

LANGTON GREEN VILLAGE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Monday, 28th February, Pavilion, 19.00

In attendance

Committee: David Whittaker, James Bowdidge, Harry Harrison, Lynn Trainor, Nick Trainor, Nicci Levy, Emma Howden, David Brimlow, Mark Gamble, Josie Gamble, Lyn Dollimore

Members: Lawrence Dollimore, Larissa Caheny, Neil Barrington-Johnson, James Bracewell, Lesley Adshead, Adrian and Angela Moss, Warwick and Pam Morris, Sarah and Richard Bettison, Alan Baker, Stella Hayes, Iain and Liz Coombe

Apologies for absence

Helen Fuller, Emma Stevens (Committee)

Quorum

- The Chairman noted the meeting was quorate with at least 20 in attendance

Proposal

- DW summarised the Proposals and took Members through the presentation, attached

Prospective Trustees

- The prospective Trustees (David Whittaker, James Bowdidge, Mark Gamble, Nicci Levy and Lynn Trainor) introduced themselves

Q&A

- Two charities in village ie Village Hall and LGVT: should there just be one? No, LGVT supports a range of organisations in the village and will continue to partner and support; VH is specialist
- Greater individual responsibilities as Trustees of a charity; will there be insurance? Yes, already in place
- How will additional Trustees be appointed, if required/desired? Co-opted as necessary, to be ratified at AGM. DW stressed that more Trustees and Committee members are actively sought
- Should LGVT be a charitable organisation rather than a charity as liabilities less? No, LGVT is a very small organisation with, realistically, limited areas for liability; and the Charity Commission requirements and overheads are less.
- Will LGVT be able to claim Gift Aid? Yes, this is seen as a major benefit
- What is an example of a Gift? Subscriptions will become donations; and it is anticipated more donations will be attracted

- What oversight will there be of the Trustees? More than of Committee at present, Charity Commission regulations liability of Trustees etc. A President would be a figurehead not an overseer and is not seen as necessary in the new structure
- Can trust be placed in the 5 individuals who have volunteered to serve as Trustees? If not trusted simply don't vote for them
- Are there age criteria for membership? Yes, minimum age 18
- Minutes etc should not just be published on the website but also publicised as available. Agreed transparency and professionalism will continue
- Will there be an AGM every year? Yes
- Use website to show deliberations of Trustees? Yes, agreed. NB Lawrence Dollimore, current web master, advised many hits are from people moving to the area
- Are there similar charitable Village Trusts? Yes, research of Charity Commission reveals many similar organisations, some much smaller. Noted Fordcombe has a village charity, for the village hall and playing fields
- Who can be Members? Everyone in the village plus connected persons ie former residents, people working in the village or with children at the school etc. Ultimately at discretion of Trustees and will be monitored carefully. LGVT will need contact details to register anyone as a Member

Vote

- Proposal 1 (to become a charity) – 17 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention
- Proposal 2 (election of Trustees) – 18 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention
- Proposal 3 (name to become Langton Green Village Trust) – 17 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstentions
- Proposal 4 (individual rather than household Membership) – 18 For,) Against,0 Abstentions
- Proposal 5 (eligibility to be Members) – 16 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention
- Proposal 6 (free membership with donations to be sought) – 15 For, 3 Against, 0 Abstentions
- All motions were duly passed; the Chairman reported a further 16 proxy votes had been received For the Proposals

Next Steps

- LGVT to submit application to Charity Commission

Any Other Business

- Former LGVS Committee member, Alan Baker, offered his good wishes for the continued growth and evolution of LGVT
- Importance of personal touch in communications
- Importance of seeking and securing donations
- James Bracewell volunteered to help with traffic and road safety matters
- Richard Bettison volunteered to help with the website
- The meeting closed at 20.02