



**Langton Green Village Society
Committee Meeting
Monday 11 September 2023 at 7:00pm**

Venue: Langton Green Pavilion

Present: James Bowdidge (JB) Chair, Dave Whittaker (DW) Vice Chair, Treasurer, Lyn Dollimore (LyD), Lawrence Dollimore (LD), Jeremy Stirling (JS), Nicci Levy Secretary (NL), Emma Howden (EH), Rebecca Leach (RL), Nick Trainor (NT),

Apologies: Harry Harrison (HH), Emma Stevens (ES), Mark Gamble (MG),

Declarations of interest: None to add to those declarations made at previous meetings.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting were agreed prior to the meeting via email.

2. Drinking water fountain – JB has been to Chilstone to look at possibilities and has identified it should cost around £500. SPC has asked for a written proposal regarding putting it on The Rec. There is also the possibility of putting it close to the church on The Green. JB and MG will be putting together the proposal.

3. Langton Green Fete 2024 – MG will lead the Fete Committee in deciding the venue for next year's fete. It is thought the Tunbridge Wells Fringe Festival will provide some of the entertainment on the day.

4. Finances - DW updated that after donating £2000 to the church as previously agreed, there is £29000 in the bank account. We will be spending around £400 for planters along the Langton Road in conjunction with Langton Life.

5. Road Safety – DW noted there has been no progress on the safe crossing and speed restrictions he is pursuing with SPC / KCC.

6. Gatwick – JS agreed to provide information at the AGM.

7. Other notable updates

- a. Christmas Draw – due to committee members having limited availability it was felt that we could not progress this idea for this Christmas.
- b. Engagement – we discussed the following to engage more with the village:
 - Organising more events
 - Writing to all households

- Continuing the campaign for volunteers
 - Canvassing on doorsteps
 - Sending out newsletters
 - Presentation at the community lunch
 - LGVS stand at the school Christmas fayre on 24 November 2023
 - Posters around the village
- c. Langton Pavilion Café – EH updated that she does not yet have an annual license, the current license is in place until Christmas. EH is holding Community Lunches on 16 October and 4 December and would be grateful for volunteers.
- d. Quiz Night – NL updated on the progress of the event taking place on Saturday 11 November as a reminder for everyone to support.
- e. Village beautification – JB reported LGVS is funding the planters that are planned for the layby on the Langton Road.
- f. Christmas Celebration – DW agreed to poll the committee on what we would like to do.

Next Meeting: Monday 30 October at 7:30pm – venue to be confirmed.