

Langford Village Community Association Minutes

20th June 2016

Attendees: Mike Oke, Matt Phillips, Caroline Cadbury, Ted Kingston, Bob Rudge, Richard Kingshott, Robert Jackson, Cllr Dan Sames, Jean Coker

Apologies: Carole Hetherington, Steve Clack, Cllr David Anderson, John Broad

1. Approval of Minutes & Actions

Minutes approved and endorsed by Mike.

2. Treasurer's Update

Bank Balances at end of May 2016:

Account	No. 1	No. 2	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
May 16	1,035.63	6,440.53	0.00	23,655.92	0.00	31,132.08

May was a much better month for the hall accounts, profit was £1,087.50. The regular income includes the toddlers' late payment for Jan to March. The use of the hall as a polling station brings in a healthy sum and is being used again on the 23rd June.

Costs include reimbursement to Jado Chi, who paid upfront and then cancelled their classes.

Peter Stoddart has been contacted in the hope that he will audit last year's accounts ready for the AGM.

Jean Coker was introduced to the committee as the new Treasurer. Caroline was thanked for her excellent work for the LVCA.

3. Highways and Development – Update

Richard reported on recent events:

Symmetry Park Warehousing

Carole and Richard prepared and submitted an LVCA objection to the proposed warehouses at Symmetry Park. This was sent directly to Linda Griffiths at CDC. They also prepared an individual objection sheet for residents, Committee members and local Councillors to submit to the CDC Planning Website. The Planning Application reference is **16/00861/HYBRID**.

Related to this the Cherwell DC Planning Committee rejected the Planning Application made by Albion Land Ltd for 53,000 square metres of industrial park, 50,000 square metres of which was warehousing. The proposed development was off Howes Lane and Framptons were the Planning Consultants. This potentially places more pressure on Framptons to succeed in getting Planning Permission for the warehousing off the A41 at Symmetry Park.

Richard underlined the importance for LVCA to direct lobby and write to all the District Councillors on the Planning Committee before Symmetry Park is formally considered by them.

Oxford Road Retail Units

A letter was prepared and sent to the Inspector in support of the Public Enquiry challenge in relation to new shops and restaurants off the A41 Oxford Road. The Public Enquiry reference was **APP/C3105/W15/3137608**.

Wayfinding Project

On 15th June, Richard met two officers from Cherwell District Council regarding their Wayfinding Project which promotes sustainable transport (walking and cycling) within Bicester. Their names were Gabi Kaiser and Lewis Bankes-Hughes from the Eco Bicester Project Team.

During the meeting Richard tried to emphasise the importance of joined up thinking for the proposed wayfinding and properly signing all the existing shared use spaces. This is important not only for legal reasons but educational reasons for children and adults alike. He also encouraged future proofing and consideration of the Wretchwick Green development.

Matt suggested that Rich might want to get involved in this project, given his previous interest in the availability of local cycle routes.

4. Hall Improvements

- **Door Locks** – Mike proposed to put these on hold, and review if there are any further issues.
- **Paintwork** – Likely to be painted in August.
- **Whiteboard** – Ellie Thompson has been contacted for final choice. Matt to chase.
- **Damaged Fence Footing** – Bob reported that the fence stability has been improved by the school's adjacent work.
- **Hall Call-outs** – Format of information sheet agreed. Mike to speak to Paul Connor about out-of-hours call-outs.

5. Langford Life Magazine

Highways and Development articles being developed between Carole, Richard and Steve. Publishing date may go back to September. Review whether it's possible to release the magazine before the AGM.

6. AGM

Discussions/ideas for the agenda and timing of the AGM:

- Consider reducing the Highways aspects, as these have featured strongly in recent years.
- Report on local Developments, and the LVCA's involvement.
- Report on Shearwater Street Party.
- Presentation on the coffee shop proposal.
- New proposed date: 19th September.

7. AOB

Matt asked Richard to provide a short report on the Shearwater Street Party, to share on social media.

Richard asked the Committee to consider providing yellow jackets for Highways/Development site visits. Richard also proposed that the Committee should have business cards and headed paper.

Date of next Meeting – Monday 18th July 2016 at 8.15pm at the hall