

## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 County Cllr (CC) Russell Oppenheimer and District Cllr (DC) Mike Kendall.

Clerk: S. Smith

### 172/18 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs MacNamara, O'Malley and Smith. Members noted that District Councillor Mrs Laetitia Pienaar had also sent apologies.

### 173/18 Declarations of interests

None declared.

### 174/18 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman advised the following:

- That Jan Allen had left the employment of LPC on 6<sup>th</sup> December. It had been agreed that Dick Bowery would undertake the finance role on a temporary basis pending the recruitment of a permanent RFO in the new year;
- That the office would close for the Christmas period at 2pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and would reopen at 10am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The Clerk could be contacted during this period for any urgent issues;
- That Members might like to consider the prospect of holding the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting in the new Pavilion assuming it is ready in time.

### 175/18 Adjournment for public participation

With no members of the public present, it was agreed that no period of adjournment was required.

### 176/18 Report from County Councillor

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer presented his report (Annex A).

### 177/18 Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Kendall advised the following:

- That, following the article in the Petersfield Post, he supported the EHDC strategy of investing in property by way of loans from the PWLB, subject to due diligence and risk assessment. He advised that the reason that relevant documents could not be accessed by the public was due to commercial sensitivity, that the decision to invest in this way had been agreed by EHDC cllrs at an open meeting and that all documents could be accessed by members of the Government, Audit & Scrutiny Committee.

Cllrs Jerrard and McDonald joined the meeting at this point.

Cllr Kendall had attended a meeting with the Abbeyfield Society about the redevelopment of The Oaks at the end of St. Mary's Road. The plans would be formally submitted in due course. He advised that the plans were not likely to be that different to the previous plans and therefore the proposed development was still likely to be an overdevelopment of the site.

Cllr Kendall also advised that the Flood Action Group (FAG) would undertake a walk on 30<sup>th</sup> December from the Mill to the Station to inspect various points of the river and to raise awareness of the work of the FAG.

Cllr Budden added that all EHDC cllrs had been invited to a briefing on the investment strategy which had ultimately helped to keep council tax rates down.

Cllr Budden advised that Chief Executive Sandy Hopkins was due to depart EDHC and that the Appointments Board had met to consider interim options. Subject to formal confirmation by meetings of EHDC and HBC, Jill Kneller would become the Interim Chief Executive. Interviews for a permanent Chief Executive would take place in the new year for appointment later in the spring. Cllr Budden advised that the budget would be revealed in January.

Cllr Jerrard expressed disapproval of the EHDC investment strategy as he felt that PWLB loans were not intended for speculative investment. Cllr Linsley also expressed concerns and enquired about the investments made and asked whether this strategy would help meet the EHDC commitment to abolish council tax by 2021. Cllr Budden responded that £90m had been spent on a variety of property investments of which a substantial proportion were in Petersfield and East Hants. £70m had been borrowed from the PWLB and £20m had come from EHDC reserves. He advised that a zero council tax rate was no longer an aim of EHDC, rather community and regeneration.

Cllr Pienaar had provided the minutes of the Youthlink meeting which took place at The King's Arms on Friday 30 November which considered the current drug situation locally (Annex B).

CC Cllr Oppenheimer and DC Mike Kendall left the meeting at this point.

### **178/18 Minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr McDonald, with all in favour).

### **179/18 Matters Arising**

157/18 Cllr McDonald advised that Cllr Oppenheimer had been in touch with Cllr Linsley as Chairman of Highways and that a meeting had taken place on 30<sup>th</sup> November to discuss traffic calming measures. Cllrs Oppenheimer and Pienaar would also attend the next meeting of the Highways Committee.

### **180/18 Responsible Finance Officer's Report**

The Clerk responded to queries raised and undertook to provide a list of direct debits set up on the bank accounts and a list of suppliers paid by direct payments at the next Finance Committee and on an annual basis thereafter.

**Resolved:** That the payments and receipts recorded in Responsible Finance Officer's Report be approved (proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr Budden, with all in favour).

### **181/18 Correspondence**

Items for response:

- i) NALC survey on small councils merging – For individual response;
- ii) HCC invite to highways and transport themed town and parish council workshop – Cllr Linsley would attend if possible;
- iii) Chichester Local Plan consultation – Members agreed this did not affect Liss;

- iv) EHDC Pocket Parks Fund – Member agreed that the Clerk should ask the Community Officer, Lucy Whittle, to engage with the community about the EHDC land between the Roundabouts and the Oval where EHDC had previously maintained some play equipment.

All other items of correspondence were for information only and would remain in the office for viewing until the date of the next council meeting.

### **182/18 Finance Committee Report**

The Chairman of Finance advised that the current financial position was that expenditure for 2018/19 was below the level budgeted, partly due to savings in staff costs and Pavilion running costs which were not required. Members had agreed to identify specific underspends from the 2018/19 budget for allocation to Pavilion fit out costs and had agreed to propose to Council that those specific underspends which could be identified at this stage would be put to Council in December, with further underspends to be identified in January.

Members had agreed on budget and precept proposals to put to Council for agreement.

In response to questions the Chairman confirmed that extra provision had been allocated for in year grant applications.

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Finance Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

**Resolved:** That Council authorise the allocation of known 2018/19 budget underspends of £1,819 from the Neighbourhood Plan and £5,000 from Pavilion running costs, totalling £6,819, to the Pavilion fit out (proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Linsley and with all in favour).

### **183/18 Budget & Precept for 2019/20**

The Chairman presented the budget and highlighted that this included a general reduction in staff costs due to contracting out of grass cutting. The budget allowed for estimated Pavilion running costs and income and a full year's servicing of the loan from the PWLB. The proposed increase over 2018/19 was 2.45 %.

Cllr Wilson enquired about the process for promoting awareness of the LPC grants policy. The Chairman of Council advised that the application procedure was open to those who wished to apply. The Clerk added that the new website would provide increased visibility and therefore awareness of the grants procedure.

**Resolved:** That Liss Parish Council agrees to adopt a budget of £211,202 for the financial year 2019/20, to be funded by a precept of £212,900, with the surplus of £1,698 going to reserves (proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Mayo and with all in favour).

### **184/18 Grounds Committee Report**

The Chairman of Grounds drew attention to the removal of the Horse Chestnut tree in the Memorial Gardens. Following feedback via the LPC Facebook page, the trunk had been made into two rustic benches, one of which commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War. The Committee had also considered the issue of the Lych Gate and agree to propose to Council that s106 funds be sought to restore the structure.

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Grounds Committee of 10<sup>th</sup> December be noted.

### **185/18 Lych Gate**

**Resolved:** That Liss Parish Council makes an application for s106 funds to restore the Lych Gate to its former design and without prejudice to ownership or any other rights.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Dodds, seconded by Cllr Linsley and carried with 3 votes against (Cllrs McDonald, Wilson & Wright) and one abstention (Cllr Budden).

### **186/18 Pavilion Committee Report**

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Pavilion Committee of 28<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

### **187/18 Pavilion Update**

The Chairman advised the following:

- That the structure of the new Pavilion would be completed before the Christmas break with internal works to follow in the new year;
- That although there had been some increase to fit out costs, it was felt that savings elsewhere would offset this;
- A draft set of charges had been drawn up which would be put to Council in January;
- There would be a focus on communication and marketing in the new year;
- All LPC Cllrs plus the CC and DCs were invited to attend to meet with the contractor and project manager on site and view the building at 2pm on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### **188/18 Planning Committee Report**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee highlighted that the application for five detached dwellings at The Grange to which LPC had strongly objected had since been refused.

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 26<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

### **189/18 Review Committee Report**

The Chairman of the Review Committee highlighted that a list of all policies which were to be reviewed were circulated to all cllrs but that no comments had been received. The amended policies would be circulated to Council in due course. Following amendment to the policy on filming meetings, a form of wording would be added to all Council and committee agendas. Cllr Jerrard highlighted the fact that members of the public who wished to record meetings could only be encouraged rather than required to identify themselves to the Chairman of the meeting.

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Review Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

### **190/18 Matters of concern**

Cllr Halstead noted the lack of presence of a member of the press and Members noted that Tom White had been very diligent in attending LPC meetings.

Cllr Wilson enquired about insurance provisions for councillors and volunteers undertaking duties such as delivery of the Village Voice on behalf of LPC. The Clerk undertook to check.

### **191/18 Reports on Outside Bodies**

Cllr Wright had attended the AGM of the East Hants CAB and reported that, following relocation and staff rationalisation, the service was operating well in its three East Hants locations. It was thought that the roll out of universal credit could impact on queries received.

Cllr Halstead had attended the EHAPTC meeting which focused on supporting older people and the SDNPA workshop in Midhurst for which the presentations had been circulated.

Cllr Linsley had attended a meeting of the Coryton Alms Houses Trust.

Cllr Jerrard had also attended the meeting of the EHAPTC.

Cllr Budden had attended the meeting of the Coryton Alms Houses Trust and the Liss, Greatham & Hawkley Friendship Fund who were looking to increase awareness of the fund.

In response to a query, the Clerk advised that details of local charities would be included in the revamped website.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.14 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, 19.30hrs

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

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT  
TO  
LISS PARISH COUNCIL**

**19 NOVEMBER 2018**

1. Reduced speed limits for Liss implemented

The Traffic Order known as the “Hampshire (Various Roads, Liss) Order 2018” came into force on 16 November 2018. It is regrettable that we had a year’s delay but we got there in the end! Over the coming months I would welcome any feedback on the effectiveness of the new speed limits.

2. Budget provides welcome financial support for Local Government and for Rural Communities

The Chancellor of the Exchequer delivered a budget on 29 October which contained several positive funding decisions for local government. The items I would like to highlight are as follows:

- An additional £420 million will be made available immediately to local highway authorities to tackle potholes, bridge repairs and other minor works in this financial year. This is likely to be distributed in line with the existing DFT needs formula and the HCC allocation is expected to be £12.7m.
- Building on the additional £240 million for social care winter pressures that was announced at the Conservative Party conference, a further £410 million has been found meaning a total of £650 million of funding for social care will be made available in 2019-2020. This is expected to be distributed in line with the previous adults formula and HCC can expect to get £12.85m.
- A £400 million in-year one-off capital payment directly to schools - averaging £10,000 per primary school and £50,000 per secondary school.
- A £675 million Future High Streets Fund, and one third off business rates for retail premises up to a rateable value of £51,000 in 2019/20 and 2020/21 (costing £450m-£500m a year). Local authorities will receive a grant to compensate them for the lost income from this measure.
- A further £500 million for the Housing Infrastructure Fund to unlock 650,000 homes.
- The allocation of £200 million of previously announced funding to supercharge the rollout of full fibre broadband in rural areas.

3. Glover Review issues Call for Evidence

Parish Councillors will recall that the Government asked Julian Glover to undertake a review of Designated Landscapes. The Review has now issued its Call for Evidence.

The terms of reference of the Review rule out anything that could weaken or undermine existing protections or geographic scope. The focus will be on enhancement and working together, examining how designated areas can boost wildlife, support the recovery of natural habitats and

connect more people with nature. The Review has also been asked to assess the case for the creation of one or more new National Parks.

(The Full Terms of Reference are available at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review/terms-of-reference>).

I hope Parish Councillors will consider providing evidence to the Review Panel, either individually or collectively. The Review presents an excellent opportunity to stand back and take stock of what is working well and of what the National Park could do better. It also provides a chance for us to participate in the development of some new thinking at national level.

The consultation runs for only just over 8 weeks, with a closing date of 18 December. The consultation document, which can be found at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/landscapes-review-call-for-evidence/> asks 24 questions, 18 of which cover the core areas of policy, with a request to keep each individual answer to no more than 500 words.

#### 4. Outcome of Passenger Transport Review and Street Lighting Consultation

As I have reported previously, HCC undertook a consultation on subsidised passenger transport and street lighting over the Summer. Following a report in October, decisions have now been made by the Executive Member.

Some reductions in timetables in East Hampshire have been approved in order to achieve necessary savings. The changes are not enormous and I believe we have actually emerged relatively unscathed in East Hampshire. Mostly the reductions relate to off-peak schedules. The full list of changes in East Hampshire is attached for information on the next two pages.

On street lighting, it has been agreed that street lights in residential areas will be switched off for three hours between 1am and 4am. This will save around £240,000 per annum and it will also reduce the carbon footprint of HCC. In addition, the South Downs National Park is an International Dark Skies Reserve and this measure will cement that protected dark skies status, and will generally be welcomed by astronomers!

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

**Notes of the Youthlink Meeting that took place in The Rose Room,  
The Festival Hall, Heath Road, Petersfield GU31 4DX, on  
Friday 30 November 2018, at 12.30pm**

**Present:** Damian Hinds MP, Hilary Ayer (The Mayor of Petersfield), Chris Jones, Richard Hoe (Churcher's College), Tony Markham (Herne Junior School), Julie Butler (EHDC), Darren Della Maestra (Alton College), Susan Hope (DWP), John Callaghan, Ted Dowdeswell, Anne Deakin, Steve Field (KA Trustees), Amanda Elmes, Laura Tong (South Downs National Park Authority), Anne Harris, Sophie Mayall (Ditcham Park School), Neil Pittaway (Bohunt School), Jen Hammersley (Alton Buckle), Tom Belshaw, Becka Jarvis, Liam Moloney (Community First), Andy Kennedy (HCC CSD), Georgina Leigh, Agnes Jongme (Crossover, Liss), Penny Woods, Robyn Bell (Energise Me), Ian Berry (Diocese of Portsmouth), Olivia Carr (Radian), Kris Mayer (Parent Voice), PC Hayley Knight (Hampshire Police), John Lodge (The Petersfield School), Ruth Chinnock, Wendy Wilson (Petersfield Rugby Club), Sally Floyd (Counsellor), Mandy Letchford (Artscape), Pam Simpson (HCC), Jo Anderson (Southern Health NHS Trust), Christian Bran (Petersfield Town Council), Debbie Marsh (NHS SHFT), Sarah de Marcos (PSA Bohunt Cluster), Julie Ferguson (Embrace Change), Jon Piper, (Hope Church), Janie Millerchip (EHDC), Robert Mocatta (HCC), Stuart Cousens (HCC DofE), Ben Bentley (EHDC), Chris Lambert (Redwood Active), Katy Smith (Healthzone, The Grange Surgery), Ralph Buckingham (ReMind), Richard Blackford (HCC), Rev Will Hughes (St Peter's Church), Laetitia Pienaar (EHDC), Caroline Aeschliman, Mandy May, Annemarie Woods, Lisa Hillan, Larisa Elder, Nawaf Ameir, Beth Lacklison, Ben Stickler, Debbie Stickley, Tori Evans, Clare Pilkington (The King's Arms)

**Leading the discussion:** Julie Poling (Catch 22), James McCullough (Hampshire Youth Offending Team) and PC Kieren Mansell (Hampshire Police)

Clare Pilkington welcomed everyone and thanked the following:

The Mayor, for giving Youthlink the use of the Rose Room for the meeting;  
Damian Hinds MP, for making the time to attend;  
Radian, for contributing to the refreshments;  
The King's Arms staff, for their support, furniture removals and baking;  
Churcher's College, for volunteering an A Level student to develop an app and online Directory for Youthlink.

This is Clare's last Youthlink meeting, as she is retiring at Christmas. Please send any comments, thoughts or suggestions for future meetings to [info@thekingsarms.org.uk](mailto:info@thekingsarms.org.uk) until her successor is announced.

### **The local drug situation**

#### **Key points from initial overview:**

- Hampshire has the second highest number of county lines operating in the country; one house in Petersfield is currently being monitored for drug offences;
- Police involvement in the local drug issue began at Christmas 2017, with some good results; they provide outreach work with Community First;

- Criminal exploitation: easy access from A3 corridor/nice place to live/police numbers are low;
- Fareham, Gosport and Havant are the busiest areas for drug-related activity in Hampshire; Bordon is busiest in East Hampshire;
- The Hampshire Youth Offending Team are involved on two levels: statutory and preventative (pre-police), and they would welcome referrals from those present re vulnerable families;
- Catch 22 has been supporting young people with drug and alcohol issues for the past 25 years across the country. The Hampshire team (10 staff) has seen a 100% increase in referrals since July 2018, although referrals from East Hampshire remain very low (16 in the past six months). The young person must consent to be seen, but parental consent is not always necessary – service is confidential. Low risk referrals are generally seen within two weeks, high risk within five working days, and those who are injecting or using aerosols are seen the same day wherever possible;
- [Parentsupportlink.org.uk](http://Parentsupportlink.org.uk) work alongside Catch 22, offering one-to-one and group support and family mediation: phone number 02380 399764;
- Parentvoice is closing on 31 December: their work will be taken forward by the Core Assets Children's Service: *Over the last 9 years Parent Voice, which has operated from the Rose Road Association, has delivered Information, Advice and Support to families and professionals across Hampshire. In this time, we have had over 12,000 referrals where our local workers have helped with signposting information and giving relevant and useful advice and support. Over 5,000 people receive our newsletter every 2 weeks. We are very proud of our achievements and are delighted to have received very positive feedback on our service. The role of helping families who have children and young people with additional needs/disabilities navigate through an often-complex support system is very rewarding. We wish Core Assets the very best of luck in providing the new service where Education, Health and Social Care queries will all be dealt with by one organisation. We are confident that families will continue to receive information, advice and support in a timely manner from professional well-informed staff.*
- Local hotspots: Love Lane/the skatepark/The Avenue/Bell Hill. *CCTV would undoubtedly help with the policing of these areas.*

### **Community Partnership Information form (CPI)**

- Sharing of information is critical to developing a clearer picture of local and wider issues, to inform the actions we need to take to reduce risk and harm.
- To help Hampshire Police build a clearer picture of the threat of risk and harm to children and young people, they ask that all practitioners share relevant information that can provide crucial links where gaps in intelligence might exist.
- To help improve information sharing, the CPI form gives professionals a safe and direct way to share non-urgent information with the police relating to children and young people at risk of:
  - Becoming missing, exploited or trafficked (MET).
  - Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).
  - Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).
  - **Drug-related harm.**
  - Modern Day Slavery.
  - **Displaying anti-social behaviour (ASB).**

- Involvement in organised crime.
- Note: The CPI form is **not** a referral form. It is for sharing non-urgent information and intelligence only.

**It is vital that anyone who witnesses or hears of drug-related activity completes a Community Partnership Information (CPI) form.** This can be found at: [www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/](http://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/) **Unless these incidents are reported, the Police/Youth Offending Service are unable to take any action.**

### Concerns raised by attendees:

- Cannabis is being used as a coping mechanism/seen as modern-day tobacco;
- Parents and grandparents are smoking cannabis at home with their young people, and this makes it even more difficult to support those who want to change their habits;
- Parents lacking confidence to talk to their children can find useful information at [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com);
- There is too much 'mis-information' available to young people in relation to drugs;
- The immediacy of the 'high' is seen to be much more important than the long-term consequences of drug offending (restricted travel/jobs, etc);
- What is being done to stop dealing and groups openly using drugs in Petersfield?
- Without a police presence there is no deterrent: young people are more open in their drug use and less fearful of repercussions;
- Parents in general lack confidence when faced with a drug-related problem;
- Opinions about drugs vary enormously amongst parents;
- How can we educate the parents of our young people about the action they need to take if they encounter a drug-related situation?
- Is drugs education given enough time in school. Is PHSE taught in all schools? Is there a consistency in approach?
- Will free training be available to all teachers delivering PHSE if the curriculum is to be made more comprehensive;

Damian Hinds spoke of the difficulties in policing the 300 square miles that is East Hampshire. He reminded the meeting that we, as a society, are doing much more now about mental health, and informed everyone that compulsory health education, along with relationships and sex education, would be introduced in all schools by September 2020. Training and teaching materials are currently being developed with external experts, with input from educators at the next stage, and will be offered to schools once completed and approved.

### Key messages to take away from this discussion:

- The importance of sharing non-urgent, but relevant, information via the appropriate channels (CPI form, 101, Hampshire Police website) regarding concerns for the safety and/or behaviour of young people across Hampshire (the CPI form can be found at: [www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/](http://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/))

- Please refer young people to the YOT's Youth Crime Prevention programme (if they are aged between 10 and 16 years and are displaying 'pre-offending' behaviour). This is a voluntary service and requires consent of both the young person and their parent/carer. Any agency professional or parent can make a referral to the service. Referral forms can be requested by emailing: [cjism.easthantsyot@hants.gov.uk](mailto:cjism.easthantsyot@hants.gov.uk)
- Please refer young people who are experiencing issues with substance misuse to Catch 22. This also requires consent of the young person and can be progressed by telephoning the service on: 0800 599 9591.

Other useful information from the Youth Offending Team has been emailed to you separately.

Caroline Aeschliman, Operations Manager at The King's Arms, will report on this meeting at the next East Hampshire Strategic Group meeting, of which she is Chairman. Any related action decided by this group will be fed back at the next Youthlink meeting.

If anyone has anything to add on this subject, please email [clare@thekingsarms.org.uk](mailto:clare@thekingsarms.org.uk) and these notes will be updated accordingly.