

# Langford Village Community Association Minutes

## 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016

**Attendees:** Mike Oke, Matt Phillips, Bob Rudge, Richard Kingshott, Carole Hetherington, Bryony Groves, Tim Moore, Andrew Smith, Jean Coker, Robert Jackson, Cllr Dan Sames, John Broad

**Apologies:** Ted Kingston, Trevor Rowe, Jackie Rowe, Rob Swan, Rich Ponsford

### 1. Approval of October Minutes

Proposed by Jean. Seconded by Bob.

### 2. Agreement of 2016 AGM Minutes

Proposed by Bob. Seconded by Richard. John highlighted that approval of the minutes should take place at the next AGM.

### 3. Treasurer's Update

Bank Balances at end of October 2016:

Account	No. 1	No. 2	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Total
<b>October 16</b>	<b>1,785.50</b>	<b>5,471.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23,660.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30,917.78</b>

The only activity during the month was on the hall account where there was an increase from £5083.16 at the end of September to £5471.38 at the end of October. There was only one regular user whose invoice was overdue at that point but with a gentle nudge that money came in during the first week of November.

Rugby Tots have not had much interest for the proposed Saturday morning slot, so this booking is not required immediately. Meanwhile, there has been a request for regular 1-hour Saturday and Sunday morning slots (0930-1030) for Ju Jitsu classes. It was agreed that the Saturday slot could not be held indefinitely for Rugby Tots, so Jean will confirm availability for Ju Jitsu. It was noted that the new user needs to provide their own equipment and not use the existing crash mats.

There has been a further request for 2 days a week 0900-1700, but it was agreed this is not possible.

Following discussion of utility bills at the mast meeting, Bob has adjusted the thermostat controls to more closely align with the hall bookings. Bob was thanked for his continued hard work with such matters.

### 4. Tripping Incident – Boundaries of Responsibility – Insurance

Mike described the information available in relation to a hall user tripping on the path outside the hall. Mike and Bob have met the lady in question. Although she doesn't intend to take the issue any further herself, she is concerned that something is done to prevent a repeat. This incident has raised two key issues:

- a. Responsibility for maintenance of the path at the front of the hall – Mike has made initial enquiries about the terms of the lease with Cherwell District Council, and will continue to chase this. John was asked to assist with this.

- b. Appropriateness of existing insurance policies – Coincidentally, Jean had already been reviewing existing policies. The existing policy is with Royal Sun Alliance, arranged through a broker (Lovatts of Banbury). Discussing the incident with them, they confirmed that any claim made in relation to the incident would not be covered by the policy because the incident was outside the property. Jean is considering switching insurers at the time of renewal (mid-December) to benefit from reduced premiums, but there is concern that this might present a problem if a subsequent claim were to be made. Jean to investigate what would happen in this situation, as well as obtaining an alternative quote, and report back to the committee before deciding whether to switch.

Further to this, it was asked whether committee members are insured. Jean to review this.

## **5. Highways and Development – Update**

Carole and Richard reported back on their meeting with Oxfordshire County Council on November 8<sup>th</sup>, specifically those items raised at AGM:

- Request for pollution figures in relation to Wretchwick Way – No background pollution figures available.
- Raising concerns about the state of Gavray Drive – OCC will review the state of the road and discuss repairs with Network Rail.

Carole has separately been ringing round to try to obtain a definitive footpath map of the area, but with limited success. Bryony is also continuing to investigate. Dan was asked if Cherwell District Council could assist.

## **6. Review of Initiatives**

See table at the end of these minutes for a summary.

## **7. AOB**

John reported on the current situation with respect to Gavray Meadows. The private appeal against the Planning decision has been lost. The CPRE and local residents are now exploring other avenues.

John was asked to summarise work that can be done in terms of objections to the Local Plan.

The Langford Orchard committee is requesting the orchard is designated as a Local Green Space.

Rich has highlighted the poor state that Thames Water have left the site of work done near Avocet Way. Dan was asked whether Cherwell District Council can apply some pressure on Thames Water to get this reinstated properly.

Dan was asked whether he could put together a list of key contacts at the local councils. This would assist future communications with the councils.

**Date of next Meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.15pm at the hall**