



## Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21 July 2025

8pm – Virtual Meeting

<b>Attendees</b>	Carole Hetherington (chairing), Noel Hetherington, Elaine Whittaker, Lorna Nichol, Dan Price
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<b>Agenda Item and Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>
<b>Apologies:</b> Sandra Davies, Jim Finlay	
<b>Approval of Minutes 16 June 2025:</b> Approved – Chair to sign  <b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carole has followed up again regarding the 20mph for Langford. No response as of yet</li><li>• All other matters arising are contained below in the notes</li><li>• Carole has now written to all regular user group leaders asking for someone to join the committee.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Committee members asked for suggestions – we will need a secretary from October</li></ul></li></ul>	Chair
<b>Treasurer's Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Q1 Finance Report shows a YTD Normal Operating surplus of £2.3k, which is £1.6k better than budget. This is despite having to unexpectedly pay £756 to repair the external drain. The full year forecast is for a £1.6k surplus.</li><li>• For Special Projects we have received £22.7k in grants so far this year. The Kitchen Refurb, Loft Insulation and the Heat-Save system are expected to cost us £30.7k, thus showing an £(8.0)k deficit for the year.</li><li>• We are comfortably able to afford this because, on the balance sheet, we've brought forward from last year £5.5k in grants received specifically for those projects, plus £6k of retained reserves for unspecified Project spend.</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> quote received for kitchen – was cheaper, but assumed re-use of unit carcasses which are not in good condition – so with this taken into consideration, original quote still represents good value and quality and we will progress with this supplier</li></ul>	
<b>Bookings:</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One afternoon regular user not renewing</li> <li>• A few weekend slots available (for casual bookers)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Senior Residents Courses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seated Yoga, Art and Thursday Circle all continuing to run smoothly</li> </ul> <p><b>LVCA Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wine tasting planned for 9 August</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Hall Maintenance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have not been any reported drain blockages - Simon has been checking – so far looks as if the second fix is working</li> <li>• While the hall is closed in August, Simon will take the opportunity to do any bits of painting and maintenance</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Communication and Marketing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities across social media channels and website to give notification/encouragement to join the London Road march</li> <li>• Email constructed and sent to all LVCA subscribers (currently around 360) to notify and ask them to join the London Road march</li> <li>• Images and Chairman's thank you message on the march well received on facebook</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Hall Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchen replacement booked for 11<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> August with the hall closed during this period. We now have 3 samples 2 x grey and white to decide from. Carole and Noel are taking them to the hall tomorrow to see in situ to make a decision. Photos will be sent to committee before Carole places the actual order.</li> <li>• Heatsave installation is booked to take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>• Loft insulation to be completed at the same time as the kitchen</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have been granted £700 from CDC towards the Heatsave system, £200 more than originally planned for. We now have a total of £1825 in grants towards the total cost of £3,600.</li> <li>• Carole asked for assistance with the upgrading of the white goods to more efficient ones. We have been granted £1200 which covers the increase, although this is not yet reflected in the Treasurer's figures.</li> </ul>	Chair
<p><b>Local Community:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above, no further response from OCC regarding 20mph scheme</li> <li>• Chair has received some information regarding the Active Travel scheme; this will be forwarded to the committee. We need to agree a response if required. John Broad (CDC) has been invited to join the BTAG</li> <li>• London Road, it has been devastating to hear via Calum Miller MP that the option of just a pedestrian bridge with a lift has been put back on the table by</li> </ul>	

<p>EWR. In response to this a protest march was organised from Calum's office for last Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Approx 200 people attended including several people in wheelchairs, bikes with carts, people disabled using walking sticks. It was a good success, disappointing press coverage though. Lots of people from Langford attended and thanks to the committee members who attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street Lighting - Closing date for new consultation was 6th July. Lorna has responded on behalf of LVCA stating we are against the proposals. Scheme should only be considered where town or parish council request it, and BTC voted against scheme.</li> <li>• Rodney House Roundabout – there has been action to take away all the broken and dangerous bent railings plus the orange barriers. No replacements have appeared, I understand from Graven Hill Residents Association, bollards are going to be installed. One must wonder if there is something wrong with the roundabout to get so many accidents damaging a large proportion of the barriers. Chair is working with Graven Hill on this; Cllr Andrew Gant may be visiting soon.</li> <li>• At long last the red Corsa has been removed from outside the hall, Chair has contacted Andy Ng with thanks</li> </ul>	
<p><b>AGM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Booked for Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, so we need to pull together an agenda, that is interesting for the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bicester Town council – what are they focusing on, things going on for Langford</li> <li>○ Market square and Sheep Street update</li> <li>○ Police update</li> <li>○ Alchester- a new practice manager if one has been appointed, to update us on all things medical practice</li> <li>○ London Road – not sure if there will be any updates by then</li> <li>○ VAS report</li> <li>○ OCC Highways update – Bicester area plans</li> <li>○ County Council re organisation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Chair
<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email inboxes - Treasurer and Chair almost at capacity – need to urgently weed/file or the inboxes will cease to work</li> <li>• Committee members to share phone numbers with each other (if all happy to do so)</li> </ul>	

Meeting Dates for 2025:            18 Aug                      22 Sept                      20 Oct                      17 Nov

AGM 2025:                              8 Oct