

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 11th September 2017

MEMBERS

*D. Dodds(Chairman) *K. Budden R. Hargreaves
*H. Linsley *S. Halstead F. Macnamara

*Present, in addition to Cllr Katy O'Malley and three members of Liss Forest Residents Association (LFRA)

Clerk: Sarah Smith

60/G17 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hargreaves and MacNamara.

61/G17 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

62/G17 Adjournment for public participation

Members listened to comments in relation to LFRA's request for LPC to consider putting a Petanque court in Liss Forest Recreation Ground following the imminent closure of the court at the Temple Inn due to redevelopment. A map of suggested locations was provided. LFRA advised that, in terms of maintenance, all that was required was for the court to be swept and cleared of any debris prior to a game and raking following a game, which they would be happy to undertake. The meeting was then reconvened.

63/G17 Petanque Court

The chairman advised that LPC was sympathetic to the proposals and that any request towards funding would be considered following an approach to the developers of the Temple Inn. The chairman also confirmed that proposals for relocation of the Petanque court were on the draft list of priorities for CIL funding to be discussed at Council next week.

The three members of the LFRA left the meeting at this point.

64/G17 Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting on 12th June 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 12th March 2017 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Linsley).

65/G17 Matters Arising from Grounds Committee Meeting on 13th March 2017

65.1 Millenium Mosaic repair work

The Clerk advised that Admin Officer Frances Cook was looking into suitable companies who may be able to carry out the repair and maintenance work. Frances was also in touch with the lady who assisted in the initial mosaic for advice.

65.2 Laurel site visit

The Clerk advised that due to leave arrangements over the summer the site visit to the laurel in the Centenary Gardens had not been co-ordinated. This would be pursued,

65.3 Newman Collard Playground Project

The chairman advised that the joint project to replace equipment in the play park and enhance equipment in the adjoining field would commence on 18th September.

65.4 Newman Collard drainage

The chairman advised that exploratory works to establish an accurate plan of requirements and full quotation for the works had been provided for the sum of £3,000 plus VAT. The chairman advised that the funding for this had not been identified but that the drainage issue was on the draft list of priorities for CIL funding to be discussed at Council next week.

65.5 Improvements to parking area at Princes Bridge

The chairman advised that the Groundsman and Assistant Groundsman were undertaking some work to improve the drainage of the parking area.

66/G17 Consideration of 2018/19 grounds budget

The chairman proposed to continue with the three year rolling budget provision as in previous years to ensure funds would be available to cover deterioration of assets, maintenance and servicing. All Members agreed.

67/G17 Any other business

67.1 Cllr Budden gave an overview of the Litter Innovation Fund which would provide 90% match funding for parish councils. Details of the fund, which would run to April 2018, had been circulated to members and Cllr Budden urged Members to consider appropriate projects. Cllr O'Malley suggested we focus efforts on problematic areas in terms of littering which the Clerk advised was smoking-related litter.

67.2 Cllr O'Malley advised that the bench in the play park at West Liss was missing some slats.

Resolved: Clerk to request that the Groundsman carries out repair work.

67.3 The chairman noted that a request had been received to store new football goals in the groundsman's compound. Although members were keen to facilitate, the practicalities would need to be considered further.

67.4 The chairman noted the grounds issues which were contained in the draft list of priorities for CIL. These included the Newman Collard drainage issue and the Petanque court. Also for consideration were a MUGA and improvements to play equipment at Liss Forest. Members felt that improvements to play equipment at West Liss should also be considered along with an adult gym trail. This would be discussed by Council on 18th September.

67.5 Cllr Halstead requested that the old duck house be left in place as it was still used by the two herons. Members agreed. The Clerk proposed an article with photo to include in the next Village Voice to explain why the old house was now to be retained.

Resolved: Clerk to action.

67.6 Members discussed reporting of crime in Liss and Cllr O'Malley thought there was some uncertainty in the village as to which reporting option (999,101 or e-mail reporting) was appropriate. Members agreed that an article could be included in the next edition of the Village Voice as this would enhance accuracy of crime statistics for the village which is essential for the Community Tactical & Co-ordinating Group (CTCG). The CTCG meet on a monthly basis to discuss ongoing and reoccurring issues in the area that require a multi-agency response.

68/G17 Exclusion of the Press and Public for Staff Matters

The Chairman proposed and the members agreed that the press & public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the remaining business.

69/G17 Staffing Matters

Date of next meeting: 4th December 2017 at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 21.45pm.

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