

Minutes of LVA Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 24th February 2025

Location: St Nicholas Chapel

Time: 7:30pm

Present:

Gemma Nash
 Guy Smith
 Cecily Hughes
 Barbara Furdyna
 Peter Oliver
 Sue Emery
 Gareth Brown
 Catharine Russell
 Pamela Davies
 Carolyn Holland

Apologies:

Ed Neville
 Kevin Edwards

<i>Minutes from the Meeting:</i>	<i>Actions:</i>
<p>1. Welcome and Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Barbara Furdyna, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30pm. – Apologies from Ed Neville and Kevin Edwards. <p>2. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There were none. <p>3. Financial Report</p> <p>4. Sub-committees update:</p> <p><u>Flood Sub Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – No update as there was a meeting on this topic on the 17th February. <p><u>Chapel sub-committee (Sue (Head), Polly):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We have £700 left over from the chapel window donations that we could donate to St Faiths Chapel fund. Agreed to donate at the Spring Supper via a large cheque. – Shelley leaving on 31st March. Not clear whether there is replacement yet. Sue to organise card and flowers for Shelley. 	<p>Sue</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A blind is needed for the large window in the Chapel to block out the sun out in the afternoons. Cecily has called a blind company but they quoted £4,000. Barbara to try calling a few companies. 	Barbara
<u>Social Sub-Committee (Cecily (Head), Sue, Catharine, Barbara):</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring Supper to be held in Langstone Sailing Club (date TBC). - Cecily has researched Kevin's contact who runs the catering company (Beverley) – she does Caribbean buffet food. - Kevin has sent the dates the Sailing Club is available. Cecily to confirm date once we have found people to run the bar. - Next coffee morning is 8th March. Catharine & Pam volunteered to help. 	Cecily
<u>Sea Wall Sub-Committee (Ed, Peter, Gemma, Catharine, Cecily)</u>	
<p>Millpond/Seawall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter explained that the Chichester Harbour Conservancy handbook contradicts their current policy regarding the Seawall repair. In the handbook it states "<i>Planning applications for intertidal structures will be assessed for their impact on the visual land/seascape, nature conservation and navigational safety. The Conservancy is unlikely to object to 'like-for-like' replacements, unless the existing structure: • Is unauthorised and is either: a) The subject of current enforcement action; or b) In the Conservancy's view, should be the subject of enforcement action; or • Is dilapidated or collapsed and the applicant is unable to evidence its use in the last 10 years</i>" - Graham Horton (senior official at Natural England) has also said that Natural England would not oppose the appropriate repairs. - Peter has emailed Phil Munday the handbook showing their contradiction. Phil has said he wants to meet up over the next few weeks. Peter to arrange a suitable date. - Barbara to also email Cllr Lulu Bowerman the CHC handbook to get her view too. 	
<p>Southmoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn Holland joined the meeting at 8:30pm. - Peter gave a presentation on how the erosion of properties on Mill Lane and Harbourside could be mitigated through a culvert that diverts water under the beach that runs east from the corner of Southmoor. This would allow shingle to build up naturally in front of the properties acting as a sea defence. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A culvert could also be put in from the lowest point in the flooded Southmoor field to reduce erosion of Southmoor too. 	Peter

- Peter to send the presentation to Carolyn who will discuss it with the Harbourside residents.

Water Quality Sub-Committee (Kevin)

- No update

5. Planning: Langstone Road Application

- Cllr Lulu Bowerman didn't show up to the meeting. To discuss this another time.

6. Layby Parking and Footpath Maintenance Update

- Nigel Chilcott hasn't got back to Gareth yet regarding the footpath maintenance.
- Kevin has written to Cllr Lulu Bowerman regarding the layby parking, but Kevin not present to update us.

7. LRA Update

- Carolyn Holland updated the LVA on the latest LRA developments.
- They have been working on a skeleton committee of just four people for the time being.
- Focusing on streamlining communication channels, using Mailchimp, with the aim of sending out shorter emails with more info in the headline which has resulted in higher "open rate" on emails.
- Also have worked on website – aiming to update it more regularly with info on road closures etc.
- Key areas of concern for the LRA are Southmere field and the proposed devolution of Government.

8. Good Neighbours Update

- Monday 5th May – Family Fun Afternoon
- Saturday 19th July – Langstonbury
- Friday 26th September - Macmillan coffee morning

9. AOB:

Alan Mak's Request to advertise in the Langstonian:

- Alan Mak has requested to put a small advert in the next Langstonian edition, with details on how constituents can get in touch. Part of advert would be contact details for local councillors.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously the committee had agreed we wouldn't allow political adverts in the Langstonian, however if it is more informational, then it might be allowed. - Catharine to reach out to Dominic to provide an image of what the advert would look like, so the committee can decide. <p>Changeover from landline phones to VOIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sadie bought up that the upcoming switch from Landlines to VOIP systems might be an issue for Langstone given the demographic, and whether we need to send out some information before the switch. - Barbara to contact BT to establish when the switch is meant to happen. - It was suggested that this could be a good project for Good Neighbours to take on. <p>Government consultation on devolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catharine sent out details of the upcoming consultation on devolution to LVA members. 	<p>Catharine</p>
<p>The meeting finished at 9pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: 24th March 7:30pm at the Chapel</p>	<p>Barbara</p>