

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 19th June 2017.

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, *Mr A Smith & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

Clerk: D. Bowery.

In attendance: County Councillor Mr R Oppenheimer, District Councillor Mr M Kendall, one member of the press, no members of the public.

78/17 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Councillor Jerrard & District Councillor Mrs L Pienaar.

79/17 Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interests.

80/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of LPC & all residents to Cllr Halstead, Mrs Effenberg, Mrs Jordan & members of the Liss Horticultural Society for their efforts in producing such a splendid display of hanging baskets & other planters that enhanced the centre of the village so much. He also expressed gratitude to those village traders who had contributed financially.

The Chairman announced that on Saturday 24th June there would be a public exhibition in the village hall from 2pm until 4pm for the Liss pavilion Development Project. He encouraged all Members to attend if possible. There was to be a public hearing of the Liss Neighbourhood Plan on Friday 30th June in the village hall commencing at 10am.

81/17 Adjournment for public participation

There were no matters from the public.

82/17 Report from County Councillor

County Councillor Mr Russell Oppenheimer reported that the new HCC Council would have Roy Perry as Leader & Graham Burgess as Chairman. Cllr Oppenheimer had been appointed as the HCC representative to the SDNP. The SDNP Local Plan would be going out for public consultation in mid June & Cllr Oppenheimer encouraged LPC Members to read the document & LPC to submit comments.

Cllr Oppenheimer had also been appointed to the Children & Young People Committee & the Regulatory Committee that dealt with school building, waste & recycling & footpaths.

HCC now had a target of achieving £140m savings over the next two years & this would mean cuts to some services. HCC were to hold a public consultation on the proposed cuts from late July to September.

Cllr Oppenheimer reported on the HCC tracker system that provided tracking devices for sufferers of early dementia. This had proved very successful so far & LPC were asked to help publicise the scheme.

HCC also had a scheme to offer library cards to newborn babies in order to encourage literacy & there was a 20% take up rate so far.

Cllr Halstead drew attention to two matters raised at the recent EHAPTC meeting. These had been the Rural Communities Fund that supported community issues such as rural enterprise, flood danger & community access; members of EHAPTC had also expressed frustration at the lack of consultation & short notice supplied by HCC Highways prior to road works & the disruption it caused for communities.

Cllr McDonald felt that the proposed public consultation was ill-timed as it was taking place over the summer holiday period when many people were away; also, the majority of parish councils did not meet in August. the majority of councils did not meet in August & would not be able to comment.

83/17 Reports from District Councillors

District Councillor Mr Kendall announced that hopefully county Councillor & District Councillor grant would fund the creation of a new IT room at Liss Junior School.

Cllr Kendall drew attention to the Boundary Commissions consultation on East Hants warding arrangements & encouraged LPC to consider the document's proposals & to respond as it felt appropriate.

There was an EHDC consultation on the Cycling & Walking Strategy.

The Clerk reported that he had requested the LPC administration assistant to circulate the consultation to Members of the LPC Highways Committee.

EHDC were also carrying out a consultation on the Environmental Services Contract.

Cllr Kendall reported that the Flood Risk Management Options Survey had now been completed & discussed by the FAG. A bid for a £25k grant had been made to the Environment Agency to enable work to be carried out on a cost analysis on options. He added that the Clerk would circulate the Options Survey electronically to all members.

Commenting on agenda item 11, the motion on car park issues, Cllr Kendall said that he had argued in vain at the Policy Scrutiny Committee to have the matter referred to EHDC Council. He felt that LPC's proposed action would not succeed unless it had support from other East Hants councils.

The Chairman asked Cllr Kendall if there was anything relating to flood risk that LPC should take a position on & Cllr Kendall replied there was not.

Cllr Budden commented that it was important to respond to the Boundary Commission consultation even if LPC agreed in full with the proposals.

Cllr Budden reported that the public petition to save the Temple Inn as an asset of community value had been handed in to EHDC & had gained the support of CAMRA. There was to be an exhibition by a potential developer in the Evangelical Hall on 27th June.

Cllr Budden reported that the proposed scheme for a cemetery in land adjacent to Hatch Lane had been referred to Trading Standards & as a result their website had been closed.

Developers in Farther Commons who were offering land outside the SPB to residents surrounding the proposed development areas had also been reported to the trading Standards Authority.

Cllr Linsley asked Cllr Kendall what the Boundary Commission recommendations were & Cllr Kendall replied that it was 44 wards, the same as existing.

84/17 Minutes of the meeting of 15th May April 2017

The minutes of the Council meeting of 15th May, proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr Halstead, were agreed unanimously as a correct record.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of 15th May be accepted as a correct record.

85/17 Matters Arising

- Min 170/16 – Lych Gate. A copy of an email from the County Councillor to an HCC officer regarding the Lych Gate had been circulated. Cllr Oppenheimer informed the meeting that the officer was on leave & an answer was expected in the next few weeks.
- Min 74/17 - Cllr McDonald asked if an acknowledgement had been issued to the resident & the Clerk replied that it had.

86/17 Clerk's Report (attached)

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

Resolved:

- That the payments & receipts recorded in Clerk's Report, proposed by Cllr Budden & seconded by Cllr Linsley, be approved.

It was agreed that in future the Clerk would not issue any revised reports after the Wednesday prior to any Council meeting & that any important correspondence received after that time would be treated as late items by Council.

87/17 Clerk's report - Correspondence

87/17(i) Boundary Commission Consultation in Warding in East Hants

Cllr Linsley, proposed by Cllr MacNamara & seconded by Cllr Wright, would prepare a response for LPC & circulate it to Members prior to presentation to July Council.

87/17(ii) EHDC consultation on Environmental Services Contract

Cllr Halstead, proposed by Cllr Budden & seconded by Cllr McDonald, would prepare a response for LPC & circulate it to Members prior to presentation to July Council.

87/17(iii) EHDC consultation Cycling & Walking Strategy

The Consultation would be referred to the LPC Highways Committee.

87/17(iv)

East Hants Passenger Transport Forum 28th June - Cllrs Budden & Linsley to attend.

HARAH Rural Housing Week - Cllrs Halstead & McDonald would attend.

Hants & IOW Resilience Forum survey on pandemic Flu - Cllrs Budden, McDonald & MacNamara would review to document & report to Council in June.

87/17 Approval of the audited Charities Accounts for 2016/17

Resolved: The audited Charities accounts for 2016/17, proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr Wright be approved.

88/17 Motion Proposed by Cllr Smith

Cllr Smith introduced & explained that the Motion was being presented on behalf of the Highways Committee. Cllr Linsley seconded the motion.

“That Liss Parish Council regrets the decision of East Hampshire District Council to introduce season ticket parking fees and an otherwise 4 hour time limit to non season ticket holders in village centre car parks, despite strong opposition from the Parish Council and Liss District Councillors.

Liss Parish notes that there are there a number of older houses in the village centre with no parking facilities and that Liss is used as a meeting point by groups who want to leave their cars for a period in excess of 4 hours in order to enjoy the South Downs National park.

Liss Parish Council asks the Leader of East Hampshire District Council to assess the impact of the charges on congestion, illegal parking, business and tourism in Liss Parish and publish a report setting out the impacts in December 2017. Further, Liss Parish Council asks the Leader of East Hampshire District Council to review the charging policy in light of the evidence in the December 2017 impact report.

Liss Parish Council requires the Chair of the Council to bring this motion to the attention of the Leader of East Hampshire District Council, Liss District Councillors ~~and the East Hampshire MP.,~~ the East Hampshire MP, SDNPA and East Hants parishes ”

After discussion, the Chairman said that he felt that EHDC's decision had been wrong & he proposed an amendment to the motion to add the SDNPA & East Hants Parishes to the names in the final sentence. Cllr Smith as proposed & Cllr Linsley as seconder both accepted the amendment

Resolved: That the Motion as amended be unanimously agreed.

89/17 Motion Proposed by Cllr Budden

“That, following the EHDC advice to withdraw the cabinet Grant application for construction of an accessible toilet in the village hall, Liss Parish Council now resolves to apply for District Councillor Devolved grants & also vire the sum of £4000 from transport initiatives reserves in order to proceed with the project.”

The motion was seconded by Cllr Dodds.

Cllr Budden had circulated a paper explaining the reasons for the Motion that was being put on behalf of the Buildings Committee. These included the fact that EHDC had advised that LPC was unlikely to be successful in obtaining two Cabinet Grants & had been advised to apply only for the £25k grant for the pavilion project; EHDC District Councillors had pledged grant support totalling £2.5k & the transport initiatives reserves had been created some ten years ago but never called on. If in future, there was a need for transport funding then CIL funds would be available.

Resolved: That the Motion was unanimously agreed.

90/17 Motion Proposed by Cllr Budden

“That Liss Parish Council proceeds with the installation of a burglar alarm with police/key holder response for the sum of £1090 plus vat, plus a cost of £295 plus vat after the first twelve months for monitoring & maintenance contract, in order to improve office security.”

The motion was seconded by Cllr Linsley

Cllr Budden had circulated a paper explaining the reasons for the Motion that was being put on behalf of the Buildings Committee. There had been break-ins at the office & although there was little of value stolen, the cost of repairs to damage caused had been high.

Resolved: That the Motion was unanimously agreed.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk investigate the cost of extending the installation to cover the village hall.

91/17 Motions Proposed by Cllr Budden

“That Liss Parish Council demolishes the old toilet block on West Liss Recreation ground.”

“That Liss Parish Council delegates the demolition of the old toilet block to the Liss Pavilion Development Committee to deal with as part of the Liss pavilion Development project.”

The motions were seconded by Cllr Linsley.

Cllr Budden had circulated a paper explaining the reasons for the Motions that were being put on behalf of the Buildings Committee. The toilet block is currently used by 1st Liss Scouts for storage. The proposed demolition has been discussed with the Scouts and they are happy with the proposal, as sufficient storage space for their requirements has been allocated within the plans for the new Pavilion. Demolition of the toilet block will free up some space for additional parking spaces. This will be very important to ensure we can provide sufficient parking for the new Pavilion.

Resolved: That the Motions were unanimously agreed.

92/17 Co-option of a new Member of Liss Parish Council

Mr Terry Wiles had been interviewed by some Councillors on Monday 12th June & Cllr Linsley briefed the meeting on the outcome.

Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Wright proposed that Mr Wiles be co-opted as a Member of Liss Parish Council.

Resolved: That the Motion was unanimously agreed.

93/17 reports of Committees

Highways Committee

Resolved: The draft minutes of the Highways Committee of 22nd May be noted.

Cllr Linsley gave a review of the minutes. He informed the meeting that an additional street light was to be installed on footpath 502 at Newman Collard; HCC were paying for the installation & EHDC would bear the running costs.

Cllr Mayo felt that minute 5.5H17 was not accurate & minute 10.2/H17 did not truly reflect the LPC position.

The Chairman responded that these were draft minutes only & it was up to the committee to correct them.

Liss Pavilion Development Committee

Resolved: The draft minutes of the Liss pavilion Development Committee of 23rd May be noted.

The Chairman gave a review of the minutes.

Planning Committee

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

Cllr Halstead gave a review of the minutes.

Buildings Committee

Resolved: The draft minutes of the Buildings Committee of 12th June be noted.

Cllr Budden gave a review of the minutes.

Grounds Committee

Resolved: The draft minutes of the Grounds Committee of 12th June be noted.

Cllr Dodds gave a review of the minutes.

94/17 Matters of Concern

Cllr MacNamara asked why Liss could not have a pedestrian crossing. The Chairman replied that even with the new CIL funds being available HCC's traffic volume criteria still had to be met.

95/17 Reports on Outside Bodies

Cllr Smith advised that there was to be an informal meeting with Petersfield Town Council to explore if there was a possibility of working together more closely in areas of mutual interest to deliver better value services to residents.

96/17 Extension of meeting

An extension to the meeting of no more than thirty minutes, proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr Wright, was agreed.

97/17 Reports on Outside Bodies

Cllr Budden, along with Cllrs Halstead & Wright, had attended the EHAPTC, quarterly meeting where a presentation from EHDC's Community Team had been received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.31 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 17th July 2017 19.30hrs