

LANGTON GREEN VILLAGE SOCIETY MINUTES - 26th May 2026, held at Stonewall Park Road, at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

Iain Combe (Chair)

Ed Langridge (Deputy)

Neil Barrington-Johnson

Geraldine Byrne

Nick Byrne

Lawrence Dollimore

Anton Vamplew

Apologies: Mark Gamble

Helen Fuller

Chris Smith

Lyn Dollimore

Iain welcomed all to the meeting.

Litter Picks. EL has sourced 20 adult plus 3 children's size tabbards with L.G. VILLAGE SOCIETY printed on the reverse, 25 'grabbers' and disposable gloves. To be stored in the LGVS container at the Village Hall when not in use. Risk assessment has been prepared by EL.

Target date for first 'pick' - 9th July – **G&NB** to co-ordinate with **EL**. Promote through social media, **(TBA)** website **(LD)** and future picks in Langton Life. **(EL)**.



Website. Updating current site in progress **AV&LD.**

AV has investigated alternative website and suggested 'WIX' (which additionally allows data storage) would be easier to maintain. Current contract with IONOS runs until next March. AV to prepare groundwork for the change-over.

The LGVS domain name is currently held by a previous committee member, ownership transfer to be arranged. **LD**

LD passed a memory stick containing VS electronic records to IC for storage in the meantime.

Hanging Baskets and Planting The cost of gaining KCC approval for hanging baskets on lighting columns has despite Lyn/Lawrence's best efforts been found to be prohibitive.

The Grange residents initiative to create an attractive area of planting adjacent to the Langton Road was noted. The VS agreed to provide planting tubs and contribute to the cost of planting.



VS to publicise this as an example of what could be achieved in other areas of the village with the support of the Society.

Small village society plaques to be placed in areas where contributions to planting are made. **EL** to suggest format.

'Open Garden' event at the 'Grey House' for Hospice in the Weald. Sunday, 2nd August, 2 – 5pm. VS to support through Langton Life and offer £250 donation agreed.

Cherry Trees on 'The Green'. It was noted that the trees were planted contrary to the local plan and that residents had raised objections.

Fete The Fete Committee wish greater control of the funds raised by their efforts than in previous years. Disposal of Fete proceeds would be decided at a

joint Fete/VS Committee meeting. Agreement on base level funding for core VS activities to be confirmed by the Fete Committee. **MG**

Branding. IC to propose date for meeting with AV/EL to develop our Logo **IC**

Quiz. To be held in October, a suitable date to be agreed. **AV** to organise.

Membership. The Society needs to ascertain 'paid-up' membership numbers. **NBJ** kindly agreed to work through the records to establish current status. **IC** offered to assist.

IC suggested that to encourage greater involvement with the Society, 'Local Reps' - volunteers liaising with the committee and the local neighbourhood - may prove useful in engaging residents. **IC** to define proposed neighbourhoods for further review.

Indemnity Insurance. VS insurance provider has confirmed they would not cover events of more than 500 attendees. The Fete will raise separate 'Event' insurance for the day. **MG**

Bursaries. LD confirmed a bursary was in place to support travel of a local Scout to the 2027 annual Jamboree in Poland

Social Media. Greater social media presence to publicise the Society's activities and contribution to village life required. **All**

Planning Application Monitoring. VS to resume monitoring and take a neutral stance on any applications in and around the village. Input limited to making residents aware of any proposals that would have an impact on the village.

History of LGVS. LD tabled a 2009, 50th anniversary edition of 'Your Village' - the journal of the Rural Society (subsequently renamed the Village Society). LD will produce a brief updated history of the society's achievements for distribution.

Next Meeting. 24th June '26, Venue TBA

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm with many thanks to L&LD for hosting.