



Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023

8pm – Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Carole Hetherington (chairing), Sandra Davies, Noel Hetherington, Elaine Whittaker, James Finlay, Amit Sage, Laurence Gray Simon Thompson – to give report
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Agenda Item and Actions	Owner
Apologies: None	
Approval of Minutes June 2023: Approved – Chair to sign	
Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandra has notified Radoslav (Cleaner) of the cleaning needs during July / August while the toilet alterations are taking place• The second microphone is being installed and will be set up with the new speaker 19/7. We will launch it officially to all regular user groups from September. Thursday Circle will pilot with support from Noel & Harry. Photo required for Co-Op grant conclusion• The Friday bus service has been extended to October•	
Hall Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAT testing due – Simon booking testing device• Brown bin hasn't been emptied on several occasions – Carole to follow up• Access toilet out of order due to cistern problem – whole facility being updated during July/August• Edging of mat by garden door repaired• Simon to check alarms on garden and fire exit doors and to consider removing legacy wiring	Carole Simon

<p>Treasurer's Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problems Treasurer had balancing last year's accounts, which consequently impacted this year's reporting, have now been resolved, thanks largely to help from Harry, Sandra's husband. Treasurer would therefore like to record gratitude to Harry and can now send the 2022-23 files for independent examination. • The finances for 2023-24 continue to look healthy, with a current forecast for a full-year surplus of £4.4k on Operating Costs, which is £2.0k better than budget. • We have a projected spend of £31.3k on Hall Improvements, which is offset by £25.8k in grants already received. This means we should only need to spend around £5.5k of the £10k we allocated from our reserves, because of the projected Operating surplus. • Therefore Treasurer is forecasting an overall deficit of £(1.1)k, which is £6.5k better than budget. • Only caveat to add is that there is no provision in these figures for any over-run on the Toilet Refurb costs. 	
<p>Bookings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully booked for September with good level of bookings for rest of year. Feedback still very positive 	
<p>Communication and Marketing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection deadline for 5G mast siting. Reminders and advice were published on web and socials ahead of 11th July. This included how to email the Planning Inspectorate. • A reminder e-newsletter was created and sent to all LVCA subscribers. This featured a reminder on the 5G deadline, EWR event at JPII Centre on 12th July and a Save the Date for the LVCA AGM on October 17th. • New MP will represent our area after the next election. It's likely this will be Rupert Harrison who has been selected as Conservative candidate to stand in the new constituency of Bicester and Woodstock. Victoria Prentis will stand to represent Banbury constituency. 	
<p>Hall Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have had a visit from a solar power company on behalf of CDC to look at the feasibility of solar panels for the roof. This was looked at by a previous committee and the red tape from CDC at the time was such a mine field it was dropped by that committee. • Toilets refurbishment/ alterations (Gents/ Access toilet) due to commence Monday 24th July • Quote to cut back the maple tree in the garden has come in at £450 - has not been done for 3 years. It is more expensive due to the number of branches; this is not normally a tree you cut back. However, as its branches overhang the school prefab buildings and touch the roof, it seems appropriate to keep 	

<p>the tree under control and not face an insurance claim for any damage caused.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>Senior Residents Courses: Art Class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion required to increase numbers <p>Thursday Circle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will continue to meet during summer at Nightingale whilst toilets in Hall being refurbished <p>Seated Yoga:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going well and plan to continue during summer <p>Wine Tasting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Port Tasting booked for 28/10 	
<p>Community and Locality issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VAS Unit has arrived along with the poles. Now waiting on OCC highways team to fit the sockets along Peregrine Way. Hopefully up and running fairly soon after the sockets have been installed. Laurence has kindly offered to get the VAS unit up and working. 5 G Mast appeal deadline was Tuesday 11th July. Chairman wrote an objection to the siting, and a resident of Osprey Close organised a petition of people living in the vicinity of the proposed site and everyone except one person signed. We have heard of several individuals submitting objections. We can only hope we have done enough. The East West Rail Exhibition was held last Wednesday 11th July at the JP centre. There were no more answers or proposal. Carole challenged one of the Programme Managers to show the evidence behind the decision not to build a bridge over London Road. Nothing was available, and he wasn't sure what could/couldn't be shared publicly! An EWR Chartered Engineer joined us and we spoke about a curved bridge at London Road over the car parks and he agreed to go away and look at this. In addition, Chairman has discussed with Calum Miller possibility of reducing London Road speed to 20mph from the roundabout plus a weight restriction to 7.5 tons. He said this would be viewed favourably and would mean any bridge design would be easier. Chairman is also attempting to be included in the stakeholder meetings, as LVCA is a major stakeholder. Draft of Welcome to Langford booklet completed. Committee to give feedback by 21/7. Text required from FLTR plus a Langford map. The written section for the new board to be installed in Langford Park has been submitted. Receipt has been acknowledged, however no further communication. Thank you to all who commented /contributed. Chairman hasn't heard any more about the finishing touches to the play area in Langford Park. A follow up email has been sent to Phil Evans as it will be lovely to feature this on our website and fb page. The visit by Thames Water to review the state of Jubilee Lake happened with 18 areas marked up for repair. Unfortunately, the specialist didn't contact Carole and didn't look at the paths that lead to the lake which belong to TW. 	<p>Laurence</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>

<p>Chairman notified and subsequently submitted to Thames Water photos of the poor state of the paths leading to Jubilee Lake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The reply received is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “photos have been sent to our Area Coordinator and Estates Manager for further review, while highlighting your concerns regarding access for wheelchair users and prams. At this present time, I’m awaiting a decision from them on the next steps to be taken. Chairman due to receive an update on 19th July” ● Garden area in front of Langford Village sign at Rodney House roundabout – no update at present ● Public right of way which crossed Wrethwick way near Tythe Barn could benefit from a pedestrian crossing as road is busy with fast traffic (Section 106 monies?) ● No further information regarding: ● Friday bus service funded to/extended to end October ● Issues reported with barrier at rail crossing opening and then within a very short period of time (30secs) closing again not giving time for those with mobility issue or pushing buggies/prams to cross safely – reported to Network Rail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outdoor Gym ○ Emergency Plan ○ Hedges & Trees 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agenda for AGM discussed 	<p>Chair</p>

2023 Committee Meetings (all 8pm via Zoom)
Mon 21 Aug Mon 18 Sept
Mon 16 Oct Mon 20 Nov No meeting December
AGM: 7.30pm Tuesday 17 October