

**Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 15 September 2015**

Present: T Anderson B Hall C Hatley
 P Holmes J Howard
 C Platten

		Action
1	<p>Apologies Lionel Johnson sent his apologies and there have been resignations from four other members – Denis Moules, Ken Wilkin, Trevor Cox and Andy Taylor. These were accepted and all will receive acknowledgement.</p>	CP
2	<p>Minutes and matters arising Minutes of 19 August 2015 approved.</p> <p>Matters arising: Item 2 - CP sent annual report to Companies House. Item 4 – Role and membership of the committee. CP spoken to several people about joining the committee. No young people came back to him, but Angela Hall, Alan Lamb and Joy Martin have agreed to join the committee. Rima Page may join later and Charlie Rickard will consider it once he has resigned from the Parish Council.</p> <p>The committee were in agreement to co-opt these people and CP will formally ask them to become part of the committee.</p>	CP
3	<p>Treasurer's report No report in Treasurer's absence.</p>	
4	<p>Progress on charity set-up and Lodestar magazine survey Further to the objects stated in the agenda for this meeting, CP feels now ready to submit them to the Charity Commission. All agreed he should do so with very slight re-wording. If we get Charity Commission approval, we can then present these objects, together with a constitution, to members at an AGM (agreed January) in our efforts to get their ok to go for charitable status.</p> <p>CP circulated results of Lodestar survey, which came up with some good ideas, which will be considered.</p>	CP

<p>5</p>	<p>Programme of social events</p> <p>CP reiterated that one of the roles of the committee is to set up events/activities but, if any directors don't want to be involved, that is fine.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Further pop-up pub following Xmas fayre in the afternoon. Fete committee got quiz night on 5 December, so PH and CH to discuss joining forces for the evening. If agreed, CH will apply for licence, and CP will get the beer. ○ As per a survey suggestion, Xmas tree in the village (best suggestion on wide verge opposite church). PH to ask Richard Todd if NT have a tree to donate or sell us at good price. JH to check parish council opinion. ○ Old people's supper. CP and JH to organise. Likely in new year at new pub, on a first come, first served basis and subsidised, rather than free. ○ Bingo evening. Following recent successful evening. PH and Jo happy to organise. (Jo is also happy to arrange an auction to raise money) ○ New residents' meeting and welcome packs. No-one nominated to carry this further yet. 	<p>CH/PH/CP</p> <p>PH/JH</p> <p>CP/JH</p> <p>PH</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Any other business (as notified beforehand)</p> <p>6.1: Minutes to be published on village website. JH to forward to Ian Middleton for publication.</p> <p>6.2: CP has come in for a great deal of criticism, particularly through a small number of Lodestar survey forms and in the recent resignations. He is very unhappy with this and asked for committee views. All were in favour of him carrying on in the same vein, and it was felt that we wouldn't have got as far as we have without his perseverance, tolerance and hard work.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 19 October, 8 pm at the Church – purely to discuss and organise events.</p>	

Charity objects attached see over:

Objects

The objects of the CIO are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Lode with Longmeadow Parish (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, nationality, age, disability, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

These objects will be achieved by:

- funding for the improvement and extension of existing community facilities (such as the Fassage Hall). This would be accomplished by match funding with other grant providers such as WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) and the Lottery Fund
- supporting the research, recording and publication of village history
- provision of better services for physical recreation such as coaching courses (e.g. cricket, tennis) and facilities such as a table tennis table and outdoor gym equipment
- support for self funded recreational and leisure activities by acting as a back stop to allow people to try new things without fear of financial failure (e.g. the pop-up pub with music)

The capital raised by the sale of the village club building will be used for the long term benefit of the village specifically in capital projects that preserve a community meeting space. Secondly, the new charity can apply income and fund raising to smaller projects that meet the objects but are unlikely to be self funded (e.g. first aid and defibrillator courses, elderly Christmas events, general social activities that bring the community together).