

## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### Members

\*Mr R Hargreaves (Chairman), \*Mr K Budden, \*Mr D Dodds, \*Mrs S Halstead, Mr D Jerrard, \*Mr H Linsley, \*Mr F MacNamara, \*Mrs L McDonald, Mr B Mayo, \*Ms K O'Malley, Mr A Smith, \*Mr N Wilson & \*Ms A Wright.

\* Present, in addition to one member of the public and one member of the press

Clerk: S. Smith

### **105/18 Apologies**

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Jerrard, Mayo and Smith. Members noted that District Councillor Mrs L. Pienaar had also sent apologies.

### **106/18 Declarations of interests**

Cllr Budden declared an interest in the RFO's report arising from a payment to his company.

### **107/18 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman advised that he and Cllr Halstead had attended three workshops at SDNPA with CALA on the Andlers Ash Road development. It was noted that LPC has observer status only. A design was beginning to emerge and a public exhibition was due to be held shortly to update members of the public on the proposed layout and approach.

### **108/18 Adjournment for public participation**

Members agreed to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

No issues were raised.

Members agreed to reconvene the meeting.

### **109/18 Report from County Councillor**

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer presented his report (see attached). Cllr Oppenheimer highlighted the value of the Village Agent Scheme in Liss. In response to the update on fly tipping, Cllrs O'Malley and McDonald advised on particular hot spots (including Farnham Road) and suggested that the covert cameras available be deployed there. Members undertook to provide any further details on fly tipping hotspots for this purpose.

### **110/18 Reports from District Councillors**

District Cllr L. Pienaar had submitted a written report (attached). Cllr Halstead commented on the inadequate marking at the Station Road EDHC car park near the Triangle Community Centre. The Admin Officer was liaising with HCC and Cllr Halstead requested that District Cllrs Kendall and Budden support the issue along with Cllr Pienaar.

District Cllr M. Kendall advised the following:

- That he fully supported LPC's objections with regards to the Fish and Chip Shop, in particular that it contravened paragraph 17 of the Liss Neighbourhood Plan as the window contributed to the character of the Conservation Area. He would write to SDNPA accordingly;

- That a meeting of the Coryton Trust would take place on 30<sup>th</sup> July and would consider a proposed appointee as well as chairmanship;
- Lastly in respect of the Flood Action Group the Environment Agency had raised concerns about the accuracy of data about water volumes in the Rother and wanted to carry out further tests of the model previously used. The Flood Action Group were seeking data from it's previous consultants but this issue needed to be resolved before the EA could determine what measures might be appropriate for Liss.

Cllr Dodds enquired about the status of the EHDC Playing Fields Strategy and District Cllr Budden advised that he would raise the issue at a Chairman's briefing the following day.

Cllr Budden also advised:

- That the Temple Inn had reopened following refurbishment although some aspects of the redevelopment would be dependent on the outcome of any planning application;
- That the EHDC grant scheme was to be reworked and it was hoped that a redistribution of funds may benefit more rural areas going forward;
- That the police had been working with the Crossover, EHDC and HCC to address issues regarding the problematic youth group in Liss. Members noted the importance of disseminating the message to residents that any incident should be logged by calling 101, or 999 if an emergency.

### **111/18 Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Linsley with all in favour).

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the main Council meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Halstead with all in favour).

### **112/18 Matters Arising**

**Minute 13/18:** The Chairman noted that the possibility of planting a tree or installing a bench in the Memorial/Centenary Gardens to mark the 1<sup>st</sup> World War Centenary celebrations was primarily an issue for the NCPFT, but that LPC would support these initiatives. The Clerk would continue to pursue with the NCPFT.

**Minute 97/18(i):** HCC public consultation on street lighting, supported passenger services and the concessionary travel scheme – Cllr Budden advised that he had offered to draft the response which he would circulate to Members of the Highways Committee for approval.

**Minute 101/18:** The shuddering of the railway crossing gate - The Clerk advised that the issue had been reported to Network Rail who investigated immediately. Network Rail had advised that the gate was 'hunting', an expression used in railway engineering to describe a system hunting for equilibrium, however there were no safety concerns regarding the issue which would be rectified within the next month or so. Members agreed that the Clerk should contain Network Rail again and press for this to be rectified given the level of alarm caused and the fact that members of the public are not aware that this is not a safety issue.

### **113/18 Responsible Finance Officer's Report**

The Clerk responded to queries raised.

**Resolved:** That the payments and receipts recorded in Responsible Finance Officer's Report be approved (proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr O'Malley with one abstention (Cllr Budden and remaining Members in favour).

### **114/18 Correspondence**

Items for response:

- SDNP consultation on criteria for Local Heritage List – Planning Committee had responded;

- ii) HCC consultation on Permit Scheme for Road Works and Street Works – The Clerk would recirculate;
- iii) NALC invitation for entries for Star Council Awards 2018 – Council agreed not to submit any nominations;
- iv) HALC invitation for entries for Village of the Year – Council agree not submit an entry.

County Cllr Mr R. Oppenheimer and District Cllr Mr M. Kendall left the meeting at this point.

### **115/18 Reports of Committees**

#### **Planning Committee**

The Chairman highlighted that a strong objection had been submitted in response to the planning application for the Fish and Chip Shop. The Chairman also noted that the application for Andlers Ash farm had been withdrawn and the Springs appeal had been dismissed.

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be noted.

#### **Highways Committee**

The Chairman highlighted continued concerns regarding the dual use pavement at Liss Forest and the HCC response that the colour contrast clearly delineates the footway from the carriageway.

**Resolved:** Members agreed that Highways should be invited to meet with representatives of the Council and local residents and Russell Oppenheimer on site to discuss.

Cllr Wright enquired about progress on the courtesy crossing at West Liss.

**Resolved:** That the Admin Officer chase HCC for the detailed set of plans required for installation.

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Highways Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 be noted.

### **116/18 Pavilion Update**

The Chairman advised Members that the contract with Tildan Construction had been signed and that demolition was now underway. Further work would be required by the Pavilion Committee in due course on detailed aspects such the electrical points and the colour scheme, in addition to terms and conditions of hire.

As regards funding the application to the Football Foundation had been unsuccessful. However, some additional S.106 funds were anticipated to cover the cost of improving sight lines as set down in the planning consent.

The legal documentation for the use of the Pavilion by the Scouts was nearing completion and it was noted that the Scouts had been extremely co-operative in working to the timescales required for moving out of the Scout Hut.

It was expected that completion of the new Pavilion would take place in February 2019.

### **117/18 Matters of concern**

Cllr McDonald noted that the ongoing road works in St. Mary's Road meant that residents were under pressure to find alternative parking.

Cllr Halstead noted that South West Trains were not able to proceed with the proposed changes to the timetable. Cllr Budden added that South West Trains had been disappointed that the proposed timetable changes could not be implemented. He advised that the three District Councillors had written to the Railway Group to express dissatisfaction that Liss would not be benefitting from the services expected.

Cllr Halstead extended her thanks to those who had helped with watering the hanging baskets on a voluntary basis and added that further volunteers would be welcome. The Chairman expressed his thanks for the contributions from local business towards the hanging baskets, including a £100 donation from Tesco's.

**118/18 Reports on Outside Bodies**

The Clerk read out a report submitted by Maureen Keel, LPC representative to The George Street Trust, which advised that the annual grant of £1000 to the Crossover had been approved in June. Cllr MacNamara noted that a meeting of the Coryton Trust would take place on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Linsley had attended a meeting of the CTCG and noted that the name was due to change to Community Partnership. He had also attended a meeting of the Hillbrow and Rake Traffic (HART). Cllr Wright noted that monthly outreach sessions would be held by the CAB in the Triangle, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. This would be advertised in the next Village Voice.

**119/18 Exclusion of the public and press**

**Resolved:** That any members of the press and public be excluded, proposed by Cllr Hargreaves & seconded by Cllr Budden with all in favour.

**120/18 Exempt Item: Approval of exempt Council minutes of 18th June 2018**

**Resolved:** That, subject to one minor amendment, the exempt minutes of the main Council meeting of 18th June 2018 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr McDonald with all in favour).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 19.30hrs

Signed:.....Dated:.....

# COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT TO LISS PARISH COUNCIL

16 JULY 2018

## 1. Update on Village Agent Scheme

The Village Agent scheme aids older people in rural areas to access community resources that can support their wellbeing, increase their independence and reduce social isolation and loneliness. Liss is a village with high levels of voluntary activity and community cohesion. I know from talking to people that the Village Agent Scheme is greatly valued by the community. I am very grateful to Sue Halstead for putting me in touch with the current Village Agent Ray Betsworth.

Over the past eighteen months, HCC's Culture, Community and Business Services Department (CCBS) Strategic Rural Delivery Programme has funded the Village Agent scheme, via a budget transfer to Adults' Health and Care. Adult's Health and Care has the commissioning relationship with the service provider, Age Concern Hampshire, which was grant funded to coordinate the project across Hampshire. However, the current grant funding for the current Village Agent scheme came to an end on 31 March 2018.

It is proposed that the delivery model for a Village Agents service is now brought in line with other work HCC is doing as part of the Departmental Strategy to manage demand on the health and social care system. We aim to extend the scope of the scheme beyond older people, to support others identified as socially isolated and at risk of requiring social care intervention e.g. people with learning or physical disabilities. In addition, the Council plans to broaden the reach of the service to other targeted areas across Hampshire where there is the greatest need.

We are looking to grant fund an organisation to support the new model for a Village Agent presence across Hampshire from October 2018. This will be advertised as a 'Rural Connections Grant' and will be for a solution in the region of £45,000-£60,000 (supporting at least 40 volunteers initially, increasing to at least 70 supported over the term of the 18 month grant period). It will be an open grant round so although Age Concern Hampshire have been supporting the original scheme up until now, the provider may change at this point. I have been in touch with Age Concern who are

optimistic about their chances of winning the contract again which will then give the scheme stability until 2020.

It is the intention of the Council that the new service will involve working more closely with the Town and Parish Councils, offering them the opportunity to retain existing Village Agents or develop one where there is desire to do so. It is hoped that this link with the Town and Parish Councils will help to sustain this valued existing service.

HCC is aware that this means there is a break between the end of the current grant funding for the existing Village Agent scheme and the start of the new grant-funded service in October. Therefore, a £3,500 transitional grant has been awarded to Age Concern Hampshire to allow them to continue supporting the service whilst they seek solutions to make their scheme more cost effective and sustainable. I am delighted that the Village Agent scheme will therefore be able to continue uninterrupted in Liss.

## 2. County Councillor grants

I have made two grant awards in Liss in the last month. Firstly I have awarded £600 to Liss Infant School to support the purchase of Promethean Interactive Panels. And secondly I have awarded £250 to Rother House towards the purchase of a communal television for residents. I do still hope to make further awards in Liss during the remaining grant period which ends in March 2019.

## 3. Fly-tipping update

Hampshire's fly-tipping strategy is delivering results. Fly-tipping tonnage decreased by around 25% in East Hampshire in the year 2016/17, compared to the previous year. This reduction is predominantly down to successful partnership working with the Hampshire Constabulary, NFU, CPS, District Councils and Parishes. Also worth noting are the following:

- So far three joint night-time enforcement operations have been mounted. 230 vehicles have been stopped. Several drivers have been issued with fines. One person has been arrested and one vehicle was seized. These operations are having a strong deterrent effect.
- An Intelligence and Enforcement Working Group has been established and met for the first time on 27 April 2018. A Parish Council representative will feed back to and engage with HALC.

- A funding bid for covert CCTV cameras has been successful with £3,000 being awarded from the Rural Delivery Budget. HCC are holding the cameras centrally. A pilot project with the HCC Countryside Service is taking place currently in Yateley. If anyone knows a good location for covert camera action please email Gareth Roberts at [gareth.roberts@hants.gov.uk](mailto:gareth.roberts@hants.gov.uk)

#### 4. Autism Ambassador scheme

After a full day of intensive training I am delighted to have qualified as an Autism Ambassador. The Autism Ambassador scheme is run by the Hampshire Autism Partnership Board with support from Hampshire County Council.

The role of an Autism Ambassador is to be a positive voice for people with autism, who are “differently abled” rather than disabled, and to raise awareness and understanding of autism amongst colleagues, friends and family so that we increase understanding of things a person with autism may find difficult or stressful.

Autism is a hidden condition which obscures its prevalence. Three in 100 people are thought to be living with autism whilst only one in 100 has a diagnosis. All individuals are unique and autism can manifest in different ways. Most autistic people find processing information difficult and can be oversensitive to particular things such as smell, tastes, colour, sound and touch. Many people on the autistic spectrum will struggle in social situations and may experience problems with relationships at home, school or work.

A key thing I took away from the training is that many autistic people can make a great contribution in the workplace, because they are often well organised, logical and have good attention to detail. However, in order to harness those talents it is often necessary for employers to make “reasonable adjustments”. The benefits of small changes can be enormous and they can enable people with autism to contribute to society and live more independently in the community.

If anyone is interested in undertaking Autism Ambassador training, please email Vanessa Cosby on [admin@ascambassador.org.uk](mailto:admin@ascambassador.org.uk)

**RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER**  
**County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers**

## **Report to LPC for monthly meeting on the 16th July 2018 – Cllr Laetitia Pienaar**

1. In the past month, the following grant applications were received/granted by me:-
  - The Crossover Centre – new barstools for the youngsters (£200)
  - Liss Infants School – Interactive panels for teaching (together with Councillors Budden, Kendall and Oppenheimer) (£400)
  - Triangle Centre – contributions to the cost of sanding of the floor of the main hall and the hiring of the live music for the beer festival (£1000)
  - RVS Thursday Lunch Club – I will be funding the coach hire for the summer outing on the 8th August (£375.00)

I should add that a review of grants is being undertaken with an eye towards reforming the system and will be reported on as soon as results are available.

2. Fish and Chip Shop – on request from Cllr Halstead, I confirm that I do support the LPC's position and have made this known to the Enforcement officers at EHDC. Once a Planning Enforcement Notice is sent out, I shall receive a copy and will pass this on for LPC's purposes.

3. Re flowerbeds at EHDC carpark and marking of carpark spaces – am chasing – I was told that the line painting may be difficult where the surface to be painted is effectively made of bricks. I will chase again this week. They have gone quiet about the maintenance of the flowerbeds, I will also chase this up.

4. I have (under advice from EHDC Legal department) declared a conflict of interest in relation to the planning application at 96 Station Road, Liss. Prior to this, I was informed that an appeal has been submitted by the owners against the LPA's decision to refuse the application for change of use. It is uncertain how long it will take for the appeal to be decided. In the meantime, the officer informed me that a Planning Contravention Notice would be served on the owner in order to establish the facts of the case to help EHDC to decide the most appropriate action in terms of enforcing against the unauthorised use. The owner has raised concerns about making people homeless and their human rights, should an action to evict be taken by them.

5. New format to what used to be called CTCG meetings – this will now be called the Community Partnership Meeting and will be held bi-monthly, with the first meeting to take place on the 19th September, after which I should be happy to report back, should no-one from LPC attend.