



**Langton Green Village Society
Committee Meeting
Monday 9 January 7:30pm**

Venue:

Grace Space

Present:

James Bowdidge (Chairperson) (JB)

Harry Harrison (HH)

Nick Trainor (NT)

Mark Gamble (MG)

Jeremy Stirling (JS)

Lyn Dollimore (LyD)

Lawrence Dollimore (LD)

Dave Whittaker (DW)

Emma Stevens (ES)

Nicci Levy (minute taker) (NL)

Apologies:

Helen Fuller Membership Secretary (HF)

Josie Gamble (JG)

Lyn Trainor (LT)

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 meeting held on 31 October 2022.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting and actions

It was noted that any outstanding actions would be discussed under the agenda.

2. Charity re-application

After a brief discussion it was agreed again that MG and JB would go through the application and come back to the committee to discuss further on 13 February 2023.

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 provided information on the slow progress of advocating for a safe crossing area along the A264. He will be meeting the Highways Committee / Speldhurst Parish Council later this month and will update us after that meeting.

4. Financial Position

DW reported we have £27000 in the bank once final payments have been made to committee members who need to be reimbursed following the fete. It was agreed to move £15000 to a higher interest account.

DW agreed to complete the piece on how fete proceeds have been distributed in the village.

It was confirmed that LGVS will donate a quarter of our advertising space to Thrive Langton for a limited time.

5. Gatwick

JS has submitted an article to Langton Life to inform the village on how they can act as individuals regarding the expansion plans. JS will provide LD with information to add to the website. JS emphasised again how it will be more effective if we all write individually to express our concerns.

6. Website update, update

NL will be arranging to meet Richard B before the next meeting. It was agreed that we need to be able to archive information. LD mentioned an interactive aerial photo and said that he would look into this further to determine whether it can be added to the website.

7. Events

a. Quiz Night Saturday 4 March 2023. LD provided details about the arrangement and asked for volunteers on the night. MG, ES and NT volunteered to help set up the hall and DW and JB agreed to man the bar. MG mentioned that all the tables went before he could secure one and it was considered that if we hold a quiz in the autumn then tables will be allocated on a different basis. This needs to be discussed further at the April 2023 meeting when discussing the outcome of the Spring quiz.

- b. Advent Draw – NL agreed to speak to Nicola B to progress this.
- c. Winter Warmer – NL reported that there was not a lot of interest in the village for the offer of homemade soup and a roll for £1 at the Pavilion Café.
- d. LGVS has agreed to be involved with the Tunbridge Wells Fringe Festival and more will be reported on this after NL and JB have met with the organisers this month.
- e. The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company is returning to Langton Green on 21 June 2023. We will provide social media publicity and volunteers on the day.
- f. Music in Langton will be starting up again and members will be emailed details of forthcoming events and posts will be on social media.
- g. Party on The Green. Saturday 2 September 2023. A save the date will go into the February edition of Langton Life.
- h. Coronation of the King. It was agreed that we would plant a tree and that JB will determine which variety of tree to purchase / possible social media campaign to choose the right tree and location for planting it.
- i. DW will arrange for us to team up with LGCC to hold a match possibly over the Coronation weekend.

AOB

- Village beautification: Parish Council are discussing the prospect of bird boxes being put up on The Rec. JB and MG will arrange a team to put the bird boxes together and then secure them to trees around The Rec. JB noted the cherry trees on The Green need pruning and said he would arrange for this to be done as well as the area where the school children planted on The Rec. Some of our bins have been painted. LyD and LD have planted some bulbs but there are more to go in and they will need some help with that. HH was thanked for getting a team together to clear the pavements on Farnham Road. We had a discussion about slippery leaves on the pavements and decided that as a committee we were limited in what we could do about them.
- It was agreed that NL will post about student sponsorships / bursaries and email all members.
- Dog attacks. We had a short discussion about recent reported incidents of local dogs harming other dogs as well as dogs harming humans.

Next Meeting: Monday 13 February 2023 at 7:30pm in Grace Space.