



Langton Green Village Society

Committee Meeting

Monday 11 April 7:15pm

Venue:

Grace Space, All Saints Church

Present:

James Bowdidge (Deputy Chairperson) (JB)
Nicci Levy (NL) – minute taker
Josie Gamble (Fete Committee Chairperson) (JG)
Mark Gamble (MG)
Harry Harrison (HH)
Lawrence Dollimore (LD)
Lyn Dollimore (LyD)
Lynn Trainor (LT)
Nick Trainor (NT)
Emma Stevens (ES)

Apologies:

David Whittaker Chairperson (DW) – provided briefing note via email
David Brimlow Treasurer (DB) – provided finance update via email
Helen Fuller Membership Secretary (HF)
Jeremy Stirling (JS)

Note: When Village Society members have been mentioned within the committee meeting they have been referred to by initials and not their names in these minutes.

Declarations of interest

None noted.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes not available but all following agenda items cover previously agreed actions.

2. Formal Proposals

JB formally acknowledged LD as LGVS committee member and noted Emma Howden is no longer on the committee but will be available as and when needed for events.

3. Charity application update

MG explained in some detail about needing to strengthen the statement of intent / aims / what we do to reduce the risk of the application being returned and additional information requested. This includes further consideration given to how we allocate money raised and what it is spent on. MG welcomed comments from the committee to documents he would be circulating.

MG has revisited the constitution that did not form part of the decision-making process at the EGM.

JB noted that if the charity application is approved then the plan will be to create sub-groups to consider individual events and initiatives on the agenda and to feedback to the whole committee.

4. Website update

NT confirmed LD has provided him with all the relevant information to enable him to access the website. It was agreed that NT, LD and NL would form a working group to consider what information is required before involving KGVs member RB who has volunteered to create the new website.

Until the website is updated, LD will continue to 'host' and post accordingly with LGVS information and updates. LD did note that it requires some time to keep the website updated so we need to bear this in mind.

5. AGM

In DW's absence it was discussed that the AGM previously planned for May 2022 is probably going to be postponed as there is not enough time to arrange. DW to confirm whether it needs to be rearranged for later in the year.

6. Events

- **Spring Serenade** – LT provided details about the event and suggested if we all tell 10 people about it then we are likely to see more people attend. LD agreed to put a notice on the NHW information site and all the committee present agreed to put up posters and distribute flyers. Volunteers on the day include: LT, JB, NT, NL, LyD, ES, JG, MG.
- **Cricket Match** – JB read out DW's note that it is all in hand and all support welcome.
- **The Rude Mechanicals** – JB handed out some leaflets for distribution and confirmed NL and JG have volunteered to help on the day.

- **Queens Platinum Jubilee Packs** – NL reported several requests have come in from confirmed street parties in the village. JB and NL will arrange distribution of the packs after Easter.
- **Fete** – JG provided a comprehensive update and reported progress is good and wondered about commemorative badges for Fete 2022... We still need storage space for bric-a-brac and book donations, we are still not sure how parking will work as we will not be providing any specifically for the fete. ES reported BW has volunteered to jet-wash all the white plastic chairs and tables. JG asked everyone to look out for raffle prizes and there was some discussion about how to make the inflatables a more manageable attraction. JG has bought a new marquee which will be tried out on The Green in due course.

7. Road Safety

JB noted DW will be able to provide a report once he has attended a meeting on 12 April 2022.

8. Finances

JB reported DB had provided the most recent balance.

9. Cherry Blossom

JB reported that objections to the Queens Platinum Jubilee cherry trees planted on The Green have been raised by some residents.

It was noted that further consideration needs to be given to watering the trees on The Green.

10. Gatwick

JS was absent and did not provide an update so this will be considered in the next meeting.

11. Mentoring

JB noted some issues getting this initiative off the ground and it was agreed that further consideration will be given to it in due course.

12. Equipment

Discussion was had about selling the old marquees and LD agreed to provide MG with details about the brand etc... so he can make enquiries along with JS about potential buyers.

13. Any other business

- **Benches** – The refurb of the 2 benches by the church was successful.
- **Summer beautification** – LD and LyD have the summer hangings baskets in hand and ES volunteered to devise a watering rota. JB, LT, HH, MG will be clearing the area between the church and The Green towards the end of April. LD reported he has been asked by DW to compile an inventory of Langton Green's waste bins.
- **Bursaries** – LyD reported one application to date. NL and LD to publicise online and HF to email to all members.
- **NHW / security** – nothing to report.
- **Ukraine** – LT raised the issue of what more we could be doing as a village for refugees from Ukraine and it was agreed that this could be considered further when the hosting scheme comes into operation.

Next Meeting: Monday 9 May 7:15 in Grace Space (HH has helpfully agreed to minute-take in NL's absence)