



Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 April 2026

8pm – Virtual Meeting

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| Attendees | Carole Hetherington (chairing), Noel Hetherington, Jim Finlay, Jane Ayris, Sandra Davies, Jackie Forster, Dawn Coles, Dan Price. |
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| Agenda Item and Actions | Owner |
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| Apologies: None | |
| <p>Approval of Minutes 16 March 2025: Approved after small wording amendments.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electing a new LVCA Secretary A new secretary was proposed and all committee members agreed to elect Janet Chamdal as the new LVCA secretary. ▪ Community Hall front door. The community hall front door requires a fix. Mike Pearse has advised he can fix it in his next maintenance slot – anticipated to be fixed on the 21st of April. ▪ The newsletter The Newsletter proved to be a valuable tool as we look to have found a new Secretary, a new Treasurer, a new Assistant Treasurer and Regular Group co-ordinator which is excellent news. All of whom are with us this evening. Thanks go to Laurence Gray for co-ordinating the distribution of the newsletter and the many deliverers around the estate. | <p>Chair Committee</p> <p>Chair</p> |
| <p>Treasurer's Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding roles of treasurer and user group coordinator There are 2 candidates for the open positions, and more discussion is needed to see how the open roles are distributed. Interested parties are Jackie Forster and Dawn Coles. Expected to be finalized by the next monthly meeting. ▪ Eligibility Forms All new and existing committee members need to sign the eligibility forms. Carole will distribute the forms to everyone and link also to the LVCA constitution. All committee members must sign if not already to ensure the insurance covers everyone in the committee. | Treasurer |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slimming Consultant The Slimming world consultant is leaving at the end of April; however, a new person should be advised in the coming weeks. ▪ FY 2026/2027 Budget – Noel Hetherington There is a high level of confidence in the break-even budget prepared. It is expected to have a surplus of £3000 to manage anticipated increases in costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FY 2026/27 assumes an income and expenditure of £34.3k compared to £30.8k in 2025/26. ▪ The addition of Tai Chi Chih to the LVCA classes is expected to bring in an additional £5.3k of income, and expenditure of £5.1k. ▪ There is a projected reduction in hall fees income of £1.8k which is offset by a £1.6 k reduction in operating costs as reflected in the current year’s actual performance. ▪ Garden maintenance costs slightly less. ▪ Electricity and gas have gone down but uncertainty could make this rise. ▪ Water Meter – again bills have gone down but the meter is hard to read due to its location in the outside road, contract is with castle water. ▪ No special projects anticipated this coming year which will allow the hall to be in use throughout the summer. <p>After discussion a high confidence remains to break even allowing for any surplus to cover increases in some cost areas.</p> <p>The budget was formally accepted and carried – from April 26 to March 27.</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hall News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hall Heating There are a lot of queries about the heating, the heating is inconsistent and needs to be investigated. Noel will take a look and see what the problem can be. Hall Projector - retractable arm The new projector retractable arm is now installed and paid for, with Dee visiting briefly next Tuesday (21st) to just finalise some areas. There will be some slightly revised instructions being sent from Dee. Hall door closures An outstanding item is to investigate some form of door “wedges” for the main hall, which complies with H&S and fire regulations, and satisfies CDC. Hall Contract Cleaner Radoslav our contract cleaner who has been with us for the last 5 years has given one months’ notice leaving at the end of April. I am also pleased to announce the Harry Davies, is taking over the contract beginning May 1st New Shelves Simon has refigured the shelves in cupboard 4 creating another one and a half shelves, and as Slimming World are no longer using their shelf, Sandra now has 3.5 shelves for the LVCA run classes equipment. | <p>Sandra Davies</p> <p>Carole</p> <p>Carole</p> <p>Carole</p> <p>Carole</p> |

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| <p>Garden The seats in the garden have been repainted, the sensory garden tidied and the planters repaired and will be out in the garden shortly.</p> <p>▪ Bookings Update Holiday cover requested on the 4th July 11th July and 12th July to open and close the hall for weekend events. If anyone is willing to help to with arrangements please speak with Sandra.</p> <p>Bookings are going well - lots of good reviews.</p> <p>▪ LVCA Classes Tai Chi Chih Classes We are getting more people signing up to the Tai Chi Chih classes. The Friday class is very busy, and whilst the Thursday session is not quite as busy, people are preferring the quieter class, and we are still getting more people signing up. It seems not to have been affected by the West Bicester free sessions.</p> <p>Art Classes We have a new person for the art class which is good. We have kept the cost the same this time as we did last quarter which worked well.</p> <p>LVCA Information Leaflets Someone came into the hall looking for events whilst we were clearing up last week. They said they'd moved into the area recently. I asked if they had our leaflet. Going forward we need to revisit the leaflets, their accuracy and availability.</p> <p>Weekend Events Sandra is looking at three weekend events for the next six months as agreed by the committee last month, all community led and unlikely to cause offence.</p> <p>Thursday Circle Continues to be well attended. Last week we had a talk from Bicester Green which was very well received. We also regularly take donations for Ukraine.</p> | <p>Carole</p> <p>Sandra</p> <p>Sandra</p> |
| <p>Communications and Marketing There were various social posts through the month to keep residents informed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Election candidates for May 7th ▪ Promotion of extra Tai Chi class ▪ Notification that LVCA requires a new cleaner ▪ Chairman’s Statement on London Road (shared to various groups and well received) An email regarding London Road was sent to all Langford Life subscribers on 14th April (the day of the EWR announcement on the underpass proposal). A website post on London Road was also published on 14th April. <p>Local Community</p> <p>▪ London Road East West Rail and Department of Transport announced on Tuesday that they are formally taking the motorised underpass forward for Bicester. This is a huge</p> | <p>Admin</p> <p>Carole</p> |

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| <p>achievement, so well-done Bicester, everyone’s efforts have paid off. This is the only long-term solution for Bicester and Carole is delighted that EWR Rail and Dept of Transport have recognised this and finally are behind it. The final confirmation of the funding package is being worked on, however EWR rail has costed / budgeted for the underpass. Special thanks made to our MP Callum Miller who campaigned hard for this solution in Parliament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Streetlights – switch off No news – Lorna who has left was following this up but no news how this is progressing or not. ▪ Rodney House Roundabout Graven Hill is more involved in the Rodney House roundabout – no further news at this point. ▪ Langford Park Langford Park, - Michael Hewitt, Economic Growth Officer, Bicester Area Team, Place and Regeneration Directorate CDC, has now met with Mick Lee BTC regarding making a bid for some funding for improvements to Langford Park. Nothing progressed and will be followed up by Carole. ▪ Memorial Bench No further news on the memorial bench scheme following our feedback. ▪ New Data Centre near Graven Hill Graven Hill Residents Association have forwarded the planning application regarding a huge data center proposed near the barracks. The blog has been circulated amongst the committee. | |
| <p>AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date agreed Tuesday 6th October 2026 please note in your diaries | |
| <p>AOB:</p> <p>Langford Park play areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Many of the play areas in the park have been closed and there is no sight of when any refurbishment is planned. Dan, to follow up. ▪ The fencing surrounding the overflow pond in the park has been vandalized & collapsed and opposite the riverbank has also collapsed into the river bringing the edge of the steep bank unprotected and close to the path. Some view of how the fencing and safety in these areas needs to be followed up. | <p>Dan</p> <p>Carole</p> |

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| 2026 Meeting | 18 May | 15 Jun | 20 Jul | 17 Aug | 21 Sept |
| | 19 Oct | 16 Nov | AGM Tuesday 6 th October | | |