



**Langton Green Village Society  
Committee Meeting  
Monday 17 April 7:30pm**

**Venue:**

GraceSpace

**Present:**

James Bowdidge (minute taker) (JB)  
Harry Harrison (HH)  
Nick Trainor (NT)  
Emma Stevens (ES)  
Mark Gamble (MG)  
Lyn Dollimore (LD)  
Lawrence Dollimore (LaD)  
Jeremy Stirling (JS)

**Apologies:**

Nicci Levy Secretary (NL)  
Helen Fuller Membership Secretary (HF)  
Josie Gamble (JG)  
Lyn Trainor (LT)  
Dave Whittaker (Treasurer) (DW)

**Guest:** Emma Howden (EH)

**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 to add to those declarations made at the previous meeting.

**AGENDA**

**1. Minutes of previous meeting and actions**

The minutes were agreed and it was noted that any outstanding actions would be discussed under the agenda.

## **2. Charity re-application**

As previously ie owing to absences, the named potential trustees have not yet been able to meet to go through the application. JB will coordinate this meeting. As stated in previous minutes, we continue as we are for now and it was agreed an announcement will be made to the village once the decision has been made about how to proceed with a re-application.

## **3. Road Safety**

DW reported via message that the next stage of the highways plan is KCC site visit.

SPC has produced notices to be put on cars obstructing the pavements; JB to print some off.

## **4. Financial Position**

DW reported via message that we have c.£31,000 in the bank account. Starting to receive fees from stallholders for Festival and to spend money eg latrines.

It was agreed to transfer the approved £2,000 to the Church.

The application for a higher interest account continues.

It was agreed we would sell the old marquees to the original supplier for £5,000 and the committee recorded its thanks to Patrick Smith for his work in negotiating the sale.

It was agreed we would rent out our new marquees for £250 a time

## **5. Gatwick**

JS article was included in the February / March edition of Langton Life.

JS agreed to issue draft letter to be available for people to send to MP etc.

## **6. Website update, update**

NL will be arranging to meet Richard B before the next meeting. In the meantime, LD will continue to update the website with information as and when required.

LD to appoint drone photographer, including some labelling, date to be confirmed.

## **7. Events**

a. Quiz Night Saturday 4 March 2023 was most successful and thanks paid to NL, L&LD for their hard work.

L&LD now wish to stand down and others will take over. Agreed to hold a quiz in November – Village Hall has been booked for 11 November 2023. JS would like to set the questions with Adrian Conroy's help with "Chicken and Egg" element. Quiz committee to be formed.

b. Advent Draw – NL is yet to meet NB 22. Aim is to trial this December to find a regular long term income source to reduce reliance on fete, while supporting local businesses.

c. A proposal to support the Tunbridge Wells Fringe Festival in Langton Green was approved in principle; JB/HH/NL to explore in much more detail and to include the fete committee. LGVS would fund £5,000 cost of marquee on Debbie's field, including equipment and incorporate our Village Party over the weekend.

d. The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company plans are in place (21<sup>st</sup> June in the school grounds) we just need to provide some social media publicity and 1 or 2 more volunteers in addition to JS, NL and Hilary Ward. JB/NL to encourage Langton Life coverage.

e. Music in Langton event on 2 April 2023 at Gibbetts Hall was a great success.

f. Coronation of His Majesty, the King. NL is working with Lisa Colghan in Rusthall to organise a Treasure Hunt to take place between the two villages on Sunday 7 May from 11am – 3pm. Helpers needed.

Cricket – 14<sup>th</sup> May

Could the community garden in Churchyard be called the Coronation Garden? Are we contributing towards it?

## **AOB**

Irene Smith gave an excellent presentation of the work of the 19-strong (and rising) Crochet Chat group, including lap blankets for Rusthall Lodge and their proposal to knit Remembrance poppies for the churchyard and their request for a grant of £138.33 for supplies and equipment was enthusiastically approved.

Village beautification:

- LD and LyD were thanked for the excellent display of daffodils.
- The locations of the bird boxes have been agreed with SPC; Ann Farrell has approved boxes along the drive to Shirley Hall. JB will organise a team to stain the boxes and then put them in place this autumn, early 2023 erection having proved too difficult with so many absences.
- Hanging baskets will be purchased from the same nursery by L&LyD. HH and JB will put up.
- Next litter pick scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> May to be deferred as Laura Byers can't do that date and others find date difficult. NL to agree new date with Laura.

Thrive: It was agreed that we will continue to support and promote the charity and that we will continue to donate space on our paid for page in Langton Life where room allows.

- Pavilion Café: the Committee gave its unanimous support to the continuation of the community café and to do everything possible to ensure its survival

Committee – it was agreed by those present that we need more and active members. JB to complete draft article for LL.

MG was asked to convey the good wishes of the Committee to JG.

LGVS – need to arrange AGM before end of June. NL to suggest date

**Next Meeting:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:30pm in Grace Space.