

# LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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

		Action
1	<p><b>Persons Present</b>            Andy Lewis (AL)                      Chair            Margaret Hellawell (MH)      Treasurer &amp; Secretary            Mike Combes (MC)            Susannah Britcher (SB)            Jon White (JW)            Carolyn Holland (CH)            &amp; Sally Taber (ST)            Apologies : Sarah Maclennan (SM)</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes</b> of meeting on 10 February 26 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
3	<p><b>Treasury report</b>            Bank account £5425</p>	
4	<p><b>Langstone Conservation Group</b>            Due to recent heavy rainfall the stream along footpath 51 was running fast and high which had limited activity. The gate giving access to litter along the stream now has an LP padlock, MC has tried to find the contact so it can be opened for stream clearance work. He has acknowledged A. Mak's letter in which he suggested his involvement in Langstone litter clearance.</p>	MC
5	<p><b>LRA AGM</b>            MH had requested use of the Sailing Club for a May meeting but had not had a response, despite following up. She will progress. MC and CH confirmed they would stand down as committee members. The Chair thanked MH, SB, JW, and ST for pledging to stay on the Committee for another year. We discussed who might also be willing to consider standing.            We will draft an email outlining the role of the LRA and inviting engagement.</p>	ALL  AL/MH
6	<p><b>Wade Lane footpath /Mill Pond progress</b>            The meeting with the CEOs of HCC and HBC, plus Coastal Partnership, due on 25 Feb was cancelled at very short notice. Though not clearly explained we believe it may be because they failed to apply for an Environmental Impact Assessment. The uncovering a 'live' electric cable has caused delay and could</p>	JW/AL

	have implications for both the board walk and planned construction of Langstone flood defences.	
7	<p><b>Flood Defence progress</b></p> <p>Nothing new to report, except to note the 'live' cable may cause further unwelcome delay for the coastal defence strategy plan because it tracks along the coast path to Langstone High Street.</p>	AL
8	<p><b>Planning for Langstone in a changing political environment (Devolution)</b></p> <p>AL &amp; SB attended the exhibition at Emsworth Baptist Church today and viewed the displays. They had a useful conversation with an HBC officer who said we could apply for Parish Council status. We would probably require 250 votes in favour to proceed. SB to contact G Harris, our local councillor for her advice.</p> <p>A joint LRA/LVA subcommittee to explore the way forward was proposed. AL to discuss with the LVA.</p>	AL/SB
9	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p><b>Oak Park Clinic</b></p> <p>Practice Plus accepted the communication of the closure could have been handled better. The funding from the Strategic Health Authority was insufficient to allow them to continue to operate that site.</p>	
	<p><b>Planning concerns</b></p> <p>It was reported that many residents continue to ask about the former Railway Cottages, expressing frustration that nothing has been done by HBC to improve what most consider to be an eyesore. Earlier investigations suggested HBC have limited powers and the question remains, why haven't they been used. We are unsure whether the HBC Planning Office has recovered from their computer problems. The Chair will seek to follow up</p>	AL
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 14 April 7.30 pm. Venue 8 Langstone Avenue</p>	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9pm	

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