

# LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents' Association Committee Meeting held on  
7:30pm Tuesday 13 January at Mulberry, 3b Mill Lane

		Action
1	<p><b>Persons Present</b>            Andy Lewis (AL)                      Chair            Margaret Hellowell (MH)      Treasurer &amp; Secretary            Mike Combes (MC)            Susannah Britcher (SB)            Jon White (JW)            Carolyn Holland (CH)            Sarah Maclennan (SM)            &amp; Sally Taber (ST)</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes</b> of meeting on 9 December 25 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
3	<p><b>Planning for Langstone in a changing political environment (Devolution)</b>            There remains uncertainty how best to maintain or improve Langstone's voice after local government reorganisation, Both the LRA &amp; LVA are investigating options ready for discussion at a joint committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January. The LRA favours creating a Neighbourhood Area Forum but first needs to consider what our Neighbourhood Plan Objectives would be and explore the possible timetable and support resources needed. Help from HBC had been sought and an email received. It was agreed that MH&amp;SB would reply to J Bouton to clarify our understanding of the process, then seek to arrange a teams meeting with her for more detailed discussion. This would include AL, SB, MH &amp; CH. AL undertook to contact the senior person in Emsworth Area Forum to understand their experience and why they are now seeking to be a Town Council.</p>	<p>MH SB</p> <p>AL</p>
4	<p><b>Wade Lane footpath /Mill Pond progress</b>            We continue to press the authorities to repair the wall, but it seems they have no budget to save the Mill Pond from collapse into Chichester Harbour. It looks increasingly likely that we may have to fund the works, assuming we can obtain planning permission. AL to speak to CP asking what assistance they can offer. JW awaiting another quote for the work involved. Matt Goodwin CEO of HBC has paved the way for a meeting with HCC, to see if there is any room to modify their plan which saves the Mill Pond and the footpath.</p>	<p>AL JW</p>

5	<b>Treasury Report</b> Bank account £5435. Three Debit cards received. Noted: We have a savings account.	
6	<b>Website update</b> SB and MH had met Steff and made suggestions for improving the website. They will review the changes shortly, please see website and make your comments and suggestions to them.	SB/MH
7	<b>Langstone Conservation Group</b> MC reported the hazardous waste has been removed. Concern was expressed that the bus stop layby by Mill Lane was being used to fly tip. Insurance for the year has been arranged through Norse. D Joyeux was congratulated on his interesting article in the Langstonian. Sadly, this had not yet resulted in more volunteers.	MC
8	<b>Flood Defences progress</b> A new Project Manager, Jessica Miles has been appointed by CP though this has not been officially advised to us. At a meeting with CP, concern was expressed about the new wall planned on two sides of the Winkle Market and towards Green Cottage. At 50cm thick it is unsightly and a perfect place to deposit used bottles and glasses accompanied by crisp packets etc. CP have promised to relook at the plan. AL will update the LVA to make sure we express a strong and unified objection.  Havant Planning have expressed concern about lorry traffic along Mill Lane to enable the building of a bund. Given past experience when the temporary bund was built, the Chair has written a letter advising we are not expecting damage to the narrow lane or any of the properties alongside.	AL
9	<b>A.O.B.</b> <b>Oak Park Clinic</b> Noted that this local facility has apparently been closed at the end of December, without consultation. Patients are being asked to go to St Mary's in Portsmouth. Alan Mak has created a petition. ST undertook to clarify the situation with A Mak MP.	ST
	<b>Planning issues</b> HBC planning is not functioning well following a computer upgrade. Concern was expressed about the development at Langstone Lodge and the lack of progress with the former Railway Cottages.	
	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Tuesday 10 February 7.30 pm. Venue Tidelands, Mill Lane	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm	

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