



**Langton Green Village Society
Committee Meeting
Monday 13 March 7:30pm**

Venue:

The Hare

Present:

James Bowdidge (minute taker) (JB)

Harry Harrison (HH)

Nicci Levy (NL)

Emma Stevens (ES)

Mark Gamble (MG)

Jeremy Stirling (JS)

Apologies:

Lyn Dollimore (LyD)

Lawrence Dollimore (LD)

Helen Fuller Membership Secretary (HF)

Josie Gamble (JG)

Lyn Trainor (LT)

Nick Trainor (NT)

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

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 highways plan is going to council next week to lobby for safe crossing at Rec/Twitten, plus the second priority of a crossing at Gipps Cross

4. Financial Position

DW reported via message that we have c.£30,000 after the quiz proceeds.

An application for a higher interest account is in progress.

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.

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 October, JS would like to set the questions with Adrian Conroy's help with "Chicken and Egg" element. Quiz committee to be formed and date to be agreed.

b. Advent Draw – NL to meet NB 22 March. 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 we just need to provide some social media publicity and volunteers. JB/NL to encourage Langton Life coverage.

e. Music in Langton event planned for 2 April 2023 at 6 Gibbetts is reportedly sold out.

f. Coronation of 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.

Church to consider location and type of tree which might be planted in Churchyard.

AOB

- Village beautification: 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&LD. HH and JB will put up.

A very successful litter pick held on 26th February, organized by Laura Byers and NL. Next litter pick 14th May.

- 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.

- Pavilion Café: Those present agreed to underwrite up to £5,000 of SPC's legal costs if Langton Green Community Sports Association challenge the existing lease arrangements; JB has read leases etc and can see no grounds to do so.

Committee – it was agreed by those present that we need more and active members. JB to 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. Date to be agreed by end of March.

Next Meeting: Monday 17 April 2023 at 7:30pm in Grace Space.