

# Langford Village Community Association Minutes

## 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Attendees:** Matt Phillips, Ted Kingston, Rich Ponsford, Bob Rudge, Robert Jackson. Joined later by John Broad, Carole Hetherington, Cllr Dan Sames, Richard Kingshott

**Apologies:** Mike Oke, Steve Clack, Caroline Cadbury

Thanks to Andy Ng for kindly donating some food for the meeting!

### 1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the two previous meetings (October and November 2015) were approved, and endorsed by Ted.

### 2. Treasurer's Update

Bank Balances at end of December 2015:

Account	No. 1	No. 2	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
<b>December 15</b>	<b>591.63</b>	<b>5,708.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23,651.56</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>29,951.64</b>

Regular and private income were both high this month, as invoices were raised for payment by 31<sup>st</sup> December. Costs were high due to annual insurance payment of £882.47. There was a net loss of £421.72 in account no.2.

Langford Life invoices were raised in December, 10 have been paid and 7 are outstanding. Printing costs were high for the recent edition at £1,217. Rich advised that there were more pages than previous edition, which accounted for the increased cost. The account no. 1 balance is low at £591.63.

### 3. Feedback from Meeting with Victoria Prentis

Bob and Carole updated the committee on the recent meeting with our MP. The meeting was scheduled for 45 minutes but she gave a full hour of her time. She was very supportive of the work the LVCA does. She had reviewed Richard's report on Wretchwick Green and commented on its professionalism. There was discussion around B8 warehousing and Victoria's objections to this type of land use. She showed awareness of current local issues, and suggested there may be some value in the LVCA working with other local community organisations to present a coordinated voice on local matters.

Robert put forward the name of John Bentley, who is active in the Kingsmere estate.

### 4. Hall Improvements

- **Bike Racks** – Rich finding that avenues of investigation frequently lead nowhere. However, he has started looking at a Tesco grant scheme in which customers vote for their favourite community proposals to support. The value of the grant would appear to be able to cover the costs of bike racks and garden improvements. The grant application requires significant amount of preparation.  
**ACTION:** Rich to read up on submission requirements and summarise for the committee to consider further.
- **Paintwork and doors** – Bob understands that quotes are outstanding from Micky for the internal paintwork and replacement of the push-bar mechanisms on the doors.  
**ACTION:** Mike to chase up quotes.
- **Clock** – Dan advised that he'd asked the town council's chief officer to investigate the costs of the clock repair and ongoing maintenance. Prices and a report are being prepared. Dan is arguing that the town council should repair the clock. Going forward, the LVCA may need to contribute to the annual service.  
**ACTION:** Dan to confirm the cost of the annual service.
- **Whiteboard:** The Cubs have asked whether a whiteboard could be installed, as it would be useful for their activities. Possible double use as a projector screen. General support for the idea from

the committee. Would need to review whether to provide pens or expect users to bring their own. Pros and cons to both options. It was suggested that some spares may become available from the St Edburg's School move.

**ACTION:** Matt to investigate costs.

## **5. Langford Life Magazine**

Matt highlighted the importance of sharing with the committee any feedback received on the Langford Life magazine, whether written or verbal.

Dan proposed an idea for future articles: Councillors to write non-political articles about the town and the council's work. Idea supported by the committee.

## **6. Highways/Planning Update**

Four committee members joined the meeting having attended the evening's Town Council meeting.

### Frampton's Akeman Park planning application

Carole reported that Dan had spoken well on our behalf, and that the council had agreed to object to the application on the basis of significant Planning concerns.

The deadline for objections is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. All committee members were encouraged to make their own objections, and encourage the local community to do the same. Dan highlighted the importance of citing specific Planning reasons for objection.

**ACTION:** Richard and Carole to prepare and submit an objection on behalf of the LVCA.

There was criticism of the timing of the planning application (immediately before Christmas), which meant it only came to most people's attention well in to January. Richard recommended that the LVCA should become a Statutory Consultee by applying to Cherwell District Council.

**ACTION:** Carole to investigate how to become a Statutory Consultee.

### Redrow Wates' Wretchwick Green development

Redrow Wates presented a revised scheme that had taken account of many of the comments raised, including:

- Removed houses from the Conservation Target Area
- Reduced and aiming to remove B8 warehousing, replacing with B1/B2 business use (smaller warehousing and business start-ups)

Redrow Wates aiming for planning application at the end of January.

Dan advised that he's still struggling to identify a clear source for the B8 requirement in the Local Plan, having discussed with Planning Officers. Dan has asked Redrow Wates to raise this with the Planning Officers during pre-consultation, and is also escalating this within Bicester Town Council.

Meanwhile, Carole is chasing feedback from various parties on the Wretchwick Green report.

### Wretchwick Way Highway Improvements

Carole awaiting response to proposals from Oxfordshire County Council Highways' lead liaison Lynn Morgan.

## **7. AOB**

Carole asked if the committee could consider altering meeting time and/or day to avoid clashes with her other commitments. It was also pointed out that Monday evenings often clash with Town Council meetings.

**Date of next Meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 8.15pm at the hall**