

LANGSTONE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents’ Association Committee Meeting held on
7:30pm Tuesday 11 November 2025 at Southmere Farmhouse

		Action
1	<p>Persons Present Andy Lewis (AL) Chair Margaret Hellowell (MH) Treasurer & Secretary Mike Combes (MC) Susannah Britcher (SB) Jon White (JW) Sarah Maclennan (SM) Apologies from Sally Taber & Carolyn Holland</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of meeting on 14 October 25 were amended in Section 7 by this wording, then agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><i>“In conjunction with the LVA we agreed in principle to fund initial legal advice on the lack of planning permission for the board walk.</i></p> <p><i>Also agreed to explore costings for rebuilding the wall.”</i></p> <p>These will be posted on the website together with a note of the date of next meeting.</p>	MH
3	<p>Treasury Report Bank account £6540. Agreed to pay £1000 for Barrister’s fee as our contribution towards the legal advice. Pay £84 for annual website hosting fee.</p> <p>Lloyds bank have announced they closing our ‘community account’ on 13 January and transferring us to a ‘business account’. There will be an increase in fees as a result. It may take some time to open another account and options are limited, so we agreed to continue with Lloyds for the time being and pursue the arrangement for a debit card.</p>	AL
4	<p>Langstone Conservation Group Unusually, some hazardous waste had been found on a recent clear and this had been reported for appropriate removal. Footpath 51 section by the Langbrook stream is not yet open to the public but should be shortly, now the lighting is in place. Noted that five trees had been planted. There is a reliable team of litter pickers.</p>	

5	<p>Footpath - Southmoor to The Mallards</p> <p>We had concerns about the King Charles III footpath opening the way to the private road leading to The Mallards. Concern was expressed, that growing public use would result in unacceptable foot traffic to the A3023 via The Mallards. SM would discuss with the owners of the private road.</p>	SM
	Barbara Furdyna, (BF) Chair of the LVA & Peter Oliver (PO) joined at 7.40 and left at 9 pm	
6	<p>LRA in a changing political environment</p> <p>PO reported on his recent meeting with the Council and potential ways forward to be a 'recognised entity'. He would explore with Hayling the possibility of joining them as a Parish Council. We recognised some areas of interest in common – A3023, bridge, coastal issues.</p> <p>MH & SB would investigate a Neighbourhood Area Committee as a possible alternative. This, less formal route, may be more appropriate for Langstone as we recognise our size and the difficulty recruiting people to serve in voluntary roles.</p>	PO MH & SB
7	<p>Wade Lane /Mill Pond</p> <p>BF reported the Barrister's opinion that we do not have grounds to challenge the lack of planning permission, because HCC Highways can claim the proposals as an 'improvement'. It seems Highways do not need to take wider environmental considerations into account.</p> <p>Though closely connected, our priority is rebuilding the breached wall and preservation of the millpond rather than just the footpath. PO is to meet with Phil Munday on 12 Nov. Ideally, we need in writing a statement from HBC/CHC/EA to look favourably on the rebuilding of the wall. That would give confidence for public fund raising if the Council continues to avoid responsibility.</p> <p>JW reported on his progress obtaining independent quotes for rebuilding the wall. He has one quote and is actively seeking another.</p>	PO JW
8	<p>Coastal Partners</p> <p>Still no progress to report on the implications of the delay in the procurement process. AL would try and arrange a meeting with James Spragg, including BF and Ed Neville, to discuss progress. There remains uncertainty ascertaining the division of public and private responsibility for the village drainage system. This is important in case upgrade is necessary in support of the proposed flood defence of Langstone. Accurate maps are not available.</p>	AL
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday December 9th 7.30 pm. Venue 32 Southbrook Road</p>	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm	

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