

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 16th April 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 & Ms A Wright.

* Present

Clerk: S. Smith

In attendance: County Councillor Mr R. Oppenheimer, one member of the press and three members of the public.

47/18 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Dodds, Jerrard, O'Malley, Smith and Wright. District Councillors M. Kendall and L. Pienaar had also sent apologies.

48/18 Declarations of interests

Cllr Budden declared an interest in the RFO's report due to a payment to a company for which he was the director. He would therefore refrain from any vote on the item.

49/18 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman noted that the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman would be made at the annual meeting of Council on 21st May, in addition to appointments to committees. He requested that Council Members advise the Clerk should any changes be required as regards appointments to committees in advance to facilitate this.

50/18 Adjournment for public participation

Members agreed a period of adjournment to receive comments from the public.

One member of the public raised the issue of the dual use pavement in Liss Forest which was perceived to be unsafe given the speed of passing traffic.

Cllr MacNamara joined the meeting at this point.

Members discussed the plans for Liss Forest and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Highways to ensure the scheme as proposed had been fully implemented.

Cllr Oppenheimer highlighted that the Community Funded Initiative scheme could be used to carry out further improvements. The Clerk noted that s.106 funds were available for transport initiatives.

Members agreed that the Highways Committee would consider suitable options for traffic calming.

One member of the public raised several issues regarding the Pavilion which the Chairman responded to. This included possible multiple voting. The Chairman advised that he would check that all security measures were in place (NB. The Clerk has checked with the survey providers who confirmed that any multiple votes could be eliminated).

The Chairman highlighted that the Council would meet again to consider the project following the conclusion of the consultation exercise. that we said we

The meeting was then reconvened at 20.09hrs.

51/18 Report from County Councillor

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer presented his report (attached).

Cllr Oppenheimer also advised that HCC were keen HCC to consult a group of Liss Parish Councillors on an emerging Volunteering Strategy. Cllrs Halstead and Mayo indicated that they would be happy to take part but felt strongly that the Triangle Community Centre should also be involved due to the level of volunteering which takes place there. Cllr Oppenheimer would liaise with the officer developing the strategy and confirm.

52/18 Reports from District Councillors

District Councillor Mr Budden advised that:

- Red Mist had completed the purchase of the Temple Inn from the brewery and that renovation work was underway;
- The Boundary Commission Review had been completed with the final recommendations to be implemented for the elections in May 2019;
- The revised Network Rail timetable was close to being approved. The likely outcome was viewed as very favourable with two trains per hour to and from Waterloo Monday to Saturday and further trains during peak times. Council noted its thanks to Cllr Budden and Damian Hinds for their excellent efforts during the consultation period.

53/18 Minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of 19th March 2018, be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Linsley with all in favour).

54/18 Matters Arising

The Chairman noted that Members had agreed that approval of the 2018/19 Action Plan was subject to further revision if necessary following discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting. No comments had been received at, or following, the meeting.

Resolved: That the 2018/19 Action Plan be approved.

55/18 Responsible Finance Officer's Report

Resolved: That the payments and receipts recorded in Responsible Finance Officer's Report, proposed by Cllr McNamara and seconded by Cllr Halstead, be approved.

56/18 Correspondence

56/18(i) EHDC review of CCTG – Online survey deadline of 27th April – Cllr Linsley had responded as representative to the group.

56/18(ii) SDNP Charity call for volunteers for focus groups – For individual councillors response.

56/18(iii) Community Rail Partnership Stakeholder Group meeting on 18th April – Cllr Halstead would attend.

56/18(iv) NALC request for feedback for consultation on unauthorised developments and encampments by 25th May – It was agreed that LPC would not respond as it had no recent experience to share.

757/18 Reports of Committees

Planning Committee

The Chairman noted an increase in planning applications recently with a further three applications received since the last meeting. These were subject to deadlines for responses before the next Planning Committee and these could not be extended, hence draft responses would be tabled for agreement by Council.

In relation to the CALA Homes application, the Chairman advised that the application had been withdrawn and that a Planning Performance Agreement would be pursued between CALA Homes and the SDNPA to establish the best way forward. It was thought likely that LPC would be involved in this process and that further community consultation would take place.

The Chairman proposed the following motion:

“That Liss Parish Council agree the planning response to applications 18/00763/FUL – 37 Newfield Road, 18/00247/HOUS – 12 Western Road and 18/00551/HOUS – 6 Silver Birch Close, as drafted on the schedule circulated”.

Cllr Linsley seconded the motion. Members agreed unanimously on the proposed consultation responses to 18/00763/FUL – 37 Newfield Road and 18/00551/HOUS – 6 Silver Birch Close. One member voted against the consultation response as proposed on 18/00247/HOUS – 12 Western Road

Resolved: That the proposed planning responses as drafted be submitted.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Planning Committees of 26th March 2018 be noted.

- **Highways Committee**

The Chairman highlighted the damage to the path at the Riverside walk; this would be brought to the attention of EHDC.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Highways Committee of 4th April 2018 be noted.

- **Finance Committee**

Cllr Mayo, on behalf of the Chairman of Finance, proposed the following motion arising from the review of the 2017/18 accounts:

“That Liss Parish Council vires £1,250 from excess Neighbourhood Plan funds to meet the cost of the upgrade to the website”.

Cllr Budden seconded the motion with all in favour.

Resolved: That £1,250 from the Neighbourhood Plan account would be used to fund upgrade of the Liss Parish Council website.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Finance Committee of 9th April 2018 be noted.

58/18 Matters of Concern

No issues were raised.

59/18 Reports on Outside Bodies

Cllr Halstead was due to attend a Stakeholder Group meeting of the Community Rail Partnership on 18th April. Cllr MacNamara was to attend a rescheduled meeting of the Coryton Alms and would report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Linsley advised that the Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust had hosted a visit to view the Pavilion extension and advised that additional visits could be arranged if required.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 21st May 2018, 19.30hrs

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT TO LISS PARISH COUNCIL

16 APRIL 2018

1. Weather damage to roads.

It is acknowledged that the recent snow and ice have inflicted damage on many roads in Hampshire. There are still potholes arising. The process of fixing the roads is ongoing.

On 26 March the Transport Secretary Chris Grayling announced a £100million fund to help councils fix the roads. Hampshire County Council has been allocated around £3million from this national fund.

We welcome the news that the Government has recognised the damage caused to local roads by the recent severe weather. However, with our budgets already under pressure, we estimate we would need around three times as much as we have been allocated to restore the roads to the condition they were in before the snow and ice. Operation Resilience has a budget of over £10m per year which is spent on resurfacing.

Potholes can be reported direct to Hampshire County Council at:
www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

2. Speed limit reductions scheduled for June

As Councillors will recall there were three speed limit reductions proposed in a draft TRO last August. Unfortunately the traffic order received an objection to the proposed speed limit on Hill Brow Road which has resulted in a delay in implementing the reduced limits. The objection has been resolved by formal report and implementation of all three speed limits has been programmed in for June. They are:

- To extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on B3006 Farnham Road / Station Road / Hillbrow Road by approximately 1,173 metres, to incorporate the existing 40 mph speed

limit on Hillbrow Road between a point 26 metres east of its junction with East Hill Drive and its junction with B2070 London Road.

- To extend the existing 30 mph speed limit on C86 Rake Road (currently de-restricted) by approximately 565 metres, between a point 21 metres east of its junction with Yew Tree Place and a point 102 metres north-east of its junction with Wyld Green Lane.
- To reduce the existing national speed limit on B3006 Farnham Road to 40 mph between its junction with A3 Roundabout (Liphook By-Pass) and a point 291 metres north of its junction with Church Street (existing 30 mph terminals), an approximate distance of 493 metres.

3. South Downs National Park

It has been decided that the South Downs Local Plan does not require major changes following the consultation period which ended in November 2017. The Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State in the coming days. The examination process will then commence with hearings likely to take place in June in Midhurst.

We are also expecting an announcement imminently from the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Chairman of the National Parks Review.

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER
County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers