

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 18th February 2019.

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 District Cllr (DC) Mike Kendall and one member of the press.

Clerk: S. Smith

20/19 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Budden, MacNamara and O'Malley. Members noted that County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer and District Councillor Laetitia Pienaar had also sent apologies.

21/19 Declarations of interests

None declared at this point.

22/19 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman noted the passing of Stuart Rees, a former Liss Parish Councillor. Members expressed their condolences to his family.

The Chairman advised that, following interviews for the RFO position, a successful candidate had been identified and would start in post around the beginning of April.

23/19 Adjournment for public participation

Members agreed of period of adjournment for public participation.

There being no issues raised the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

24/19 Report from County Councillor

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer had submitted a written report (**Annex A**).

25/19 Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Kendall had submitted a written report (**Annex B**).

The Clerk advised that no reports had been provided by Cllr Budden or Pienaar.

Cllr Kendall left the meeting at this point.

26/19 Minutes of the meeting of 21st January 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of 21st January 2019 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Halstead, with all in favour).

27/19 Matters Arising

18/19: Cllr Linsley advised that he had been in contact with the East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership about the cameras and tracks across the road near the station. He had been advised that these were railway led initiatives - the cameras aimed to identify the type of vehicles using the railways crossings and the tracks across the road were carrying out speed checks on vehicles.

28/19 Responsible Finance Officer's Report

The Clerk undertook to look into a couple of issues and to advise Cllrs via e-mail.

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

As regards the Pavilion Monitoring Report attached, the Chairman advised that the shortfall (£5,760) was small given the size of the project and that it was unlikely to change much at this stage of construction. The Chairman noted that Council had agreed to a £15,000 construction contingency which would cover this.

The Chairman confirmed that the lawyer had advised that the legal costs to draw up agreements with the Scouts for use of the Pavilion would remain as quoted, even though a lot more work had gone into these than envisaged.

29/19 Correspondence

Items for response:

- a) St. Mary's invitation for LPC to do a monthly feature in the St. Mary's Parish magazine – Members agreed to accept this invitation as a welcome opportunity to increase LPC communication;
- b) HALC Conference on 13/3/19 – Cllrs Linsley and MacDonald would attend.

Members noted the information on the forthcoming elections and the importance of promoting the nomination process. A drop in session was due to be held at EHDC on 6th March between 6-8pm at EDHC, Penns Place.

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.

30/19 Finance Committee Report

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Finance Committee of 4th February 2019 be noted.

31/19 Grants Policy

The Chairman of Finance advised that the Review Committee had proposed some minor changes to tidy up the wording of the policy and that Finance Committee had proposed a further amendment to the conditions to allow more scope to consider in-year grant applications. The Chairman of Finance also noted that the Finance Committee planned to consider further changes at its next meeting on 29th April.

Resolved: That the revised Grants Policy be accepted (proposed by Cllr Wight, seconded by Cllr Mayo and with all in favour).

32/19 Financial Framework

Resolved: That Liss Parish Council approve the Statement of Internal Control for 2018/19, the Investment Policy for 2018/18 and the appointment of Lightatouch as internal auditor for both the main and charities accounts for 2018/19 (proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr McDonald with all in favour).

33/19 Pavilion Committee Report

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Pavilion Committee of 13th February 2019 be noted.

34/19 Pavilion Update

The Chairman noted the following:

- That the contractor aimed to complete construction of the Pavilion by 12th April;
- That the specification of the kitchen had been upgraded to include a commercial dishwasher and a larger fridge to reflect the nature of booking enquiries received to date. Members were considering further the specification for the chair and tables;
- That the new Pavilion would now formally be opened by Damian Hinds, MP, on Friday 10th May 2019 as opposed to 17th May due to other commitments;

- The formal opening would be preceded by informal open sessions on the weekend of 26/27 April – these would provide an opportunity for prospective users and parishioners to view the facility;
- Both events would be advertised in a forthcoming Village Voice which would focus on marketing. The Chairman advised that any requests for other articles in the Village Voice should be sent to the Clerk without delay as space would be limited.

35/P19 LPC applications for SDNPA CIL funding

Cllr Dodds introduced the two proposed applications for CIL funding, namely Refurbishment of the Village Hall Toilets and Play & Leisure Equipment at West Liss Recreation Ground.

Cllr Dodds noted that these two applications were among the ten agreed by Council in September 2017 (Minute 129/17). As regards the other eight bids submitted last year, the Pavilion project was now nearing completion; it was anticipated that the drainage works would be funded by s106, the flood alleviation works were being taken forward by the Flood Action Group in conjunction with the Environment Agency; the Triangle bid had been approved for CIL funding; the highways projects were being pursued with s106 funding and it had been indicated that the developers of the Temple Inn might be providing the Petanque court. Thus the two remaining projects had been worked up into fully costed bids which linked to the criteria of the SDNPA.

Cllr Dodds advised that the SDNPA had advised that matched funding would increase the chances of the bid being successful and so agreement of Council was also being sought to apply for any other funds available (HPFA and s106) as well as the allocation some LPC funds available.

Cllr McDonald requested that further public consultation be carried out on the detail of the proposal for Play & Leisure Equipment at West Liss Recreation Ground in due course. Members agreed to add this to the application.

Resolved: That Council approves LPC applications for SDNPA CIL funding for ‘Toilet Refurbishment in the Village Hall’, with an LPC contribution of £5,000 from the Village Hall capital project funds, and for ‘West Liss Recreation Ground Play & Leisure Equipment’, with an LPC contribution of £15,000 from play equipment and safety surfacing replacement funds.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Mayo, seconded by Cllr Linsley with one abstention (Cllr McDonald) and all other Members in favour.

36/19 Report of the Highways Committee

The Chairman of Highways highlighted that County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer and District Councillors Kendall and Pienaar had attended the meeting of the Highways Committee and were working in partnership to address certain highways issues.

Cllr Halstead enquired as to whether the Lengthsman might be able to remove redundant posts at the Riverside Walk.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Highways Committee of 28th January 2019 be noted.

37/19 Terms of Reference of the Highways Committee

The Chairman of Review advised that these revisions were to bring the TORs into line with others and were more of a tidying up exercise rather than making any substantive changes.

Resolved: That the amended Terms of Reference for the Highways Committee be approved, proposed by Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Jerrard with all in favour.

38/19 Planning Committee Report

The Chairman highlighted that the CALA application for the Andlers Ash site had been submitted and would be considered by the SDNPA rather than by EHDC under delegated authority.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 11th February 2019 be noted.

39/19 Matters of concern

No issues were raised.

40/19 Reports on Outside Bodies

Cllr Jerrard had attended a meeting of the Longmoor Rural Community Partnership Meeting. Of interest to Liss was that one commercial burglary had taken place within Liss and 5 thefts from sheds/garages which were now considered residential burglaries. The latter was an issue across the whole area.

Cllr Linsley had attended meetings of the NCPFT at which user licenses and other issues facing the Trust had been discussed.

Cllr Wright had attended a planning session run by the CPRE at which Housing Minister Kit Malthouse spoke on topical issues. Cllr Wright advised that the Minister was strongly in favour of Local Plans providing 15 years land supply as well as good design. An interesting suggestion from a participant to address the additional demand on transport infrastructure capacity was for better broadband to facilitate more working from home.

Cllr Wright had also attended a meeting of the LFRA and noted that perceived issues of speeding through Liss Forest were still a concern.

Cllr Halstead advised that the Triangle Quiz would take place on the evening of 13th April.

41/19 Exempt Items: Consideration of the Villager of the Year Award 2019 & Proposed Legal agreements between LPC and 1st Liss Scouts on use of the new Liss Pavilion.

The Chairman proposed that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis of the confidential nature of the remaining business. The motion was seconded by Cllr Linsley with all in favour.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hrs.

Next meeting: Monday 18th March 2019, 19.30hrs

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

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT
TO
LISS PARISH COUNCIL**

18 FEBRUARY 2019

1. County Councillor Grants

I currently receive a grant allocation of £8,000 per annum with the grant year ending on 28 February. I am pleased to report that this year I have supported five projects in Liss as follows:

Project	Amount (£)
Rebuilding of wall at Triangle Centre car park	890
Purchase of new communal television at Rother House	250
Promethean Interactive Panels for Liss Infants School	600
Home Start Butser - support for troubled families in Liss	1,000
Liss Luncheon Club	335
Total:	3,075

2. Draft Strategy for the Health and Wellbeing of Hampshire 2019-2024

A consultation has been launched on the next five-year plan for improving Health and Wellbeing in Hampshire. The Health and Wellbeing Board are keen to hear the views of Councillors, staff, partners and other interested organisations and individuals to help improve the final Strategy. They would be grateful for responses by Friday 22 February.

An analysis of feedback on this draft will be compiled and discussed at the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 14 March, where they will sign off a final Strategy document. Once this high level Strategy has been agreed, a more detailed Business Plan will be created, setting out the Board's top priorities for action in 2019/20 based on the new Strategy.

The draft priorities in the plan are as follows:

- Improve mental health and emotional resilience for children and young people. This will prioritise prevention and earlier intervention to improve mental health and reduce pressure on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). There will be a particular focus on vulnerable groups, including Adverse Childhood Events, the mental health of parents including perinatal mental health, and emotional resilience in educational settings.
- Improve physical health in children and young people through prevention and early intervention. This will prioritise healthy weights, physical activity and reducing smoking in pregnancy.
- Work more collaboratively across organisations and disciplines to improve outcomes and services, including integrated or aligned approaches where appropriate.

You can view an electronic version of the draft Strategy here <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/healthandwellbeing> and there is also a link to a short survey to enable people to send in feedback. You can also email comments to hampshirewb@hants.gov.uk

3. Innovative HCC Services recognised in national newspaper

At Hampshire County Council we are proud of our innovative use of technology. Our shared services platform is the largest public sector partnership in the UK and we use technology in Highways, Community Services, Countryside Services and Care Services to drive greater efficiency.

As reported previously, we have pioneered the use of Amazon Alexa technology to augment care services. We were delighted that the Guardian reported on the Alexa pilot project on 7 December. The HCC Director of Adult Care Graham Allen was quoted in this paragraph:

Graham Allen, Hampshire’s director of adult health and care, says almost three quarters of those in the pilot felt the device helped improve their lives and almost as many felt it had improved their independence, with numbers fairly consistent across different ages. “It’s not a cure-all,” he says. “It needs to be used along with other measures.” But he can see potential for many care service users living at home, and the county’s children’s social services department has just started issuing similar devices.

The full article can be read at this link:

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/feb/07/control-life-alexa-role-public-service-chatbots-councils>

4. South Downs Photo Competition – results announced

Every year the South Downs National Park Authority runs a photo competition. The standard is generally very high with many residents submitting entries. The competition is a great way to showcase the extraordinary beauty of the National Park and to create a feeling of unity across the Park.

The results for the 2018/19 competition have just been announced. The winner this year was Lorraine Heaysman from Worthing for her picture ‘Autumn Gold’ – taken from the hills above Upwaltham. Early morning light casts shadows across an ethereal autumn mist, witnessed only by rolling hills and one small bird in Lorraine’s winning image. Lorraine wins £250.

Here is Lorraine’s winning photo:



The result has also been announced for the South Downs “People’s Choice” Photo Competition, voted for on Facebook. The winner is Zoltan Kecskes, with his image ‘Coastguard Cottages at Sunrise’. This photo was taken at Cuckmere Haven in Seaford and looks out to the Seven Sisters cliffs.



I hope Parish Councillors will consider submitting their own entries for this year’s competition!

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER
County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT
TO
LISS PARISH COUNCIL**

18 FEBRUARY 2019

Members will remember that the Environment Agency after nearly a year of internal deliberations, has announced that it will be carrying out an exercise to test its model of water flows in the Rother, as a pre-condition to considering including Liss in its 6-year programme from 2021 for flood mitigation works in Liss, particularly in the upper parts of the river.

I have been contacted by the Arun and River Rother Trust ('ARRT') who are also concerned at the time being taken by the EA over these issues. With my full support the ARRT has submitted an 'Expression of Interest' to the SDNP for CIL funding of £25k to fund an initial tranche of Natural Flood Management measures, particularly the planting of 5000 hedgerow plants and 1500 trees in key locations to begin the process of slowing or even diverting the river in key places, in order to slow water flow in the upper river. The submission suggests planting would take place next winter, with the next 6 months focusing on engagement with landowners, EHDC and Liss PC to gather support for this initial project (which would be designed by the ARRT itself) and the larger longer-term measures envisaged by the EA from 2021.

Chairman this bid has been put together at short notice but will, I hope, galvanise the EA into accelerating its testing of its model of water flows and its support for significant works in Liss. I have forwarded a copy of the submission to the Clerk.

Mike Kendall
District Councillor for Liss