

LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents' Association Committee Meeting held on
7:30pm Tuesday 14 January 2025
at
Tidelands, courtesy of Carolyn Holland.

		Action
1	<p>Persons Present Margaret Hellawell (MH) Treasurer & Secretary Carolyn Holland (CH) Chair for the meeting Sarah Maclennan (SM) Mike Combes (MC) Andy Lewis (AL) Rep Langstone Flood Sub Committee</p> <p>Apologies – Joanna Armitage</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of meeting on 29 October 24 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
3	<p>Treasury Report Bank account £6897.75 including the £390.58 from LCG, having paid the Domain renewal £104.39 and website fee £84.</p> <p>Friends of Chichester Harbour had requested the annual fee of £50 for Group membership. We decided not to renew, however there is a link on the website to theirs should people wish to subscribe.</p>	MH to decline
4	<p>Mailchimp The database was now accurate, and we can send 309 e mails. Some members do not have e mail.</p>	
5	<p>Website CH & SM had met with Steff and clarified the design. It is helpful if we can advise what needs to be changed and to what. Need to look for someone who could monitor the website on a regular basis. Agreed that we should post the minutes of our meetings on the website. MH to circulate the previous 3 meetings for verification, before posting.</p>	MH
6	<p>Planning matters</p>	
	<p>Wade Lane/ Mill Pond footpath – no update on the result of the borehole testing for potential boardwalk.</p>	
	<p>Langstone Park – construction in progress</p>	

	<p>Railway Cottages – Ann G has been researching Section 215 as a means of improving the unsightly plot which was once Railway Cottages. Both the LRA and LVA are keen to see development of the site. Agreed we and LVA should write a mutually supportive letter to Havant Borough Council. AL to discuss with Barbara Furdyna to arrange.</p>	AL
	<p>King Charles III way/ Southmoor – noted that the LVA are in discussion about the route.</p>	
	<p>Southmere Field – Agreed we need to be prepared for the threat of housing development on this land following the new government rules. Ideally, we need this site removed from the revised local plan. Need to research the argument for original and historic pasture/green corridor. AL & SM to unearth the 2017 records.</p>	SM/AL
	<p>Coastal Flood Defences – AL reported on his meeting of 15 December with Coastal Partners at which he represented the LVA Flood Defence Sub Committee, exploring the separate concerns of the LVA, LRA and SOS. He expressed concern about the location of construction depots and the closure of footpaths. Other concerns were poor support from Greene King for the project and a serious concern about unclear mechanisms for compensation should damage to private property occur during or after construction of flood defences. All these issues will be followed up and progress reported to residents and the Sub Committee.</p>	AL
7	<p>A3023 Subgroup SM reported that Peter Hellowell (PH) was crafting a reply to Lulu Bowerman's December e mail. He has received advice from the Chair of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Road Safety, which may prove useful.</p>	
8	<p>LVA – Appointed Barbara Furdyna (BF) as Chair at their November meeting. She has suggested we each send a representative to each other's meeting. This was considered a constructive suggestion as we share the same concerns on many topics. BF was invited to this meeting but sent her apologies. Hopefully Barbara will be able to attend our next meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Langstone Conservation Group Report MC reported the amount of litter was extraordinary and he and SM expressed concerns about how Norse adds to the problem when they clear pathways. They will write to Lulu to share their concerns when they have collected evidence. As the major bottle bank at Tesco Extra has closed and other bottle banks are not easily accessed, it is</p>	SM/MC

	<p>difficult to dispose of the bottles collected during “litter picks” The problem is indicative of a wider problem of recycling bottles following the closure of many bottle banks in the area. This needs highlighting to HBC by writing to Cllr Gillian Harris.</p> <p>MC was in the process of the annual renewal of insurance for the group which is funded by Norse.</p> <p>Noticeboard – he has asked a local company to replace the current one, and this can be funded from the LCG restricted fund.</p>	
10	<p>Re structure of Local Government Noted that the Labour government were proposing a radical change to local government, creating larger unitary bodies. How this will affect us is unclear. Local elections due in May could be cancelled.</p>	
11	<p>Way Forward AL has been welcomed at our recent meetings and has now agreed to join the LRA committee. We agreed to appoint him as Chairman with immediate effect.</p> <p>Agreed to set a date for the May AGM, potentially Thursday 15th May. MH to approach Hugh Owen to see if we can hire the Sailing Club. Agreed we would like a guest speaker and arrangements are in progress to find one.</p> <p>The Committee needs more help and it was agreed to compile a list of roles and then to ask individually or through the e mail for volunteers.</p> <p>Noted Annie Atherton has offered to help with communications. MH to arrange a meeting for her and AL.</p> <p>Agreed to propose an increase subscription fee at the AGM to £5 from 1.6.25</p>	<p>MH/ CH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MH/AL</p>
12	<p>Next Meeting Tuesday 11th February 7.30 at Tidelands. The Chair closed the meeting at 9.25pm</p>	

15 January 2025