

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 18th June 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

Clerk: S. Smith

Cllr Hargreaves opened the meeting by welcoming new councillor Mr Nick Wilson for the Liss ward.

89/18 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllr Budden and MacNamara. Members also noted that District Councillors Mrs L. Pienaar and Mr M. Kendall had sent apologies.

90/18 Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest.

91/18 Chairman's announcements

There were no announcements to make.

92/18 Adjournment for public participation

Members agreed to adjourn the meeting for public participation.

There were no members of the public present and so Members agreed to reconvene the meeting.

93/18 Report from County Councillor

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer presented his report (see attached). Cllr Oppenheimer responded to questions in relation to the findings of research on the 20mph speed limit, namely that such a limit had not led to a meaningful reduction in speeds or the number of accidents. He advised that the speed limit alone had not been found to impact positively but that HCC would continue to keep such policies under review. Further information regarding the term discretionary discounts for holders of older persons' bus passes would be submitted to the Clerk for circulation.

County Cllr Oppenheimer left the meeting at this point.

94/18 Reports from District Councillors

No reports had been submitted.

95/18 Minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2018

Resolved: That, subject to a couple of minor amendments as discussed, the minutes of the Council meeting of 21st May 2018 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr Jerrard with all in favour).

96/18 Matters Arising

Minute 13/18: Members agreed to investigate the practicalities of the planting of a tree and the possibility of installing a bench in the Memorial/Centenary Gardens to mark the 1st World War Centenary celebrations.

Resolved: That the Clerk pursue the issue with the chairman of the Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust.

Minute 50/18: The admin officer had raised an enquiry with HCC as to whether the road/pavement scheme as proposed was fully implemented and was waiting to hear back. The Highways Committee were looking at concerns regarding traffic through Liss Forest as well as concerns over the dual use pavement.

97/18 Responsible Finance Officer's Report

The Clerk responded to queries raised.

The chairman of Finance noted the need to account separately for CIL payments going forward.

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

97/18 Correspondence

Items for response:

- i) The Chairman noted that a thank you letter had been sent to the Liss Horticultural Society for the £50 donation towards the hanging baskets;
- ii) The Chairman noted that an Environment Agency request for access to the River Rother via the LPC section of the Riverside walk, to conduct an electric fishing survey on 18th July, had been approved;
- iii) The Chairman noted that the HCC Passenger Transport Forum Agenda for 19th June had been circulated – Cllrs Budden and Linsley were due to attend;
- iv) HCC public consultation on street lighting, supported passenger services and the concessionary travel scheme – for response by 5th August – Members agreed that the Highways Committee should draft a response for consideration at July's meeting of Council;
- v) Seafarer's UK letter requesting the flying of the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September – Members agreed that the Clerk should pass the request to the British Legion to consider given the presence of a flagpole there.

98/18 Reports of Committees

Planning Committee

The Chairman highlighted the following:

- A letter was to be sent to EHDC to express LPC's continued dissatisfaction with the process for permitting the Blue Bell Inn development;
- That EHDC Planning Enforcement, Buildings Regulations and Environmental Health Officers had all been exploring possible actions on the various issues in relation to the Fish and Chip Shop. Such actions were now on hold pending the outcome of a retrospective planning application for the alterations which had already been carried out. LPC's response to the application would be agreed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee on 25th June.
- That a new planning application for the Puddle Ducks use of 71 Station Road was also likely to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 30th May 2018 be noted.

- **Grounds Committee**

The Chairman highlighted that the new play equipment regime was in place and had proved to be very thorough; that the old disused ride on mower would be sold for scrap and that a small working party were looking at possible proposals for West Liss, including a MUGA, a new play area and exercise trails for older children and adults.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Grounds Committee of 11th June 2018 be noted.

- **Pavilion Committees**

The Chairman noted that the Pavilion Report would cover all issues discussed in the Committee meetings. Cllr Wright noted the importance of a system of locking doors to provide for more than one user at a time and the Chairman advised that we would work to achieve this where possible.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Pavilion Committees of 24th May & 13th June 2018 be noted.

99/18 Agreement of budget, signing of the contract with Tildan Construction and financial arrangements for the construction of a new Pavilion on West Liss recreation Ground

The Chairman presented a report which had been circulated previously as well as an amended budget in Appendix 1. He expressed his thanks to the Clerk on behalf of Council for the level of work undertaken to secure the borrowing approval for the loan from the Publics Works Loans Board. The commitment of the Scouts to the process was noted and the Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllrs Dodds and Smith for facilitating the dialogue. He noted that work on the legal documentation to back this up was well under way with the assistance of the Clerk.

The Chairman responded to questions raised. It was noted, in particular, that any further funding secured would be used firstly to repay the reserves required for the project, and secondly to reduce the level of borrowing required from the Public Works Loans Board; and that any cost outside the budget would be brought back to Council. The Chairman also reported that it was proposed to provide seating for 80 people rather than the 60 referred to in paragraph 18 of the circulated report.

It was noted that the Clerk would undertake the financial control arrangements given the uncertainty faced with the RFO's relative newness to the post and current absence. Cllr Smith agreed to continue to lead on communication.

The Chairman proposed the motion that Council agree to:

- a. To note the loan approval for £500,000 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the conditions of that approval.
- b. The budget for the Pavilion project 2018 as set out in the amended Appendix 1 and the position on the use of a Football Foundation Grants and on contingency costs set out in paragraphs 6 and 7.

- c. The Statement of Intent between the Chairmen of the Council and the scouts set out in Appendix 2, and notes the agreement between the Scouts and EHDC to place a container on the EHDC car park to allow the Scouts to vacate the scouts hut and the toiler block.
- d. To sign the contract with Tildan Construction in accord with the amended tender submitted in January 2018 for the demolition of the existing pavilion, scout hut and toilet block and the construction of a new Pavilion in accord with planning permission SDNP/17/05105/Ful.
- e. The Pavilion Development Committee will direct the delivery of the construction contract and related matters to the provision of a new Pavilion in accord with the arrangements for project and financial management set out in paragraphs 13 to 16.
- f. To note the work in hand on fitting out the Pavilion and arrangements for its running.
- g. To support further communication to the community on the Pavilion project.

Resolved: That Council agrees to the motions as drafted, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Mayo and approved unanimously.

Cllr Wright expressed a vote of thanks to all those involved in the Pavilion project for their hard work and commitment which has brought the project to this stage.

100/18 Approval of Trustees' reports for the registered charities for the year ending 31st March 2018

Resolved: That that Trustees reports for the registered charities for the year ending 31st March 2018 be approved (proposed by the Chairman of Finance & seconded by Cllr Linsley with all in favour).

101/18 Matters of concern

Cllr O'Malley noted that the 'shuddering' of one of the railway gates at regular intervals had caused concern in the village.

Resolved: That the Clerk report the issue to Network Rail.

102/18 Reports on Outside Bodies

Cllr Halstead had attended the following:

- SDNPA parish workshop on 12th June - this focused on roads, rural policing, whole estate plans and the Dark Skies policy;
- EHAPTC on 14th June - Damian Hinds had attended to answer questions and Jackie Evans, EHDC's new community officer, had provided some information on s106 and CIL;
- HALC meeting - It was confirmed that Dawn Hamlet, People & Development Consultant, would be acting as Chief Executive in Steven Lugg's absence;
- Triangle meeting – It was noted that funds for the roof repair had been agreed, the AGM would take place on 19th June and was open to all and the Beerfest would be held on 25th August. The Triangle also made a plea for volunteers.

Cllr Linsley had also attended the HALC meeting and recommended the workshop of the speaker. He had also attended the SDNPA West Sussex parish workshop on 6th June.

Cllr Linsley and Cllr Dodds had attended the Newman Collard AGM at which the independent members had been elected – it was noted that 2 vacancies remained.

Cllrs Halstead, Linsley, Dodds, Hargreaves and Smith had attended the official opening of the extension to the Mitchell Room at the Newman Collard Playing Field Pavilion.

103/18 Exclusion of the public and press for exempt business arising from the Grounds Committee

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

104/18 Exempt Item: Proposal for mobile refreshment hut at Newman Collard Recreation Ground

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 16th July 2018, 19.30hrs

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT TO LISS PARISH COUNCIL

18 JUNE 2018

1. Joint HCC/SDNPA Pilot project on National Park BOATs agreed

On 31 May I chaired a meeting in Winchester of all those involved in the management of Byways open to all traffic (BOATs). The attendees included Cllr Rob Humby, Transport and Environment Portfolio Holder, Cllr Edward Heron, the new HCC Countryside Service Portfolio Holder, Margaret Paren, SDNPA Chair, Cllr Rob Mocatta and Cllr Roger Huxstep as well as Jonathan Wood from HCC Countryside Service and the key officers from the SDNPA: Andrew Lee and Andy Gattiker.

It was a productive meeting and a pilot collaboration project has been agreed, focussing on the Five Ways complex of Byways around East Meon and Butser Hill. The project aims to improve signage, co-ordination with the local community and co-ordinated use of powers where appropriate. We have been promised a report on progress in six months. Where successful approaches are developed these will then be applied to other Byways in the National Park.

2. Report on pilot 20mph Zones

Since 2012, Hampshire County Council has implemented pilot 20mph zones in 14 locations. All these locations have been carefully monitored. The findings of the pilot programme have now been published and the report is available at this link:

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s19304/Report.pdf>

The results are surprising in many respects. In a nutshell, the 20mph zones have not led to a meaningful reduction in speeds or number of accidents. We do have to consider the evidence when formulating policy and this was certainly a thorough and comprehensive evaluation. The results also chime with findings from elsewhere and the national policy direction. For this reason HCC will not be creating new 20mph zones unless there is a clear need for them due to the number of serious accidents in a specific location.

3. Call for evidence for Hampshire 2050 Commission

A cross-party Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry is being set up to consider evidence and key issues and then make suggestions on a Vision for Hampshire 2050. This Vision will guide and contribute to the future prosperity, quality of life, and protection and enhancement of the character and environment of Hampshire.

The Commission will provide the framework for future plans, strategies and ways of working. The Commission will consider the themes in six separate hearings:

- Demographic and societal challenges – 8th June 2018
- Economy – 13th July 2018
- Work, skills and lifestyle – 24th August 2018
- Environment and quality of place – 12th October 2018
- Mobility, Connectivity and Energy – 23rd November 2018
- Rural Hampshire – 21st December 2018

A call for evidence has been issued and you can have your say by taking part in an online survey at this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/visionforhampshire2050>

4. Consultation on changes to public transport subsidies and street lighting hours

Hampshire County Council is asking for residents' and stakeholders' views in a public consultation on options for applying budget reductions to subsidies for public transport and to street lighting. This is part of the Transformation to 2019 cost-saving process: we need to close the funding shortfall brought about by reduced funding for council services and rising demand for social care for both adults and children.

Our priority is to direct resources to where they are most needed, and the County Council's Cabinet agreed earlier this year to protect the community transport service which provides vital support for elderly and disabled residents in particular. Community Transport schemes, such as Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go, Taxishares and Minibus Group Hire Schemes are not included in these proposals.

Bus use in Hampshire is close to a 20 year high, and the vast majority (89%) of journeys are made on commercial services operating without any public subsidy at all. The County Council is seeking to make savings by making changes to financial support for some public transport services. Feedback from passengers will be carefully looked at,

alongside data on passenger journeys and the cost of providing individual routes or services to inform final recommendations for consideration in the Autumn. People will be asked whether the discretionary discount for holders of older persons' bus passes on community transport should be continued.

The County Council is also asking residents their views on proposals to switch off some street lights for two or more hours during the night. This would mean that some areas of the county would have no street lighting for a period of the night time.

Further information and the online questionnaire is available online at

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations

The consultation closes at midnight on 5 August 2018.

5. National Parks Review

The Government review of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty has commenced, with Julian Glover appointed to Chair the Review Panel. Mr Glover is Associate Editor at the London Evening Standard and a former Government Special Adviser. The scope of the review is very wide-ranging. The Terms of Reference are as follows:

“In the context of meeting both local and national priorities and wider environmental governance, the review will examine and make recommendations on:

- the existing statutory purposes for National Parks and AONBs and how effectively they are being met;
- the alignment of these purposes with the goals set out in the 25-Year Plan for the Environment;
- the case for extension or creation of new designated areas;
- how to improve individual and collective governance of National Parks and AONBs, and how that governance interacts with other national assets;
- the financing of National Parks and AONBs;
- how to enhance the environment and biodiversity in existing designations;
- how to build on the existing eight-point plan for National Parks and to connect more people with the natural environment from all sections of society and improve health and wellbeing;
- how well National Parks and AONBs support communities.”

The review will report in 2019 on the 70th Anniversary of the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act.

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER
County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers