

## **LISS PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November 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, District Cllr (DC) Laetitia Pienaar and one member of the press

Clerk: S. Smith

### 153/18 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Jerrard, O'Malley and Wilson. Members noted that District Councillor Mr Mike Kendall had also sent apologies.

### 154/18 Declarations of interests

None declared.

### 155/18 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman advised the following:

- It had been agreed that the funds remaining from the Village of the Year prize money (approximately £150) would be allocated to Liss in Bloom.
- That the Village Christmas Fair would take place between 4-6pm on Saturday; further marshalls were required for the road closure – any volunteers should let the Clerk know.
- That Cllr Dodds had volunteered to lead work on establishing a process for prioritising CIL funds. This would involve a working group and input from committee chairman. Members agreed this seemed a sensible way forward.

### 156/18 Adjournment for public participation

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

### 157/18 Report from County Councillor

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

Cllr Oppenheimer advised that progress under the Working Group on Plastic Recycling had been delayed pending the outcome of the Government's waste strategy and the announcement of a new tax on plastic.

Cllr MacNamara drew attention to the UN Report on Poverty in the UK.

Cllr McDonald noted the In Touch leaflet initiative to tackle speeding in Liss potentially duplicated work already being undertaken in the Highways Committee. Cllr Oppenheimer advised that it was the intention that once feedback had been collated from the survey an approach would be made to the Highways Committee to discuss.

### 158/18 Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Pienaar advised the following;

- Correspondence had been received about the condition of the Lych Gate. This had also been sent to the Clerk.

- A representation had been received about parking issues in Riverside Close and Cllr Pienaar requested LPC views on introducing parking restrictions.
- A Youthlink meeting would take place at The King's Arms on Friday 30 November with a short presentation from the Hampshire Youth Offending Team about the current drug situation locally. Cllr Pienaar would forward details to the Clerk for circulation.
- The transfer of the Triangle building from HCC to the Community Association itself was likely to take place in the first quarter of 2019.

With regards to the Lych Gate, the Chairman noted LPC had commissioned a survey by a local independent surveyor in August 2017 which established that the Lych Gate was in a serviceable condition, but that maintenance would be required. Cllr Dodds added that LPC had sought to establish responsibility for the Lych Gate as it had been agreed that LPC should not spend funds on a structure it did not own. However, HCC and EHDC had not agreed on ownership. Cllr Smith suggested Cllr Pienaar contact EHDC Building Control if there were further concerns about the Lych Gate as they have responsibility for dangerous structures. Cllr Smith advised that a public consultation was currently underway on a prohibition of waiting order on lengths of Riverside Close among other roads.

Cllr Budden advised that he had no issues to report.

Cllr Pienarr left the meeting at this point.

### **159/18 Minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Budden, with all in favour).

### **160/18 Matters Arising**

142/18 Cllr Budden confirmed that the EHDC position on parking on pavements was that EHDC intended to take enforcement action where possible.

146/18 The Chairman and Cllr Halstead had attended the unveiling of plaque in honour of Peter & Iona Opie in Alton and enquired as to the EHDC policy on blue plaques. Cllr Budden advised that he thought this was delegated to town and parish councils.

147/18 The Clerk confirmed that the Assistant Clerk had written to HCC (highways), EHDC (environmental - air quality) and Network Rail.

149/18 Play equipment in Rake – this was due to be considered by the Planning Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **161/18 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 Budden & seconded by Cllr Wright, with all in favour).

### **162/18 Correspondence**

Items for response:

- i) Government Landscape Review consultation – Members agreed this would be considered by the Planning Committee.
- ii) EHDC Sports Nominations – Any nominations should be submitted directly to EHDC.
- iii) Citizens Advice Bureau District & General Meeting – Cllr Wright was due to attend and would report back.

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.

### **163/18 Reports of Committees**

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the following committee meetings be noted:

- i) Pavilion Committee of 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018;
- ii) Planning Committee of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### **164/18 Allocation of CIL funds**

**Resolved:** That Council approves allocation of CIL funds received in October 2018, to the sum of £987.97, to fit out costs for the new Pavilion (proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Smith, with all in favour).

### **165/18 Allocation of s106 funds to highways projects**

**Resolved:** That Council approves spending of s106 funds on the following projects:

- a) The expenditure of up to £8860, already obtained from s106 funds, for work on the courtesy crossings on Station Road, with a further application for any additional funds as required to complete the project;
- b) The expenditure of £350 on a detailed speed analysis in Liss Forest;
- c) The expenditure on necessary work to provide safe sight lines for the exit from the new Pavilion into Station Road, with exact cost details to be reported to a future Council meeting;
- d) The expenditure of around £35,000 on a village gates project at the entrances to the village, with exact cost details to be reported to a future Council meeting.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr McDonald, with all in favour. Aside from funds already obtained for the courtesy crossings on Station Road, any additional expenditure would be subject to a successful application to the SDNPA for s106 funds.

### **166/18 Allocation of s016 funds to grounds projects**

**Resolved:** That Council approves spending of s106 funds on replacement play equipment at Riverside Walk (proposed by Cllr Dodds & seconded by Cllr MacNamara, with all in favour).

### **167/18 Village hall floor resurfacing**

**Resolved:** That Council, on the basis of the recommendation by the Buildings Committee, approves expenditure of £1600 for resurfacing works to the Village hall floor (proposed by Cllr Budden, seconded by Cllr Smith, with all in favour).

### **168/18 Village diary**

**Resolved:** That Liss Parish Council consider the practicalities of establishing a village diary with the purpose of:

- a) Advertising what events are happening within the village;
- b) Helping to avoid two events clashing where villagers might like to attend both events.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Mayo, with all in favour.

However, Members agreed that the motion did not imply that Liss Parish Council would necessarily lead on this. The Chairman noted that the Council were currently guided by the 2018/19 Action Plan and any additional areas of work would need to be considered for the 2019/20 Action Plan.

### **169/18 Pavilion Update**

The Chairman advised the following:

- The Pavilion construction programme was on track both in terms of timing and financial management.
- The Finance Committee were due to consider how to meet the additional costs of internal fit out and equipment.

- The legal agreements with the Scouts were still subject to delays, although these were not due to any source of disagreement by the two parties.
- Moving forward, the issue would be to encourage occupancy to maximise use of the building. The charges would be agreed shortly to facilitate this.

**170/18 Matters of concern**

In view of a recent break in in Station Road when it appears that the CCTV was not operational, Cllr Halstead enquired as to how LPC manages and monitors the CCTV equipment. Cllr Mayo advised that all councillors would be welcome to attend a Pavilion site visit at 2pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (NB. This date has subsequently changed to 9<sup>th</sup> January).

**171/18 Reports on Outside Bodies**

Cllr McDonald had attended the HALC AGM.

Cllr Halstead was due to attend a meeting of EHAPTC on 5<sup>th</sup> December at Penns Place. The main topic was to be supporting the elderly and this meeting was open to all cllrs.

Cllr Linsley had attended the HALC AGM, Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust (NCPFT) user group meetings to consider licenses for 2019 and the LFRA AGM at which speeding concerns were discussed.

**172/18 Meeting extension**

**Resolved:** That an extension to the meeting of no more than 30 minutes be approved (proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Macnamara, with all in favour).

**171/18 Reports on Outside Bodies continued**

Cllr Dodds had attended a meeting with the Heart Trust; a list of defibrillators was due to be published in the Village Voice and a request had been made for a further defibrillator outside the new Pavilion. The Annual Allotment Tenant’s meeting had also taken place on 12<sup>th</sup> November – the issue of tenanted but unworked plots was a continued concern and ideas to encourage take up had been discussed, including as an allotment open day and promoting vacant plots at the Village Christmas Fair.

Cllr Wright had attended the LFRA AGM at which the designation of three ROW had been discussed (the paths from Warren Road up to Longmoor, from Newfield Road to Riverside Walk and from Rotherbank Farm Lane to Riverside Walk). Cllr Wright proposed the Council wrote a letter of support and members agreed.

Cllr Smith had attended the NCPFT user group meetings and also reported on increasing social media engagement via Facebook and Twitter, including engagement on resurfaced path from Inwood Road through Newman Collard and the removal of the Horse Chestnut Tree in the Memorial Gardens.

Cllr Budden had attended the meeting with the Heart Trust and LFRA AGM.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 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!

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