

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 20th February 2017.

Members

*Mr K Budden (Chairman), *Mr D Dodds, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr R Hargreaves, Mrs Y Heaton, *Mr D Jerrard, Mr H Linsley, Mr F MacNamara, *Mrs L McDonald, *Mr B Mayo, *Mr A Smith & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

Clerk: D. Bowery.

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, fifty-six members of the public & one member of the press.

The Chairman made the necessary health and safety announcements.

12/17 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Councillors Linsley & MacNamara & District Councillors Mr M Kendall & Mrs L Pienaar.

Absent with no apologies: Councillor Heaton.

13/17 Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interests.

14/17 – Change in order of business

The Chairman proposed that agenda item 14, the motion to register the Temple Inn as a community asset, be taken after agenda item 5 due to the volume of public interest & Members agreed the proposal.

15/17 Chairman's announcements

- The Chairman announced that The Liss Film Festival at the Triangle Community centre would be held from 23rd to 26th February.
- The Annual Parish Meeting would be on 15th March at 8pm.
- A new SDNP information sign had been unveiled at the railway station on 17th February.
- The results of the railway operators franchise appointment would be known in April.
- There had been three robberies from builders vans in Liss on 19th February.

16/17 Adjournment for Public Participation.

The Chairman proposed an adjournment of the meeting to receive comments from the public & Members agreed.

Mr R Chisholm said that the Temple Inn was owned by Fullers but being marketed by Savills. He said that his son's company had put in a bid to buy the property with the aim of retaining the pub & developing some housing at the rear of the property.

The Chairman explained the registration as a community asset would buy the community six months of time to come up with a viable plan & funding & the vendor had to take account of that offer.

He added that he was encouraged by the turnout that had exceeded his expectation. He said that should there be a viable project to keep the pub open then residents must use it or be prepared to lose the facility.

Mr Burrows asked if LPC were concerned over the possible loss of the monkey-puzzle tree.

Cllr Jerrard said that, in reality, TPO's made little difference to development proposals but it was more important to register the community asset.

Mrs Bewes said that the last but one manager had managed to boost custom & developed the facility to a good standard; however, the lack of support from Fullers had now led to a decline.

Mr Williams asked what the development likelihood was.

Cllr Halstead replied that it would be considered as a brownfield/infill site of the type that was often objected to by local residents.

Rev Coley said that Liss Forest did not feature in the Liss Neighbourhood Plan for building development.

Cllr Wright commented that the site was within 400m of an area of special protection & that would lead to close examination by the planning department.

Mr Salmons expressed the opinion that some development might be necessary but it should be ensured that the pub is retained.

The meeting was then reconvened.

17/17 Motion proposed by the Chairman

“That Liss Parish Council agrees to take the necessary steps to register The Temple Inn as an asset of community value with East Hampshire District Council and to notify the current owners of the Temple Inn of their intention to do so.”

The Chairman proposed an amendment to the motion to add the words “and their agents” after “current owners”.

The motion as amended was seconded by Cllr Mayo

Decision: The motion was carried unanimously.

Cllr Hargreaves said that the motion would buy six months to come up with a viable plan. Thinking outside of the box was a must & other uses must be explored (library or post office for example) & a bit of development should also be countenanced. A lot of work needed to be done. He suggested that potential developers needed to be involved. There were some national organisations that would help & an early communication would be beneficial.

The Chairman suggested that a working group led by LFRA with LPC involvement as well as residents should be established. He would discuss the matter with the SDNP to see what could be done.

18/17 Report from County Councillor

County Councillor Mr V Clarke reported that the formula for Government funding of schools had changed & smaller schools were losing funding but the larger ones had increased funding. Liss Infants would benefit by an additional £13k but there was no change for Liss Juniors.

HCC Highways had the lowest claims for pothole damage in the South with 8.51 claims per 100km of highway. County activity centres were now almost self-funding due to expanded use including staff training events.

19/17 Reports from District Councillors

The Clerk read a report submitted by District Councillor Mrs L Pienaar.

Cllr Pienaar reported that she had fully expended her devolved grant funds for the 16/17 year.

Cllr Pienaar requested sight of LPC’s planning consultation comments on application for development at Saddlers, Farnham Road & she had requested that the application for Lynton, in Hatch Lane, be called in by the SDNP.

The Chairman, reporting as a District Councillor, reported that EHDC Cabinet on 23rd February would be discussing the 17/18 budget as well as formalising a response on the TAG Farnborough airspace consultation.

Cllr Halstead raised concerns about the short notice of the Spring Clean project that had been issued on 17th February with a registration date of 18th February.

20/17 Minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2016

The minutes of the Council meeting of 16th January, proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Hargreaves, were agreed unanimously as a correct record.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of 16th January be accepted as a correct record.

21/17 Matters Arising

- **Min 170/16** – The Lych gate at Old School Road:
The Chairman suggested that Cllr Linsley's motion be further deferred as Taylor Wimpey (Laing Homes) as no response had yet been received. Members agreed the proposal.
- **Proposed amended parking arrangements in EHDC car parks**
Cllr Wright raised concerns that the proposed meeting with EHDC officers had not yet taken place & the decisions were due to be made at EHDC Council on 23rd February. The Chairman responded that the EHDC decision had been deferred & the Clerk added that he would follow the matter of the meeting up.

22/17 Clerk's Report (attached)

The Clerk's report was discussed & the Clerk responded to questions raised.

The contents of the report, proposed by Cllr Mayo & seconded by Cllr Halstead, were approved unanimously.

Resolved:

- That payments & receipts detailed in the Clerk's report be approved.

23/17 Reports of Committees

- **Liss Pavilion development Committee**

Resolved: The draft minutes of the Planning Committees of 23rd January & 15th February be noted.

- **Finance Committee**

Resolved: The draft minutes of the Finance Committee of 30th January be noted.

Cllr Wright said that from that meeting three actions were required by Council; the relevant papers had been circulated with Council documents:

- 1) Approval of the statement of internal control for 2016/17.

Resolved: The statement of internal control for 2016/17, proposed by Cllr Wright & seconded by Cllr Dodds, was approved.

- 2) Approval of the financial risk assessment for 2016/17.

Resolved: The financial risk assessment for 2016/17, proposed by Cllr Wright & seconded by Cllr Smith, was approved.

- 3) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2016/17/

Resolved: The appointment of Lightatouch as internal auditor for 2016/17, proposed by Cllr Wright & seconded by Cllr Dodds, was approved.

The Chairman left the room at this point & Cllr Hargreaves took the Chair.

- **Planning Committee**

Resolved: The draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 6th February be noted.

Cllr Halstead reviewed the minutes.

Cllr Halstead's proposed response to the EHDC consultation on Gypsy & Traveller accommodation assessment was agreed.

Cllr Wright requested that the CIL priorities list be circulated & the Clerk was asked to arrange this.

The Chairman returned to the room and took the chair.

24/17 Appointment to Committees

Resolved: That Cllr McDonald, proposed by Cllr Mayo & seconded by Cllr Wright, be appointed to the Highways, Planning & Liss Pavilion Development committees.

25/17 Motion proposed by Cllr Smith

“That Liss Parish Council agrees not to proceed further with a skatebowl project until the Liss Pavilion has been fully funded & delivered & a suitable location for the skatebowl has been identified.”

Cllr McDonald declared a prejudicial interest & took no part in the discussion or decision.

Resolved: The motion, proposed by Cllr Smith & seconded by Cllr Halstead, was approved unanimously.

26/17 Motion proposed by Cllr Mayo

Cllr Mayo withdrew his motion.

27/17 Matters of Concern

Cllr Mayo suggested that the petanque club could possibly be accommodated on Liss Forest recreation ground. Cllr Wright raised concerns over the proposed closure of the Petersfield Job Centre & the difficulties it would create for benefits claimants who would be required to travel to Havant under new proposals.

The Chairman said that he had raised concerns with the local MP. Members agreed that a Council response to the consultation should be made & Cllr Wright was appointed to do this.

Cllr Wright raised concerns about the effects of possible closure of the Temple Inn on the mobile Post Office facility.

Cllr Halstead asked if the formal adoption of maintenance for the Triangle green could be agreed by LPC & it was agreed to put this on the agenda for March.

28/17 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr McDonald had attended the HALC awayday at South Wonston with Cllr Mayo.

Cllr McDonald reported on the operations of the Liss Food bank & wondered if anything could be done to publicise the facility further.

Cllr Halstead reported that the proposed transfer of ownership of the Community Centre had not progressed much as the roof repairs were awaited. The Community Centre was updating its constitution with the intention of attaining incorporated charitable trust status. The HCC annual grant would be lost from April 2018.

The Triangle was holding a film festival from 23rd February & a quiz night on 4th March; the art exhibition would be held in spring 2018 with an Octoberfest being held this year.

29/17 Exclusion of the press & public

The Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves proposed that the remaining business of the meeting be held in exempt session due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed & Members agreed.

30/17 Good Villager Award

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.22hrs

Next meeting: Monday 20th March 2017 19.30hrs

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30/17 Good Villager Award

The Clerk detailed nominations received.

Mrs Sandra Berriman, proposed by the Chairman & seconded by Cllr Hargreaves, was unanimously agreed to receive the Good Villager Award for 2017.