

Langford Village Community Association Minutes

18th April 2016

Attendees: Mike Oke, Caroline Cadbury, Matt Phillips, Ted Kingston, Bob Rudge, Richard Kingshott, Robert Jackson

Apologies: Cllr Dan Sames, Carole Hetherington, Nick Cotter, Steve Clack,

1. Approval of Minutes & Actions

Minutes approved and endorsed by Mike.

In relation to number of hall users, Matt confirmed that fire regulations do not define a specific maximum. Instead, the capacity should be based on a risk assessment. As the hall has good sight lines and fire exit routes it is considered low risk. It was also felt that the number of attendees at the 2015 AGM (circa 120 people) was a useful guide to the sensible capacity.

2. Treasurer's Update

Bank Balances at end of March 2016:

Account	No. 1	No. 2	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
March 16	1,035.63	6,379.83	0.00	23,655.01	0.00	31,070.47

No unusual activity in the month. At year end we have finished £1,290.71 lower than the previous year. The largest one-off expense was the £1500 for the acoustic panels, which was a significant factor in the reduced balance. Peter Stoddart has agreed to audit the accounts again, this will be undertaken prior to the AGM.

Caroline has confirmed she will not be able to continue as Treasurer beyond July 2016, as she is moving away from the area. The committee expressed its thanks for the excellent job she has done over the past couple of years. All were asked to consider whether they could recommend anyone to take up the role.

Caroline highlighted that, due to recent cancellations of regular bookings, Wednesdays are now largely free. This is to be highlighted on Facebook and the website to encourage interest.

3. Highways and Development – Update

Richard reported on recent events:

London Road Level Crossing

Carole has written to Lisa Michelson (OCC Highways) about the duration of level crossing closure times, suggesting that the time may have been deliberately extended to discourage motorists. Although this suggestion was rejected by Lisa, this issue may warrant further investigation.

General Bicester Development

Carole chasing Maria Curran (Bicester development officer) for a date for the suggested Langford visit and discussion with LVCA. Mike suggested that there may be some value in inviting Maria and/or Karen Curtin to the AGM.

Traffic problems associated with new Tesco

Priority changes at the roundabout closest to the new Tesco have resulted in increased queues back along the A41 towards Rodney House Roundabout. Richard has been investigating current plans in this area.

Improvements to the above roundabout and the Bicester Village entrance appear to be imminent, with a projected start date of April 2016 but completion not until summer 2017. Capacity improvements at Rodney House Roundabout associated with development at Graven Hill are expected to start in June 2016. There is no information about the duration of the scheme, but based on the type of scheme Richard estimates the works would take approximately 9 to 12 months. The combined effect of the two schemes could be significant traffic delays.

It appears BicesterTAG have been vocal in looking to influence the above works. Mike suggested we consider inviting BicesterTAG to present at the AGM.

Wider Highway Developments

Lord Adonis has been briefed to review the feasibility of widening the A34 to 3 lanes between the M4 and the M40, and developing a new trunk road beyond to Milton Keynes. This is related to the development of the so-called 'digital valley' (Harwell – Oxford – Bicester – Milton Keynes – Cambridge).

4. Hall Improvements

- **Doors** – Mike chasing a date for the work to be undertaken.
- **Burglar Alarm** – Service complete. Well done to Bob for arranging this.
- **Paintwork** – Mike chasing a date for the work to be undertaken. Kitchen to be added to the scope, following identification of a damaged area of paintwork.
- **Clock** – Action with Dan ongoing regarding external clock. Bob to replace battery for internal clock.
- **Whiteboard:** Matt has investigated costs of various whiteboard types. Matt to give final choice to Ellie Thompson.
- **Acoustic Panels:** Bob has identified one of the fixings has failed. He has ordered a replacement fixing from the supplier. Bob also facilitated a visit from the local council to view the panels.

5. Langford Life Magazine

Steve is looking for contributions to the next edition, planned for June 2016.

6. AOB

Growth Hub – Visit to the Jericho Trust in Birmingham planned for 28th April.

New bins are planned for Jubilee Lake.

Estate Agent Signs – Mike showed some photos of specific examples. It was agreed to target letters at offending estate agents, using photographs.

Richard tabled an application for contribution to a street party for numbers 1-41 (odd) Shearwater Drive. This was approved by the committee. This initiative is to be communicated on Facebook and the website.

Date of next Meeting – Monday 16th May 2016 at 8.15pm at the hall