

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 4th December 2017

MEMBERS

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

*Present,

Clerk: Sarah Smith

71/G17 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hargreaves.

72/G17 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

73/G17 Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting on 11th September 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 11th September 2017 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Halstead).

74/G17 Matters Arising from Grounds Committee Meeting on 11th September 2017

74.1 Millennium Mosaic repair work

Members agreed the importance of pushing ahead with investigations into the repair work required.

Resolved: That Members investigate any suitable sources of advice or companies to contact regarding the repair work and submit to the admin officer for further investigation.

74.2 The Chairman advised that other on-going issues were being pursued: a site visit to consider the laurels in the Centenary Gardens was scheduled for 6/12/17; the bench slats at West Liss would be repaired shortly and the Groundsman would start to remark allotments at Lower Green following remarking at Kelseys.

75/G17 Update on grass cutting

The Chairman advised Members that Brows Farm would continue to carry out grass cutting at Newman Collard and West Liss Recreation Grounds and that a separate contractor, Hampshire Grounds Ltd., had been identified to carry out grass cutting at Liss Forest Recreation Ground. Investigations into options regarding grounds maintenance in both the short-term and longer-term had been undertaken following decommissioning of the ride-on mower and it had been agreed that this was the most appropriate option at the current time.

76/G17 Update on annual allotment tenants' meeting

The Chairman advised that the meeting had not been well attended as most tenants now raise issues with office staff. The chairman noted that a contractor had now been identified to undertake grass cutting at Liss Forest and that any other actions arising from the meeting had been allocated for action. Members discussed cutting of internal hedges as raised by one tenant.

Resolved: a) That cutting of internal hedges remains the responsibility of allotment tenants as per the existing rental agreement; and b) That the Chairman and Clerk would undertake a site visit to establish whether the height of the hedge in question needed to be reduced.

77/G17 General maintenance issues

The chairman advised that the Groundsman had noted some deterioration of the path around the pond.

Resolved: That the Clerk seek advice from the Lengthsman.

The Groundsman had also proposed some tree work around the pond.

Resolved: That the Clerk request that the Tree warden take a look.

Members also discussed requests from members of the public for an additional path from Inwood Road across the open field area to the play area. It was noted that these requests had been received following installation of the new play equipment and that this reflected the popularity of the new equipment, as well as the condition of the grass which had become extremely muddy during installation of the equipment. The Clerk noted that Kompan had undertaken to carry out some remedial work to rectify this but that this work would take place in the spring.

Resolved: That the Clerk seek advice on an additional path from the Lengthsman.

78/G17 Fernhills allotment site

The Chairman advised that a large area of the Fernhills allotment site was not well cultivated by users. Members discussed and agreed that options for the site going forward should be considered.

79/G17 Any other business

79.1 The Chairman noted that the need for replacement play equipment at West Liss had fallen off the Community Infrastructure Levy priority list. The Chairman would pursue to ensure that play equipment at both Liss Forest and West Liss both received priority status for funds.

Resolved: a) That a motion be put to Council to introduce an item of £125000 to the CIL priority list for replacement play equipment at Liss Recreation Grounds; and
b) That a sub group consisting of the Chairman, Clerk, Cllrs Smith and O'Malley seek proposals for replacement play equipment for West Liss and investigate options for funding.

79.2 Cllr Smith raised the possibility of a refreshments hut at Newman Collard Recreation Ground.

Resolved: That Cllr Smith explore options.

The meeting closed at 21.45pm.

Date of next meeting: 5th March 2018

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