LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents' Association Committee Meeting held at 7:30pm Tuesday 15 September 26 at Tidelands.

		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) Sally Taber (ST)	
2	**Minutes** of meeting on 16 July 26 were agreed as correct.	
3	**Treasury report** Bank account £6569. 283 subscriptions have been received, mainly through the bank and £101 in donations. Total income £1526. The LVA have paid for maintaining the two defibrillators, and we agreed to pay half, so £258 will be sent to the LVA. We agreed to send our annual donation of £25 to Havant Civic Society and £50 to Friends of Langstone Harbour. We noted with sorrow that Neil Paterson had died, he was a long standing committee member and Treasurer of the LRA.	MH
4	**Langstone Conservation Group** The teams were not out in August and Mike reported that there was a lot to collect in September. He is in contact with Phil Munday, regarding recycling, clearing the Langbrook stream and access to the stream through the new Langbrook Park gate.	MC
5	**LRA Policy on finance and issues beyond Langstone** We are likely to be asked to contribute to the LVA initiatives with regard to the Mill Pond and footpath issues. It was agreed the whole committee would be consulted on requests as they arose. Our finances are limited. Over the summer a request had been made to support an objection to a planning matter in Emsworth. As objections relied on a legal argument, we chose not to ask residents to be involved. The Rook Farm appeal which we supported has been lost. We agreed we would support out of area issues which would directly affect Langstone, or set a precedent. The Chair and Secretary would aim to circulate a considered response for the whole committee to comment on, before action.	ALL
	Barbara Furdyna & Peter Oliver (LVA) joined at 8pm	
6	FCERM Update	

	We had the August update, advising of the Billy Trail clearance and environmental surveys. The works are due to start in earnest in January and the major work is expected to take place from April for eight months. They will use The Ship slipway to supply three work stations along the coast to the Royal Oak.	AL
7	**Wade Lane footpath/ Millpond progress** To our dismay HCC have started work to build the bridge over the gap in the wall. LVA are trying to ascertain who has jurisdiction over the sea wall and are seeking specialist legal advice. The wall has been built on currently unregistered land. LVA/LRA are concerned that HCC have not followed the planning procedure with HBC, which includes alleged incomplete Screening for EIA. The lack of sea wall is critical, and so engineering advice and solutions need to be explored. A solution is likely to require significant funds, so fund raising will be needed. PO/JW will keep us updated. JW reported that the Office of Environmental Protection had summarised the situation well, including an acknowledgement of the situation around the Screening for EIA. but were unable to help without the assurance that our complaints have been exhausted. He has formally written to HCC asking them to confirm that we have exhausted all avenues of complaint. The answer is obvious, since construction has started. No answer has been received from HCC. Discussions are continuing with Phil Munday of HBC to keep the lines of communication open, particularly as funding is now a key factor. We and the LVA are pressing him to continue to support us having an open discussion with Coastal Partners and open dialogue with CHC who have been silent on the matter. A plan to do this has been agreed and is in progress. JW & AL met with the owner of the Mill, who was asked if he would support the idea of obtaining Historic England listing for the **sea wall**, to which he agreed. The wall, despite being joined to the Mill and forming/supporting the Historic infrastructure of the Water and windmill, does not come under the ownership of the mill complex, despite having done so when it was built. An application has been made on industrial heritage grounds etc. and has recently been submitted to Historic England.	JW/PO

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8	**Planning for Langstone in a changing political environment (Devolution)** The government have stopped the plan for devolution in Hampshire, so we will retain HBC. Andy confirmed that he would stand down at the AGM in May 27 and Barbara that she would stand down at the Nov LVA AGM. It was acknowledged that under their leadership the two organisations had worked much better together, however the LVA committee were not looking to form one new organisation to represent Langstone. When collecting subs, it was noted that many residents queried why there were two organisations.	
9	**LVA update** BF advised there was still a problem with oyster gatherers who regularly came to the end of the High Street.	
10	**AOB** **Railway Cottages** ST had contacted the relevant people at the Council regarding the noise nuisance. Animal welfare have no concerns. Perhaps we need to tackle this problem on inappropriate use of the site, contrary to the agreed planning permission. **A3023 & motorbikes** A group of residents on Langbrook Close were concerned about this and other road related issues. They had written to the Chief Constable who had replied. If the bikes are legal they have every right to use the road. It is difficult to measure noise levels when the source is moving. They have sympathy with the request to lower the speed limit but have no authority. HCC determine speed limits but our County Councillor is not willing to push for this.The speed and safe crossing issues have been a concern for 20+ years. **Alan Mak MP** ST offered to raise specific concerns with him.	ST/BF
	Date of next meeting Tuesday 13 October 7.30 pm. Venue 6 Langstone Avenue	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 pm	

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