

LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents' Association Committee Meeting held on
7:30pm Tuesday 15 July 2025
at
Flat 6 Longmead Court, 29 Langstone Road

		Action
1	Persons Present Andy Lewis (AL) Chair Margaret Hellawell (MH) Treasurer & Secretary Sarah Maclennan (SM) Mike Combes (MC) Susannah Britcher (SB) Apologies: Carolyn Holland (CH) Jon White (JW) Sally Taber was welcomed as a guest	
2	Minutes of meeting on 10 June 25 were agreed as a correct record. These will be posted on the website together with a note of the date of next meeting.	MH
3	Treasury Report Bank account £6281 after using the £390.58 from LCG towards the £1416 cost of the new noticeboard. So far around 200 households have paid their £5 subscription and street reps have their files to ask for subscriptions. The form to remove Angela Armstrong & David Pattenden, and add AL & SM was signed. (Delivered to Lloyds on 16 th July) Mailchimp are now charging around £15 a month, up from £12 as our first's year discount has ceased.	MH
4	Langstone Conservation Group The new replacement noticeboard has been installed at the end of the Billy Trail near Langstone Road.	
5	LVA joint litter pick – 3rd August MC has liaised with Kevin Edwards & Norse. He's done the method statement and risk assessment. SM to create a note to send out on LVA/LRA mailings advising people on instructions for taking part in the litter pick. MH to ask CH if she is at home then and willing to arrange the catering.	MC / SM MH

	Barbara Furdyna, Chair of the LVA joined the meeting at 8.25pm	
6	Wade Lane /Mill Pond The meeting between Cllr Phil Munday and the LVA/LRA took place on 8 July with Lyle Cairn (CP). This continues to be a frustrating issue with lots of meetings and little apparent progress. It remains difficult to understand why the Council is prepared to spend over £100,000 on footpath maintenance while ignoring the breach where a broken wall needs repair to save the pond from damaging seawater. This decision makes no sense and needs change. Focus should be on what can be done to rectify the situation instead of what cannot be done. AL/JW & Peter Oliver will continue to press for answers. Work will start on the footpath from 5th August and will last approximately five weeks. The beginning of work on the Boardwalk is unclear and It was commented that no one has seen a design or evidence of a planning application.	AL/JW
7	Coastal Partners The planning consultation process has completed with no major issues. The flood defence project will now go forward to planning in September It was noted costs had risen and now stood at £23.7m. However, the funding gap remains. The Committee believe many people in Langstone are particularly interested in issues 6 & 7 and so it was agreed AL & SM would publish a project update for residents.	AL/SM
8	Irreplaceable Habitats SM raised the initiative from Plantlife to register grasslands as Irreplaceable Habitats, alongside other protected ecosystems. These grasslands are being lost and cannot easily be recreated in a meaningful time frame. Thinking of possible benefit to Southmere, we agreed to write to our MP encouraging support for grasslands to be treated as priority habitats.	SM
9	Date of next meeting Tuesday Sept 9th 7.30 pm. Venue tba	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.57 pm	

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