

## LGVS Annual General Meeting Minutes Monday 13 June 2022 held at 7pm

#### Venue:

The Pavilion Café

### **LGVS Committee Members present:**

David Whittaker (outgoing Chair)
James Bowdidge (incoming Chair)
David Brimlow (Treasurer)
Jeremy Stirling
Lyn Dollimore
Mark Gamble
Nicci Levy (Minute-taker)
Nick Trainor

#### **LGVS Committee Member apologies:**

Josie Gamble (Fete Committee Chair) (JG) Helen Fuller (Membership Secretary) (HF) Harry Harrison (HH) Lawrence Dollimore (LD) Lynn Trainor (Reverend of All Saints) (LT) Emma Stevens (ES)

#### Non-committee LGVS Members present:

Pam Morris, Stuart Smith, Iain and Liz Coombes, Valerie Stirling, Alan Baker

It was noted there were few members in attendance and it was suggested that maybe we had held the meeting too early.

#### **PROGRESS DURING 2021**

The Chair (DW) welcomed everyone and started by reporting on the current financial situation noting LGVS is financially sound with the end of year figure of £12766.00. It was highlighted that we had invested in 2 new marquees for the fete and for use at future events.

DW reported the committee had remained stable since the previous AGM in 2021.

DW reported the highlights of LGVS over the last year including:

- Tree planting; over 1 thousand saplings planted and the Queens Platinum Jubilee trees planted along The Green
- Light up Langton; many households entered the competition again
- Bulb planting and hanging baskets; continue to brighten up and beautify the village with a team of volunteers in place to water the hanging baskets
- Benches; two of the benches on The Green were refurbished
- Party on The Green; a successful event
- Music in Langton has been well received
- Spring Serenade; our village fundraising event raised approximately £4000 for The Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal
- Queens Platinum Jubilee Street Parties; out party packs were well received and encouraged parties over the weekend.
- Re-branding of LGVS, the new logo and the charity application

DW thanked everyone involved in supporting all the LGVS initiatives.

DW officially proposed and handed over to JB who announced the official re-election of all Committee Members by noting there were no objections.

It was noted DW, whilst stepping down from the role of Chair, will remain involved on the committee.

JB thanked DW for doing 'a cracking job' and assured he would continue to carry on his good work.

JB also mentioned the passing of Trevor Parker and more recently Peter Brown, both were former LGVS Chairs and provided an incredible service to the village through their voluntary work.

JB posed the question to the room, 'How do we engage more people?' and invited responses from all.

Discussion took place and included:

- How to replace the people we lose when they leave the committee
- Making more of the AGM; previously a big event with guest speakers and lots of publicity
- Identifying different people with specific interests to form micro-groups, delivering ideas
- Knocking on doors to introduce ourselves
- Putting up posters and signs in venues around the village
- Approaching organised groups in the village
- Talking to people when we knock on all doors for the fete collections
- Going to The Pavilion Café and mixing with parents
- Asking individuals who you feel might be interested
- Having a column in Langton Life to talk directly to the village, more of a conversation piece than the current use of page 5
- Making the social media platforms public
- Use of the soon to be re-vamped website to feed into our social media

# Any other business:

There was no other business identified and the meeting concluded with a thank you from the Chair.

Nicci Levy Minute Taker