



Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th March, 2026

8pm – Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Carole Hetherington (chairing), Noel Hetherington, Dan Price, Jane Ayris, Sandra Davies (acting Secretary)
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Agenda Item and Actions	Owner
Apologies: Jim Finlay	
Approval of Minutes 16th February, 2026 Approved after amendment to AOB	Chair
Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Loft Insulation now fully completed, both in the main hall and the entrance hall loft.The ceiling double socket has been fittedStill waiting on the new piece for the front doorThe padded chairs were all cleaned at a cost of £90	
Treasurer's Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">No financial report this month.A detailed 2026/27 budget will be available for the April meeting. However, a decision needs to be made regarding charges for regulars and casual bookings as we make any changes for April 1stI propose we maintain the existing hire charges at their current levels for another year. For information current charges are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">£10 per hour non- profit regular groups. E.g. scouts£12 per hour business regulars£19 per hour casual bookers.It was also agreed by the committee to increase contract payments by around 9% adding approx. £1,000 to our costs also effective from April 1stCommittee agreed to hold the rates for hall hire. This means rates have been held for 3 years for casual bookings and 4 years for all other bookings and to increase the contractors' paymentsWe are still holding the Donate a Pound to go Underground money, awaiting a decision from The Treasury	

<p>Bookings Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hall has been very busy and an incident last month where the intruder alarm went off during a party has meant that the alarm cupboard is now locked during parties. It was suggested if we are doing it for parties due to the risk of tampering, we should do so for regulars as well as the hall door is often left open leaving Jo Public to walk in. This was not agreed by the committee • Sandra requested a second key for the alarm cupboard door as she and Harry look after the party bookings. This was approved • Tai Chi Chih has really taken off on Friday and we are just about to add a class on Thursday before the Thursday Circle. West Bicester have also announced a class is to start mid March which will be free due to community funding. This may have an impact on the Langford Classes although we are investigating whether we can secure any funding. • The urn is needing descaling. Loose scale is in the bottom of the urn and will only get worse. Chair has purchased descaler for Radoslav to complete • Sandra runs the majority of the LVCA classes but has very little storage at the hall, and takes an awful lot home each day. It was identified in the far-right cupboard that there is a large gap between the top shelf and the WI shelf and it was suggested that we add another shelf. Chair advised need to contact other cupboard users for agreement but in principle there were no objections • The issue of hall opening for ad hoc events on Saturday up to 9.30pm with allowance for clearing time to 10pm was discussed. The majority of the committee agreed for this for LVCA organised and led events only. 	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>Hall News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Newsletter is now printed and being delivered around Langford currently. The Chairman's thanks go to Mike Oake and Steve Clack, who turned the chairman's words in to a proper newsletter. • We have investigated door stops that release when the fire alarm is sounded. They are not particularly suitable as could become trip hazards. Some door closure mechanisms, have been found that do the same job and would work. The downside is the cost £250 each and we would need 3 (2 x main hall doors, 1 x kitchen). These will be investigated further and discussed with CDC, as to the suitability. If agreed we would look to secure some funding for these. • We now have dates from Dee of Music and Sounds to install the new projector arm, 31st March pm, Tuesday 7th April pm, Friday 10th pm • The ladies' toilets became fully blocked last week. Simon went in on Sunday and cleared them. Fortunately, the old issue hasn't returned it appeared to be too much paper being used. • Safeguard serviced the alarm system on Tuesday 10th and from the log can identify the tamper, which could have been caused by a hit, loss of power or some other form of tampering. There is nothing wrong with the alarm box and the engineer assured us that if it was a fault on the box, it would have shown from the tamper point onwards. 	<p>Chairman/ Treasurer</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Saturday the alarm went off, the fuse board cover had also been unlocked and later 2 booster lights for the back garden were also discovered to have been switched on. • Following the issue with the alarm, the Chairman realised how vulnerable we are, and particularly at weekends. All the main switches/ controls for eh building are in the alarm cupboard. The Chairman decided we should lock the alarm cupboard door as casual bookers have no need to access the cupboard and this eliminates any mishaps. There is a window key, brush and dustpan and broom now in the store cupboard for their use. • The Chairman followed up regarding West Bicester’s ability to offer Thai Chi classes for free. It was discovered that West Bicester probably had an opportunity to apply for funding which we were not eligible for. 	
<p>Communication and Marketing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive promotion via Langford Life Facebook of the EWR consultation event held on 27/28 Feb. • Email send to all subscribers on March 3rd giving result and thanks for donations to the Donate a Pound to Go Underground. • News shared of FLTR being saved/new owners and also advance notice of FOLVS Summer Fair. • The Hall has now hit 100 reviews on Google, remains at 4.8 out of 5. • email: Chairman’s email box is currently 98% full, reduced to 95% already • Minutes: Please can Approved Minutes of Committees be sent over as previously. No Committee Minutes have been published online for 2026 so far. Please supply in pdf form preferably. 	Secretary
<p>Local Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Road: We raised £3401 from the Donate a Pound to go Underground, which was great as it was only over 3weeks and in appalling weather on the collection days. Dan, Noel and myself took the cheque to The Treasury on Wednesday 25th February. Calum Miller MP had secured a question for PMQ’s on the same day and raised the issue of London Road, Sir Keir Starmer’s response, is we must keep Bicester connected and that Bicester residents had the opportunity to give a view as to which option of two they prefer. Carole spent the two consultation days with EWR encouraging people to complete comment cards while they were there. EWR’s feedback was it was the best attended consultation of anywhere along the line and they received the most feedback forms from anywhere. They had to get more printed over night after Friday’s session. • There is still no news from the Treasury regarding the Donate a Pound money, this will be published as soon as received. • Street lights switch off, no further news • Rodney House roundabout, no further news • Langford Park, - Carole met with Michael Hewitt, Economic Growth Officer, Bicester Area Team, Place and Regeneration Directorate CDC on Thursday regarding our request for replacement benches for Langford Park. We had an hour’s walk around Langford Park and Jubilee Lake He had heard from Mick 	

<p>Lee BTC that we were requesting replacement benches, so Dan and I's walk with Mick Lee was very worthwhile. There is some funding hopefully available to us, he took lots of photos of Langford Park and Jubilee Lake and has taken this back to his team for discussion. Carole/ Dan may have to prepare a paper to formally put to BTC to access the funding; we are currently unsure of the process. Hopefully we will receive some funding and we wait to see how much and what for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan and Carole have received a draft memorial bench form, which we have fed comments back to Mick Lee, as there are some aspects we were not happy with. It's good to know progress is being made and we hope it won't be long before the scheme is up and running. 	<p>Dan/ Carole</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra advised she and Chris A'Court would be Presiding Officers at the Village Hall at the upcoming election • Key has been returned from Amit. Sandra to pass to Simon 	<p>Sandra</p>

2026 Meeting 20 Apr 18 May 15 Jun

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AGM Tuesday 6th October