



Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023

8pm – Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Carole Hetherington (chairing), Sandra Davies, Noel Hetherington, Elaine Whittaker, Amit Sage Laurence Gray - observer
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Agenda Item and Actions	Owner
Apologies: James Finlay	
Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair welcomed Laurence Gray, a resident in New Langford who is interested in joining the committee to work on issues around Langford and London Road Crossing 	
Approval of Minutes May 2023: Approved – Chair to sign Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen Roller Shutter all now completed, including smoke detector with instructions in case of smoke/ fire attached to the wall where the fire shutter controls are. All regular group leaders have been notified Gents and access toilet plans have been circulated and amendment to 2 x adult sinks agreed Chair has not received any response from CDC or Tessa Hall Acre regarding any funding for loft insulation. This maybe something Amit could look for funding for Speakers and second microphone ordered from the funds from the co-op. still not arrived now with a 25 week delay. Alternative supplier with quick turn around found – Bose speaker compatible with hearing loop. Committee agreed additional cost £579 vs £430 Not heard anything recently regarding the Friday bus service, Chairman has contacted Calum Miller our County Councillor for an update 	Chair Amit
Hall Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary repair done on mat by garden door. Chair to source new binding Sticking back door resolved Wires from screen all tied and neat around new projector screen 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After concerns about birds in loft, investigation has shown no birds there 	
<p>Treasurer’s Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The YTD Normal Operating performance is a surplus of £1.4k, which is £0.2k better than budget. Currently forecasting the rest of the year being in line with budget, giving us a full year surplus of £2.6k. However, fuel prices are coming down, so hope to be able to reflect this in the next forecast. • We have received £25,829 in grants towards Hall Improvements so far this year, including £10,000 from CDC, when we were only promised £5,000. • Treasurer has developed a new report, which shows the Source and Application of Funds, so committee can keep track of the balance of funds for each of our Hall Improvement projects. 	
<p>Grant Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amit attended seminar organised by ACRE – useful tips on sources of funding and how to make a good bid. Resources to be shared with committee 	
<p>Bookings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookings are still going well and we may accept a few at end of term as the hall will be closed for August. • All are leaving Hall very clean and tidy. All deposits refunded. Everyone complimentary about the facilities. 	Sandra
<p>Communication and Marketing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EWR announcement following the 2021 public consultation was made on 26 May. LVCA was first to publish the key information on a website article and facebook posts. Figures show that over 8k have viewed the facebook post that linked to our information. The Chairman’s interview for BBC can be viewed from within the website post. Advance notice has also been published on the public event to meet EWR at JPII Centre on 12 July. • The application to build a new 5G mast has returned, as an appeal is being made to the Planning Inspectorate. We have covered this development on both website and facebook pages. A share to the non-LVCA Langford Community page has brought most comments. • 	
<p>Hall Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates for refurbishment of gents and access toilet are from Monday 24th July until Friday 1st September, with the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of September kept quiet in case of overrun. • Sandra will advise Radislav of all cleaning needs • Chairman has been approached regarding Section 106 money and a bid has been submitted for us to receive funding for an extension to the hall. This would be to create a second smaller room which we could hire out. • Projector screen installation is now completed and can be used; however, this has not been announced to the regular groups. It seems sensible to write out once we have speakers and second microphone installed and ready to use. These items will only be available on request and not freely available to all. 	Sandra Chair

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shed now tidied and looking much better. There are still 14 x 6ft long florescent tubes that we no longer need. Chair suggested we try to donate them rather than scrapping – ask Chris to put on Facebook • We had a consultant working on behalf of CDC Stuart Parkhurst visit the hall to complete an energy audit with a view to preparing an energy certificate for the hall for CDC. CDC are looking at all their buildings as they have a target to be A rated by 2030, this could possibly mean air sourced heat pumps for the hall. I am sure we will hear more about this once the exercise is completed • Amit to research funding for loft insulation 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Amit</p>
<p>Senior Residents Courses:</p> <p>Art Class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to hold a water colour basics for the regulars and for a taster for new people in July before the hall closes. Classes to resume again in September – promote via Facebook to increase numbers <p>Social group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be renamed as the Thursday circle. Had one lean week with only 6 attendees during half term, but a very good turn out the following week. Everyone would like to continue over the summer meeting at the Nightingale. Lots of interest in the family history sessions and there is a volunteer for a quiz setting afternoon. No speakers during August due to the hall closure <p>Wine Tasting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent evening with 14 participants. Think there was something for everyone 	<p>Sandra</p>
<p>Community and Locality issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Service – no further information – Chair ascertaining what is happening • Money now received and the VAS unit and equipment is now on order, likely to be installed during July – Laurence and Carole to test before it is sited on the road • Carole was interviewed again by BBC South this time regarding London Road Crossing along with Calum Miller. Carole also was interviewed on Radio Oxford regarding London Road Crossing recently and has been in dialogue with MP Victoria Prentis. There is another Consultation/Information session at JP2 Centre on 12 July 14.00-18.00 • Chairman now has a very basic draft of a welcome to Langford leaflet, which now needs input from Fltr. Prior to that Carole will send to the committee for input/ comment • Fltr running a Get to Know your Neighbour session 28 June 19.00 • Chairman has recently had a meeting with Phil Evans Town Clerk regarding Langford Park. There are to be 2 x archways installed, plus nature boards showing what might be found in Langford Park e. g. Muntjac Deer. The name is to be officially Langford Park which will match with the signage around Langford. There will be a board to which I /we have been invited to write a section about Langford and Carole will send out a draft for comment asap • Laurence also to follow up with Paulo Canning re Mallards Way entrance 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Laurence</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also discussed the new replacement play area in Langford Park, which now has all the new equipment installed and looks very good. There are some finishing touches required, a new picnic bench, the ground levelling off around the equipment area, the entrance sign needs repainting. Once this is all complete the intention is that we will make a feature on our website and FB regarding the improvements we have influenced. • The outdoor gym has been signed off however not the money – hopefully that will be rectified at the next meeting • Chairman has written to Sarah Bentley Chief Executive Thames Water regarding Jubilee Lake and the 2.5 years of delays and excuses as to why Thames Water have not repaired /replaced the footpaths. Phil Evans also informed me that TW have come back and are looking at doing some work, if BTC will take on the lease. TW doing a site survey 23/6 – Carole will be in attendance • Chairman did raise the subject of the tree issues that James has been pursuing. It appears they mainly belong to CDC and BTC are having issues with them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 residents tree related reports (4 Shearwater and 1 in Redwing). Mixture of Satellite Comm. and light blockage issues, but of more concern property and ground damage by root incursion from trees on Wretchwick and Gavray. Suspect more properties affected. ○ As last month, still No feedback from BTC’s Phil Evans, who E Mailed Paul Canning for Arborologist report results for Gavray and Wretchwick. • The 5G mast is going to appeal, chairman has been notified and will write on behalf of LVCA. We need to encourage everyone to write individually to the appeal, Chris is adding information to our fb page. Just as a reminder are not against the mast, however it’s the siting that is the issue • No updates on Emergency Plan • No updates on garden area at Rodney House entrance to Langford Village 	
<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LVCA email boxes – near storage capacity limit on some of the dedicated LVCA email inboxes which were set up around 3 years ago. We can delete emails not required and reassess storage. Chris will supply more details later this month when the annual website hosting fee becomes due for payment. • Had been due to change broadband supplier, but Treasurer to review due to service issues with potential new supplier • Committee to suggest ideas for speakers/topics for AGM – suggestions already made include GP surgery, EW Rail, Bus service, CIC Gavray • Laurence Gray to join committee – unanimously approved 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Treasurer</p>

2023 Committee Meetings (all 8pm via Zoom):

Mon 17 Jul Mon 21 Aug Mon 18 Sept
 Mon 16 Oct Mon 20 Nov No meeting December
 AGM: 7.30pm Tuesday 17 October