

Minutes of LVA Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 27th January 2025 Location: St Nicholas Chapel Time: 7:30pm

Present:

Gemma Nash
Guy Smith
Ed Neville
Kevin Edwards
Barbara Furdyna
Peter Oliver
Sue Emery
Gareth Brown
Catharine Russell
Pamela Davies

Apologies: Cecily Hughes

Minutes from the Meeting:

Actions:

1. Welcome and Apologies:

- Barbara Furdyna, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:30pm.
- Apologies from Cecily Hughes.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

There were none.

3. Financial Report

- Charity contributions outstanding:
 - Chapel funds to St Faiths still outstanding
 - Christmas Naomi House Collected £112.33 via Coffee Morning and Carols round the tree.
 - Calendar Sales: purchased 80, sold 75. If all sold, amount to charity £320 to be divided between Hounds for Heros and Middle Eastern Crisis fund.
 - Christmas Tree total spend £234 not yet parted with cash as waiting for bank account details
- Autumn Supper 27 people paid but 3 didn't turn up. Asking for tip to be included in the ticket price worked well.
- Upcoming payments:
 - Chapel Rent 2025/Q1
 - Langstonian Issue 98
 - Small lotteries licence

Sue



- Bank accounts
 - Our current account with Lloyds will start charging us from 14th January (£4.25/month maintenance fee plus other charges for cheques and transactions).
 - Guy to look at charity savings accounts.

Guy

4. Railway Cottages

 Barbara sent a letter to Rachel McMurray and Phil Mundy on behalf of the LVA regarding the enforcement of Section 215 on the railway cottages. The LRA also wrote a separate letter. They have responded to say they are actively pursuing the issue.

5. Interfacing with the LRA

- It was agreed that, moving forward, an LRA representative would be invited to join our meetings midway through.

6. Parking

- The committee discussed various parking issues in the village and explored potential solutions, including lifting parking restrictions on the layby opposite the High Street, introducing residents' parking on the High Street and Towers Garden, and adding white lines to encourage neater parking. The potential impact on the Royal Oak was also considered.
- It was agreed to invite Lulu Bowerman to the next committee meeting to discuss parking options further.
- Kevin will draft a letter to HCC regarding lifting parking restrictions on the layby.
- Gareth will explore options for residents' parking and organise a vote.

Kevin

Gareth

7. Flood Defence Scheme

- Ed & Andy are due to attend a meeting with Lyall Cairns on 30th January.
- Catharine raised the possibility of establishing a new sub-committee to oversee the ongoing implementation of the flood defence project. The committee agreed.

Catharine

8. Sub-committees update:

Flood Sub Committee

See point 7 above.

Chapel sub-committee (Sue (Head), Polly):

No update.



Social Sub-Committee (Cecily (Head), Sue, Catharine, Barbara):

- Coffee morning on 8th February. Barbara and Pam agreed to help.

Sea Wall Sub-Committee (Ed, Peter, Gemma, Catharine, Cecily)

- Unfortunately, there has been no progress on the wall. There are rumours that recent borehole testing has indicated the ground conditions may not be suitable for constructing a bridge.
- Ed has yet to receive a response from Alan Mak and Phil Mundy regarding the agenda that was sent to them. He will raise this with Phil when they meet.
- Southmoor: No decision has yet been made on the rerouting of the coastal path. However, with water now reaching the Mill and posing a potential threat to property, this may influence future discussions.

Water Quality Sub-Committee (Kevin)

 Friends of Langstone Harbour are organising a visit to Budd's Farm soon which the LVA are invited to attend as affiliate members. Kevin will let the committee know once they have a date.

9. Good Neighbours Update

- Langstonbury planned for July 26th.

10. AOB:

- Gravel on Footpaths: An email has been received from Nigel regarding the maintenance of gravel footpaths around Langstone. Gareth will follow up with him.
- Membership: Membership renewal is approaching in April, and it was agreed to keep the subscription fees unchanged.
- Barbara suggested including a letter or flyer to inform residents about the LVA's achievements and ongoing projects, highlighting how many of these efforts could increase property values. Barbara will draft the letter.
- Langstonian: The committee agreed that the LVA should now cover the cost of colour printing, which has so far been subsidised by Dominic & Jenny personally.
- Alan Mak requested to place an advertisement in the Langstonian, but the committee voted against it.

The meeting finished at 9pm.

Next meeting: 24th February 7:30pm at the Chapel

Gareth

Barbara