

LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents' Association Committee Meeting held on
7:30pm Tuesday 10 February at Tidelands, Mill Lane

		Action
1	<p>Persons Present Andy Lewis (AL) Chair Margaret Hellowell (MH) Treasurer & Secretary Mike Combes (MC) Susannah Britcher (SB) Jon White (JW) Carolyn Holland (CH) Sarah Maclennan (SM) & Sally Taber (ST)</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of meeting on 13 January 26 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
3	<p>Treasury report Bank account £5430</p>	
4	<p>Wade Lane footpath /Mill Pond progress Noted that HCC had advised they were planning to start works on the proposed bridge/boardwalk on 12 Feb and the footpath would be closed for 6 months. It seems this decision was made ignoring the possibility of it being unlawful. The LVA and LRA will follow up and in the meantime have encouraged their members, to voice their views to the Chief Executive of HCC and HBC, together with other interested parties. JW had received a quote from Knights Brown indicating cost of repair to the wall in the region of £117,000. AL said he would speak to BF regarding the formation of a joint subcommittee to facilitate clear communication. JW to draft a letter to the King – regarding King Charles III footpath at this section.</p>	<p>AL JW</p>
5	<p>Flood Defence progress Progress through the Planning process has been delayed for over two months following the unexpected departure of a key manager. CP advise this will not affect the revised start date for construction. AL reported that C.P were asked if improvements to the plan could be made during the delay period “for finessing” and was told no. This included improvements such as visual changes, as it would require revised planning permission.</p>	<p>AL</p>

	Concerns about drains have been expressed by residents living west of the A3023 which need to be brought to the attention of the Langstone flood sub committee. Following a camera inspection, Southern Water confirmed drains from the Royal Oak, along the back of the High St cottages were found to be unobstructed with no ancient connections between foul and surface water drains. This was good news.	
6	<p>Planning for Langstone in a changing political environment (Devolution)</p> <p>PO & AL are due to meet the Emsworth Area Forum this week to understand their experiences and why they have chosen to be a Parish Council. AL,MH,CH,SB attended a recent LVA committee meeting where there was a recognition that the two groups need to work together to make Langstone as strong as possible after devolution. The exploration of the Parish Council route is to be continued.</p>	AL
7	<p>Langstone Conservation Group</p> <p>MC extraordinary amounts of litter on the Langbrook section. He had received a letter from Alan Mak, MP recognising the work done for the community.</p>	MC
8	<p>LRA AGM</p> <p>Provisionally we set the date of Thursday 21 May – a fortnight after local elections. AL would explore whether someone from Emsworth would be prepared to come to talk about Parish Council and options, also invite to someone from Coastal Partners to update residents.</p> <p>AL asked people to consider standing for the committee for another year. MC said after 10 years he would stand down but would continue to lead the Conservation Group.</p> <p>MH to request use of Langstone Sailing Club, with bar.</p>	AL MH
9	<p>Committee Communication with residents</p> <p>As a committee we agreed a year ago to stop producing periodic newsletters and keep residents informed by sending emails when appropriate. In the last 6 months we have sent them on CP, Millpond, Security and on behalf of LGNN, LVA & FoCH.</p> <p>AL to respond to a query on this and noted that another resident had been positive about the new system.</p>	AL
10	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Oak Park Clinic</p> <p>Noted that Alan Mak had raised concerns about this in Parliament this week. Due to the high cost of diagnostic equipment, it made sense for the provider to concentrate on one site. Concern was expressed about poor communication regarding the change and lack of public transport route.</p>	
	<p>Southmere field</p> <p>Noted that there has been monitoring activity across the field, testing water levels. Due to prolonged heavy rain in Jan/Feb the field is flooded at the southern end.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 10 March 7.30 pm. Venue Tidelands, Mill Lane</p>	

	The Chair closed the meeting at 9pm	
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