



Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the AGM - Monday 3rd October 2022

7.30pm - Langford Village Community Centre

Attendees	Carole Hetherington (Chair), Noel Hetherington (Treasurer), Chris A'Court, Sandra Davies, Lis Penhearow, Dawn Clarke, Donny Clarke Apologies: Elaine Whittaker, Councillor Chris Pruden Number of attendees : 64
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Agenda Item and Actions	Owner
Approval of Minutes AGM October 2021: Sanctioned by attendees of virtual meeting and committee. Matters arising: None	
Welcome and Chairman's report: The chairman welcomed the residents of Langford to the meeting. The hall is extremely popular, and we are currently the top-rated hall in Bicester at 4.7 on google reviews. The chairman wished to thank Sandra Davies for all her dedication and hard work as Hall booking secretary as we are booking well into next year already Improvements update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New double glazing throughout• New external doors• New guttering and soffits• The most significant is the sign outside• Several other small improvements were also completed	

Since the last meeting we have a Caretaker Simon Thompson in place who carries out several tasks related to smooth running of the hall. We have brought PAT Testing in house and we have offered free PAT testing for the equipment they use in the hall to our regular user groups

Carole & Sandra worked alongside Fltr coffee earlier this year on 2 sessions called "are you new to Langford" which were very successful. This made us look at our offer at the hall and realise we did not offer much for more mature people on Langford, so decided to introduce some classes for our more mature residents.

- Seated Yoga
- Art for Beginners
- Wine tasting
- Weekly social afternoon

We have been fortunate in gaining a grant from CDC to help with the introduction and running of these classes. The classes have been very successful, we have now introduced a second seated yoga class.

Chris A'Court has done a fantastic job with our website and social media pages over the last 4 years. He is now standing down from the committee and Chairman added her personal thanks to Chris for four years of fantastic service from all the committee. Chris has offered to continue with the website and social media work until a suitable replacement can be found.

As a committee over the last year, we have been involved in representing Langford village with many local issues:

- 5G mast siting
- Gavray Drive application
- Gavray Meadows
- London Road crossing
- Bus service for Langford
- Bus shelters for Langford
- No cycling signs along the path adjacent to the railway
- The state of the paths around Jubilee Lake with Thames Water

The plans for the next 12 months:

- Further Hall Improvements
- Continued involvement with the above
- Interactive Speed Awareness signs
- Protection for Langford Park and official rename
- Outdoor gym

<p>The chairman wished to thank the committee for all their support throughout the last year, and also to thank Howard Patten and Richard Ponsford who still help us, although no longer on the committee.</p> <p>The committee is always looking for new members and if you are interested, please get in touch with the chairman or any of the committee.</p>	
<p>Annual Report – Treasurer</p> <p>The Treasurer thanked Vicki Preston for independently examining and verifying the accounts. Copies of the detailed report were made available to the audience, and will be published on the website along with the minutes of the meeting. A summary slide was presented and explained by the Treasurer.</p> <p>In summary, despite spending £28,588 on Hall Improvements last year, we reported an overall deficit of only £(8,643), which still leaves us with reserves of £31,404.</p> <p>The Treasurer went on to explain that our policy is to hold reserves up to the value of 1 year’s normal operating expense, which for the 2022-23 financial year is budgeted at £21,000. The committee have therefore agreed to release up to £10,000 of reserves for further Hall improvements during this year.</p>	
<p>Election of LVCA Committee:</p> <p>Chairperson: Carole Hetherington Treasurer - Noel Hetherington Secretary - Christine Fisher User Group member – Elaine Whittaker Booking administrator - Sandra Davies Committee member – Lis Penhearow Social group co-ordinator - Dawn Clarke Committee member - Donny Clarke</p> <p>No objections unanimously voted. The attendees wished to thank all the committee for their hard work.</p>	

<p>Gavray Meadows – Community Interest Company (CIC) – Richard Ponsford</p> <p>Gavray Meadow Community Interest Company is being formed to look after and maintain and protect Gavray Meadows as a wildlife site. The legal processes are going through currently. It is an amazing site and if you are interested in wildlife and protecting green spaces then the CIC would love you to join them.</p>	
<p>Withdrawal of Langford Village’s bus service – Cllr Calum Miller</p> <p>Cllr Miller Explained the reasons with the aid of slides, which will be attached to the minutes on the website. (Click here to view)</p> <p>Questions and facts from the attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi cost £7 from Langford into town • Red Rose service was unreliable • Is there an option to work with the new businesses in the warehouses around Langford producing electric vehicles to help us with a bus option? • Car share scheme - could this be an option? • Langford deserves a bus service – a good service, Langford is the only estate in Bicester with no bus service • Any bus route needs to cover town and the current surgeries and the new proposed surgery at Graven Hill • What about Re-routing the Graven Hill or Ambrosden services to Langford <p>Cllr Calum Miller is happy to work with residents to help develop the options and has gone away to discuss options going forward.</p>	
<p>London Road Crossing Update - Chairperson</p> <p>7 years ago we were here with the largest crowd ever to discuss the level crossing and here we are 7 years later still discussing the need to keep London Road open to vehicles.</p> <p>Update from Cllr Calum Miller said he had met with the new CEO of East/West rail and they were going to come up with designs and costings for the different options. Suggestion from audience that they are willing to be updated on email and give their backing to any support required.</p>	
<p>Surgery Relocation update - Chris A’Court</p> <p>Work should have started in April 2022 but had been delayed due to various issues with the different parties involved. If the sign-off takes place this month, the build is likely to be completed by summer of 2024.</p>	

AOB:

Speed Restrictions:

LVCA are trying to get speed awareness monitors, for Peregrine Way and are resisting any attempt to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph. We feel that these will be more effective, as there is no one to police 20 mph and those who drive faster than 30 mph now will take no notice of a 20 mph.

Mallards Way mid crossing - there is an issue with people crossing without looking.

Mallards Way was designed to be 20 mph and designated a home zone. Lots of areas around Bicester will become 20 mph and Cllr Cotter is in favour of 20 mph for Peregrine Way, LVCA disagree.

There was a suggestion to have a brief summary of the meeting sent to the Bicester Advertiser.

The area around Langford Village needs care as the standard of paths, hedges, grass etc has really gone downhill and needs addressing by the councilors' present at the meeting and taking back to BTC about the concerns raised from the audience. Some areas are difficult to walk through as so overgrown, and also concerns about safety.

It was noted that some of the hedges are the responsibility of the developers.

Meeting ended at 21:40