



## Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 February, 2026

8pm – Virtual Meeting

<b>Attendees</b>	Carole Hetherington (chairing), Noel Hetherington, Jane Ayris, Sandra Davies (acting Secretary)
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<b>Agenda Item and Actions</b>	<b>Owner</b>
<b>Apologies:</b> Dan Price, Jim Finlay	
<b>Approval of Minutes 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026:</b> Approved – Chair to sign	Chair
<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loft Insulation now completed in the main hall, still waiting for the entrance hall loft to be completed.</li></ul>	
<b>Treasurer's Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No financial report this month.</li><li>There will be small costs for ceiling socket and repairs to front door</li><li>Donate a Pound campaign is using our LVCA Hall Development bank account to collect the donated money. It is easily identifiable, as we don't use this account very often.</li><li>We now have a debit card on the account at Lloyds which can be used where payments cannot be made by BACS and have in the past been paid by individuals. Treasurer to take over Brown Bin payment</li></ul>	Treasurer
<b>Hall News</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Newsletter has been written and edited by Mike Oake, it is now with Steve Clack who is helping with the design/ layout</li><li>Dee from Music and Sounds visited recently. We will need to have a double socket in the ceiling, so Carole has requested a quote from LKT. This will be an additional cost to us on top of the £476 already agreed for the retractable projector arm. We will try to sell the static arm to recover some of the cost</li><li>CDC - the final missing document from the visit last November is the Asbestos report, which was conducted back in 2021 by the insurance appointed builders when we had the major flood. This report has never been added to the national database, and there appears to be no record of it held by CDC.</li></ul>	

<p>There is some discussion about it needing to be redone, which horrifies Carole due to the damage it caused back in 2021. There were holes in the walls all around the building along with broken tiles in the kitchen. The chairman has written a very strongly worded letter to CDC, regarding the incompetence of staff who did not follow the procedures back in 2021. She has suggested they follow up with Balfor, the builders appointed by the insurance company, to see what happened to the results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bill for the entrance hall insurance claim has been paid in full by the insurers and CDC</li> <li>• We have a broken front door left hand one with the post box in. The bolt that secures it in the ground does not work properly. Mike Pearce has ordered a new part and we are waiting for it to be fitted.</li> <li>• The padded hall chairs are in need of cleaning, Radoslav is undertaking this on Sunday 15th February</li> <li>• We were advised by the Fire service we should not have any door wedges available for internal doors to be held open, as this negates our insurance in case of fire. All have been removed and all regular user groups notified</li> <li>• Treasurer to investigate alternative fire approved systems to open doors</li> <li>• Jim has amended our T&amp;C's regarding not propping internal doors open</li> <li>• Bicester Town Council's annual grant scheme is open, closing on 13th March if there is a grant we wish to apply for?</li> </ul>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b>Communication and Marketing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This month's focus has all been centered on the 'Donate a Pound to go Underground' campaign, across all Bicester fb pages along with Launton.</li> <li>• Final week for campaign. All requested to note the next consultations 2-7pm 27<sup>th</sup> Feb (Kingsmere) and 12-5pm 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Methodist Church</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Local Community:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London Road: 'Donate a Pound to Go Underground' campaign has been the main focus this month, this has been via Crowdfunder, sum up donations and cash donations. Carole has headed up the campaign and thanks go to Steve McBain, Dan and Noel who have spent hours in the cold and wet collecting in town and on Langford. We have support from 5 local residents from across Bicester, who have again battled the weather collecting. The campaign finishes this coming Saturday 21st February, so please push amongst neighbours, friends and family. In addition to Crowdfunder, there are buckets in the Nightingale, Fat Zebra, and Imagex in town. There are also buckets in Launton post office, the coffee shop and one in Costcutter in Ambrosden.</li> <li>• Street lights switch off, no further news</li> <li>• Rodney House roundabout, no further news</li> <li>• Langford Park, - Dan has emailed Mick Lee about more information regarding memorial benches. It appears to be a topic being discussed by BTC, as Cllr Rachel Mallows has posted about this on facebook. We hope this is going to be possible and will be suitable for Jubilee Lake as well.</li> </ul>	

