

# Langford Village Community Association Minutes

## 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Attendees:** Mike Oke, Carole Hetherington, Matt Phillips, Ted Kingston, Bob Rudge, Richard Kingshott, Robert Jackson, Cllr Dan Sames, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr David Anderson, Steve Clack, Rich Ponsford

**Apologies:** Caroline Cadbury, John Broad

### 1. Approval of Minutes & Actions

Minutes approved and endorsed by Mike.

### 2. Treasurer's Update

Bank Balances at end of April 2016:

Account	No. 1	No. 2	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
April 16	1,035.50	5,353.03	0.00	23,645.20	0.00	30,033.73

The numbers for April showed a loss of £1,026.80, but £1200 was banked just before the committee meeting so it is expected to balance out at the end of May.

Significant costs in the month were due to a number of one off payments, the largest to Curtis and Carder for work on the boiler much earlier in the year for £523.05, and another £180 was paid for the alarm service. The remainder of expenses were not out of the ordinary.

### 3. Community Association Grants

Mike highlighted that he intended to apply for a £750 grant to cover Langford Life, as in previous years.

### 4. Highways and Development – Update

Carole reported on recent events:

#### London Road Level Crossing

Carole has made contact with a Mr Charles Hurst from East-West Rail, highlighting the long duration of barrier down times at the level crossing. Mr Hurst advised that Network Rail monitoring of the level crossing during April had found that down time was typically 3½ minutes, with the longest measured at 7 minutes. Down time is governed by automated trigger points further down the track. Anecdotally, Carole believes the duration of barrier closures had improved since her contact with Mr Hurst. Well done to Carole for pushing this.

Nick reported that he understands that if East-West Rail is lobbied hard enough, they may have to investigate giving train drivers control over the barriers, potentially reducing down time.

#### General Bicester Development

Meeting with Maria Curran (Bicester development officer) and Gill Munday (Bicester Engagement and Liaison Officer) planned for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Akeman Park

dbsymmetry have made a revised submission, but details do not yet appear to be online.

### Traffic problems associated with new Tesco

Carole has been in touch with OCC Highways about the removal of the filter lane at the Tesco roundabout. It was confirmed that works to convert it into a hamburger roundabout are due to start in late May. Rodney House roundabout work to begin in June.

Mike queried if it is possible for the Akeman Park planning decision to be deferred until after the Tesco roundabout and Rodney House roundabout works are completed, avoiding the addition of construction traffic to the likely congestion. **ACTION:** Nick to take this to the Council.

## 5. Hall Improvements

- **Doors** – Bob liaising with Langford Locks.
- **Paintwork** – Mickey lined up to do the work. Would prefer to carry it out in August when the hall tends to be quieter.
- **Clock** – External clock has been fixed, paid by the Town Council. Ongoing maintenance to continue to be funded by the council. Thanks to Dan and the Council. Bob has replaced the internal clock.
- **Whiteboard:** Ellie Thompson has been contacted for final choice. Awaiting response.
- **Damaged Fence Footing:** Bob chasing for a quote.

## 6. Langford Life Magazine

Space allocated, filling in details of the articles. Publishing date put back to July 2016.

## 7. AOB

Mike proposed that the website and social media presence of the LVCA should be enhanced:

- Website re-design – **ACTION:** Rich to sketch out some ideas and indicative cost, for review by committee.
- More frequent website/social media communications – Matt advised that he's happy to post more updates, but would need more frequent information on current events, rather than waiting for each committee meeting to get an update.
- More information about the committee members – **ACTION:** Langford Life sub-committee to draft content for review.
- Information about our councillors – Would need to be non-political.

Managing call-outs to the hall:

- Bob, Rich, Matt happy to be named for regular hours.
- **ACTION:** Mike investigating payment of a non-committee member for overnight call-outs.
- **ACTION:** Bob to provide training/how-to guide on common hall issues.

Coffee shop: Planning approved. Construction anticipated soon.

Business Hub: Robert, Richard and Mike visited the Jericho Trust and gained a valuable insight in to the type of operation. Meeting to be set up with potential investor.

Mallards Way Parking:

- Double yellow lines due to be painted soon.
- If that doesn't work, Council is considering bollards to prevent parking on grass verge.
- If parking problem continues, Chief Officer has been asked to liaise with local businesses to find a collaborative solution.

Treasurer: All encouraged to consider putting themselves or others forward for the role.

AGM & committee roles:

- Provisional date: 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- Mike planning to invite Krystian Groom from the Wretchwick Green development to present to the AGM.
- Mike encouraged others to consider the Chairman role, but advised that he is willing to continue in the role for one more year.

**Date of next Meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 8.15pm at the hall**