

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 10th September 2018, 8pm

MEMBERS

*D. Dodds (Chairman) *K. Budden R. Hargreaves
*H. Linsley *S. Halstead F. Macnamara *K. O'Malley *A. Smith

*Present, in addition to Cllr N. Wilson

Clerk: Sarah Smith

31/G18 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hargreaves and MacNamara.

32/G18 Declarations of Interests

Cllrs Halstead and O'Malley declared an interest as members of the Tennis Club. Cllr Linsley declared an interest a member of the Newman Collard Playing Field Trust.

33/G18 Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting on 10th June 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting on 10th June 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr Budden).

34/G18 Matters Arising from Grounds Committee Meeting on 10th June 2018

20/G18 Millennium Mosaic repair work: Cllr O'Malley reported that she and the Chairman had attended a promising meeting with a suitable contractor onsite. The contractor was confident that he could work with LPC to restore the mosaic and proposed some involvement of the local community as before, due to the labour intensive nature of the work involved. He advised that a clean would be required prior to restoration and proposed to clean a small test area. Members agreed that a trial cleaning should be pursued and noted that an article in the autumn Village Voice would be timely.

20/G18 Drainage at Newman Collard: The Chairman advised that root clearance work under the Centenary Gardens had been undertaken the previous week and that this had been funded by s106 environmental funds. Feedback was awaited.

20/G18 Pond at Newman Collard: The Clerk advised that the SDNPA had provided details of possible providers of bank reinstatement services but that these had not yet been pursued due to time constraints. Once the required work had been established, further s106 environmental funds would be applied for.

20/G18 Path at Newman Collard: The Chairman advised that a quotation had been received to provide a macadam surface to improve the finish of the new path from Inwood Road to the play area, for the sum of £4,125+VAT. The Assistant Clerk had submitted an application fund for s106 transport funds to cover the cost.

21/G18 Playground inspections: The Clerk advised that, following receipt of two quotes for the replacement timber beam at the Riverside Walk pic nic area, a quote had been accepted and the work was due to be carried out imminently. The Clerk also advised that the next set of quarterly play inspections had just come in and showed a second timber beam at the site was also in need of replacement. In addition, a support beam on the timber wobble bridge had been vandalised and so the Clerk had arranged for this to be replaced at the same time. This was noted by Members who recognised the need for actions required by the inspection regime to be pursued. The Clerk would pursue all actions required accordingly.

22/G18 Review of grounds equipment: The Chairman noted that the ride on mower had been sold for

scrap for £250.

23/G18 Tree issues: The Chairman noted that specified works to a tree at Liss Forest Recreation Ground at the request of a Pine Walk resident had been authorised and carried out at their expense in line with advice from the tree surgeon. The Chairman also advised that costs for removing a fallen tree at Riverside Walk had been reduced from £325 to £225 by leaving the brushwood onsite.

24/G18 Rotherbank Farm Lane bridge: The Clerk advised that an assessment of works required had been chased but was still awaited.

79/G17 Proposals for play equipment at West Liss: The Chairman advised that a project to improve the leisure facilities was currently on hold pending completion of the Pavilion project and the outcome of the EDHC Playing Fields Strategy.

26/G18 Footpath clearance: Following reports that footpaths 3 and 4 were in need of clearance, the Clerk had established that footpath 4 had been scheduled for clearance by HCC Countryside Services in 2018. Clearance of footpath 3 had been added to the lengthsmen's work schedule.

35/G18 Dog fouling

Members considered proposals contained within the discussion paper on the issue which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members agreed the following:

- To include an article in the next edition of the Village Voice, due in the autumn;
- To pursue the idea of a poster competition with Liss Infant & Junior Schools;
- To arrange for the installation of dog poo bag dispensers at West Liss and Newman Collard Recreation Ground. It was noted that Liss Forest already had a poo bag dispenser courtesy of the Liss Forest Residents Association which was having a positive impact there.

As regards other actions:

- Members noted that the Assistant Clerk had already made an approach to EHDC to see if they would provide additional bins without cost to LPC;
- The Clerk undertook to establish the position with regards to EHDC's Enforcement Team in relation to coverage of Liss;
- Cllr Budden undertook to establish what other parishes have done that has worked, by including a request for feedback in the HALC circular.

36/G18 Consideration of 2019/20 budget provision

The Chairman proposed to cover 2019/20 budget provision along with the item on Grounds Maintenance 2019 as the two are inextricably linked. Members agreed.

37/G18 AOB

Cllr Budden noted reports of a tree stump in the River Rother. The Clerk undertook to report to the Environment Agency.

Cllr Halstead highlighted the need to consider the future of the dead Horse Chestnut tree in the Centenary Gardens. The Clerk would seek a quotation for removal for budget purposes.

Cllr Halstead noted the height of the hedge behind the tennis courts; the Clerk advised that the top of the hedge and the side facing away from the tennis courts would be cut as part of the annual autumn hedge cutting.

Cllr Linsley noted a puddle at the entrance to the Riverside Walk and highlighted that the old railway platform was falling into a state of disrepair. The Clerk would ask the Groundsman to clear the vegetation on the platform.

The Chairman noted that a further request had been received from Liss Athletic Junior Football Club for the storage of their goalposts in the Groundsman's compound. Members declined the request on the grounds of security concerns and the need for adequate space to manoeuvre the Land Rover. The Clerk would relay the decision to LAFC Juniors.

38/G18 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chairman proposed to exclude any members of the public (there were none present) and Members

agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.42pm.

Date of next meeting: 10th December 2018

Signed..... Dated.....