

Longparish Community Association

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday 15th March at 20.00 held at Meadow View courtesy of Gloria Goodliffe.

07/9 Present:

Fiona Gould (Chair), Christine Beresford, Patrick Beresford, Wendy Ellicock, Gloria Goodliffe, Andy Smith, David Wright and James Field (visitor)

Apologies: Jeremy Barber, Alix Bremridge, Toby Cooper, Jonathan Evans

07/10 Discussion with James Field about potential energy saving initiative

James explained that he is regarded as the “Carbon Tsar” at work. He introduced us to a wireless monitor called an Electrosave, an easy to use hand held gizmo that enables consumers to identify which appliances use the most electricity. This of course will then enable consumers to make energy saving choices that have a two fold effect: saving money and reducing carbon footprints. In general it was thought that the money saving aspect would probably be the most effective way of introducing the idea to the wider community. It was decided to purchase a gizmo for the shared use of the community. We felt it was likely to be a better approach for the Community Association to raise awareness of the saving potential rather than risk being seen to preach conservation to the community, although we would hope to build on this initiative over time. James agreed to act as ‘Carbon Tsar’ to the LCA and provide information to the community as a whole through H+V and maybe offer training in green issues if there is anything suitable offered by Learning Net or other support agencies.

Action: Draft initial insert for H&V **James**

Action: Consider the opportunity to put up a display at the AGM about the electrosave **Fiona/Christine**

Action: Buy an electrosave monitor **David /James**

Action: Approach Roy Chambers to see if he is willing to be custodian of the gizmo **Gloria**

Action: Ask Phil Harris if he minds inserting extra sheets in the Hill and Valley. **Fiona**

Andy had just attended a Test Valley Community Association Network meeting. Main part of the meeting was about Learning Net and thought that it may be possible to get training on various subjects including energy saving. Some training is free in Hampshire until Dec 2007.

Action: Put training issues on agenda for May. **Fiona**

A short discussion ensued about training, including silver surfers week 20th to 26th May. It was thought that May would be too soon to get organised for silver surfers. First we need to identify a need.

Action: Ask around to see who would be interested. **ALL**

Action: Ask Mrs Foggo about using school computers for community use. **Fiona**

07/11 Actions from last meetings

Child protection policy The document is being discussed by the Kidzone volunteers. The insurers are happy with the policy. When everyone involved is in agreement that the policy meets our needs it will be presented to the LCA committee for formal adoption.

First Aid Course Several people thought that the Hampshire led first aid course was too expensive so Fiona has contacted the Wiltshire Ambulance paramedics. They expressed an interest in leading the course. The course would primarily be for Kidzone volunteers. It may be possible to subsidise other interested people both adults and over 12 year olds. The young people, of course, could not be awarded a First Aid at Work accreditation but would no doubt be given some sort of recognition for completing the course.

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Stock A stock take has been completed. A spreadsheet was passed to Emma Smith in February. It was requested by David that an updated sheet should be available monthly at LCA meetings.

Support for elderly carry forward **Fiona to talk with Gloria Corinne and Nona**

Finance Meeting to be arranged in early April **David and Fiona**

Accessibility put on hold

AGM advert done

Alison Angell asked for an evaluation of her evening on branding. Forms were sent out electronically but not everyone could access them.

Action: to respond to Alison using already comments forwarded by committee members. **Fiona**

Action: Other members to comment directly **All others who were there**

07/12 Membership

At present stands at 275. Members do not need to renew membership until January 2008.

07/13 Treasurer's report

Balance in bank £3055. This figure includes the Parish Council's grant. Outgoings since last meeting were for youth group hire and transport. £348.

07/14 Activities update

Moviola

Congratulations to the team. "The Queen" was a resounding success with 38 £5 tickets and 51 £4.50 tickets sold. After charges, that left a clear profit for LCA of £104.88 from the ticket sales. Bar sales bought in £119.20 but profits have yet to be calculated. Trailers of available films were shown during the evening and as a result of a survey conducted during the interval. The following films have been booked for the coming months.

26th April Miss Potter

24th May Casino Royale

21st June A Good Year

19th July Notes on a Scandal

That concludes the first year of Moviola for Longparish,

Ticket sales for The Devil Wears Prada are going well. As of Thursday 15th 30 have been sold.

Walks

Wendy's walks have stopped due to lack of support. John's twice a month long distance walks are still taking place.

Coffee mornings

Regularly 8 to 10 people get together for coffee or tea. The next get together is Friday April 21st at Meadow View.

Reg Meuross Gig

Despite extensive advertising-(adverts placed in H+V, Andover Advertiser, Hants Chronicle, flyers delivered to 200 homes in the village, posters put up in the village direct contact with local folk club) ticket sales have been negligible.

Action: Ask David Gould to send out an e mail to LCA members advertising the event. **Fiona**

Exercise class

Gina Snowden is organising an exercise class for less fit older people. Carol Dunford is taking the sessions. Six sessions are planned starting on April 12th from 9 am to 10am. An advert has been placed in Hill and Valley and some emails have been sent out.

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Gardening Club

Rosie Lowry is considering starting a gardening club. She is in discussion with Wendy about how to get started.

Allotments

There is one plot on the allotments which is difficult to cultivate for vegetables because of tree roots. It would be a good idea if fruit trees were planted in this area creating a mini community orchard. The LCA have been approached to ask for funding of these trees. A sum of £50 is being asked for. In essence the committee agreed to the expenditure subject to formal application being made to the treasurer.

Welcome session for new parishioners

Meeting in Village Hall on April 27th at 20.00 LCA will be represented.

Lonely folk

Are we as a group meeting the needs of lonely people in our community? This brings us full circle with the carry forward for Fiona, Gloria, Nona and Corinne.

07/15 Planning for AGM

AGM to be held on 10th April in the community hall at 20.00. The only legal requirements for the AGM are to produce and present a financial report, appoint treasurer, chair, secretary and committee. At the moment our turnover is under 10K so we are not legally required to submit more than basic financial reports to the Charity Commission requirements but we will, as a matter of good practice, send in the report prepared for the AGM.

Fiona, as chair, will therefore deliver a report of our first year. There will be a presentation by members of the Kidszone. Christine will report on membership and provide a breakdown for the meeting. David will deliver the financial report.

Action: Julian Curl will be approached to be an independent examiner of our accounts. **David**

Action: During the informal muttering and munching interval it is intended that we find out from attendees what their ideas and priorities will be for the coming year. **ALL**

Date of next meeting Thursday 17th May at 20.00 at Wendy Ellicock's house.

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Action Some sort of activity for AGM maybe a PowerPoint loop of community images