive an update on actions of the meeting.

All Langford residents were invited to any of the monthly LVCA meetings, held at the hall at 8.15 on the third Monday of the month.

The meeting finished with refreshments provided by Mya and Ted Kingston, and Mychelle and Matthew Oke, to whom thanks were expressed.

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These minutes are subject to approval at the next LVCA AGM (Sept 2015)