

**Minutes of Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 18 August 2015**

**Present:** T Cox            B Hall            C Hatley  
P Holmes        J Howard        L Johnson  
D Moules        C Platten

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Ken Wilkin and Tim Anderson.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and matters</b> Minutes of 19 May 2015 approved.  Matters arising: Item 2 – Charitable activity: Nothing new to report. TC awaiting opening date of pub/restaurant before taking old peoples' Xmas dinner further. Item 2 – Action plan: To be discussed later. Item 5 – No new member applications. Item 6: To be discussed later. Item 7: CP reported 2 charges against the Company now removed from Companies House register, and Lionel Johnson now agreed to become a director with support of all.	TC
<b>3</b>	<b>Treasurer's report</b> LJ distributed spreadsheet of accounts, which shows almost £620 in interest. He has been looking for a bond into which to transfer £27,000, and it was agreed to use Tesco at a rate of 1.95%.  LJ told us he had received a demand for £277.62 owed to British Gas, but which has been paid. He will telephone and sort it out tomorrow. He had also received a letter asking if we are owed any monies by The Golf Lounge, and it was confirmed we are not.	LJ  LJ
<b>4</b>	<b>Role and membership of the Committee (discussion)</b> CP sought to clarify the difference between being a director and a committee member, as it was clear that not everyone understood what the committee's role is.  Discussion ensued, but it became clear that the directors are responsible for running the business, with legal and financial obligations, whereas the committee's role is to organise events for the benefit of the villagers and	

	<p>to have a monitoring role to ensure that members wishes are carried through.</p> <p>It was agreed to seek additional co-opted members of committee if possible from the younger generation and from Longmeadow.</p> <p>CP and CH had organised a pop-up pub, with live music, at the weekend. This was a success and goes to show that there is a requirement and desire for villagers to get together on occasion, and it can be for the committee to fulfil this if we wish. CP has also organised a talk in October, and PH is to organise a bingo session. Although this is all being done by directors, they are looking to the committee to support such functions and come up with some of their own.</p> <p>The committee is asked to come back to the next meeting with some ideas for doing things in the village following a survey through the Lodestar Magazine.</p> <p><b>5 Progress on charity set-up (Chair)Treasurer's report</b></p> <p>The directors have now covered virtually everything the Charity Commission require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have 5 trustees</li> <li>○ Show public benefit to Lode and Longmeadow</li> <li>○ Have a name – Lode with Longmeadow Village Trust</li> <li>○ Have a structure agreed – CIO</li> <li>○ Have a governing document – foundation charity without members</li> </ul> <p>We now need to have objects properly organised in line with other organisations in the village and specifying facilities we might use. We will seek permission to put a box in Lode Post Office for people to post suggestions, requests, etc. Then we have a high chance that the Charity Commission will accept our proposal and grant us charity status, and we may be in a position by the end of October to hold an EGM to get members' agreement.</p> <p>Queries were raised regarding who agrees the Trustees and how people can apply for money, and it was agreed we write to village organisations and tell them that they can give presentations for putting cases for funding following the survey.</p> <p>Next steps are suggestion box in Post Office, article in LodeStar following which CP will write to other village organisations as appropriate.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Any other business (as notified beforehand)</b></p> <p>None.</p>	CP
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 15 September 2015, at 8.15pm at The Church (note change of date)</p>	

