

APPENDIX 8

Exbury & Lepe PC

Notes of an informal meeting on Monday 22 June 2026

We had a useful brainstorming meeting on Monday evening to find ways of improving community cohesion.

- Cricket Match. It seems difficult to find appropriate dates this year, but Lizzie (and Caspar Todd) will try to get a fixture in the Beaulieu Cricket Club calendar for next season. They have offered all their equipment for a payment of £100. The match will be between East and West sides of the Beaulieu River, captained by Benj Scrimgeour and Julian Chichester.
- It would be good if we could use the recreation field at the Exbury Club, but the pitch is not good enough for cricket. What about other team games? Football?
- Alison will talk to Sue (of Exbury Club) to see if we can improve relations between the village and the club, which have not always been harmonious. Possible ideas included:
 - Getting discounted tickets for Exbury & Lepe residents for events such as Bonfire night.
 - Offering a prize at the flower show (at the Fete) for the best resident's entry.
 - Having another parish presence at the Fete (but more than just having a stall).
 - Is traffic management of events better?
- Lizzie will talk to Nick de R about whether the Exbury Estate or the Palais des Vaches could do something to connect with the parish. It was agreed that the Old Barn Door audience is too broad to be useful for parish activities.
- Environmental ideas.
 - Red to report at the next parish meeting on the Swift boxes.
 - Lizzie suggested asking residents to use the Merlin app to record birds identified within the parish. Possibly give a prize (at the fete?) for the most birds logged. She will do this on Exbury Massive.
 - Possibility of giving a talk on some nature topic – maybe in Mr Eddy's?
 - Erica to come up with other ideas and circulate.
- Emma to follow up on
 - Missing telephone in the phone box. Can we get it back because there is no mobile signal in Exbury village. Alternatively, should we agree to sponsor it and keep it in situ?
 - Speed cameras. Where should they be located? To be discussed with Peter H-b.