

LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents' Association Committee Meeting held at
7:30pm Thursday 16 July 26 at Southmere Farmhouse.

		Action
1	Persons Present Andy Lewis (AL) Chair Margaret Hellawell (MH) Treasurer & Secretary Mike Combes (MC) Susannah Britcher (SB) Jon White (JW) Sarah Maclennan (SM) & Carolyn Holland (CH) Apologies : Sally Taber (ST)	
2	Minutes of meeting on 9 June 26 were agreed as a correct. We agreed to post the minutes on the website for a year.	
3	Treasury report Bank account £6334. 227 subscriptions have been received, mainly through the bank and £80 in donations. We agreed a letter which street collectors can use to invite people to join. We agreed to print in colour, on 2 sides, 100 copies.	MH/SB
4	Mailchimp policy We have circulated information about what is going on in Langstone, such as Langstone Good Neighbour events, events at the Chapel and when requested LVA events. We do not take adverts from the local pubs, or 'for sale' items, or informal events.	
5	Committee membership and support We have not had any response to our general appeal for help. It was suggested that when we have a particular topic people are more likely to respond to a specific request.	
6	Langstone Conservation Group Litter, graffiti and low-level vandalism appear to be increasing. A Police or PCSO presence would help deter this. The Langbrook stream is very overgrown, so MC will notify the Environment Agency and again try to contact Langbrook Park and Cllr Phil Munday.	MC
	Barbara Furdyna & Peter Oliver (LVA) joined at 8pm	
7	Flood Defence – CP Management changes AL reported that the team dealing with Langstone Flood Defences had changed, so we needed to build relationship with these people. Concern was expressed about plans to widen the path running alongside the boat park to six meters during construction of the flood defences. The new CP team seem unaware this would impact protected trees and the Mill Pond SINC. C.P. have given verbal assurances such a wide path would not be used by construction traffic. Jackson Construction have been appointed by C.P.as the contractor,	AL/BF

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	and again concern was expressed about their awareness of environmental issues. To date CP had advised us to wait until contractors had been appointed, to answer our questions on practical issues. Since this company will have an enormous impact on Langstone it was agreed that LVA/LRA would seek a meeting to build relationships and understanding. CP acknowledge their PR needs to improve and Jo Kerr has been appointed to keep Langstone residents informed. She asked for the top ten residents' concerns and these have been sent. When we have the response, we can consider if other queries need to be raised. Noted that HCC have placed three new gates across Langstone Meadows. These are part of King Charles III path development and not the planned flood defences.	
8	Wade Lane footpath /Mill Pond progress JW gave a full report on the lines of enquiry he had been exploring, following SB's recommendations. He has submitted a legal challenge to HCC, as they seem to have disregarded the environmental impact on the land side in their EIA Screening report for the bridge. Nik Knight has helped with key information, particularly some old and more recent Ecological surveys which include important bat activity and evidence of European Eels in the Mill Pond. Assistance and support is also being sought from the Office of Environmental Protection and is ongoing. BF reported they had been advised to contact individual members of the CHC, whose views seemed to rely on the Haskoning report, which did not take into consideration the landside ecological impact. There was discussion about the possibility of saving the millpond wall by having it listed with Historic England, to give it protected status. Application seems relatively simple and AL agreed to seek the opinion of the Mill owner.	JW/AL
	Publicity for the Millpond & footpath SB offered to set up a Facebook page and ways to raise public awareness.	SB
9	Planning for Langstone in a changing political environment (Devolution) PO is of the opinion that a Parish Council is the way forward. MC and others expressed doubt that this would give us much benefit. There was also doubt we could muster sufficient manpower.	

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10	LVA update BF updated us on the social events planned. She expressed concern about the oyster gatherers who regularly came to the end of the High Street. Police were aware. Railway Cottages – noted that 2 more containers were on site.	
11	AOB Rook Farm We had sent an email advising people of this proposed development and invited them to contribute to the fund for legal expenses. LRA had sent £150. HIRA are seeking £48k. A decision on the planning application for 300 houses at Rook Farm is expected soon. Railway Cottages ST had contacted the relevant people at the Council regarding the noise nuisance and was waiting for a response. It was noted heavy equipment for hire was recently delivered to what we suspect is a business address.	
	Date of next meeting Tuesday 15 September 7.30 pm. Venue Tidelands	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.40 pm	

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