

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 4th March 2019, 7.45pm

MEMBERS

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

*Present

Clerk: Sarah Smith

01/G19 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Budden, Hargreaves, MacNamara and Smith.

02/G19 Declarations of Interests

None declared.

03/G19 Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting on 10th December 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting on 10th December 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr O'Malley with all in favour).

04/G19 Matters Arising from Grounds Committee Meeting on 10th December 2018

50/G19 Lych Gate: The Chairman noted that Council had approved a motion that Liss Parish Council makes an application for s106 funds to restore the Lych Gate to its former design and without prejudice to ownership or any other rights (Resolution 185/18). The Clerk advised that two quotations for the repair work had been sought but had not yet been received.

48/G18 Dog fouling: The Chairman advised that a further dog poo bag dispenser had been installed in the picnic and play area on the Riverside Walk. Members felt that the dispensers were working well and had been well received by members of the public. The Clerk advised that the school had been receptive to running an anti dog fouling poster competition.

47/G18 Mosaic renovation: Cllr O'Malley advised that she felt that some kind of financial commitment to the project was required in order to secure the services of the contractor who had carried out the trial cleaning. Members agreed that the project might be more manageable if the process could be broken down into chunks, so that cleaning, repair and protection would be carried out on smaller sections at a time. Cllr Malley would contact the contractor to discuss this approach and the likely sums involved.

49/G18 Drainage: The Chairman advised that the expert group had met and it was decided that the Clerk would write to Southern Water (SW) to a) ask them to inspect their blown manhole cover on the field which gives rise to excess flood water which presents a H&S risk and b) explore the possibility of linking the surface drain behind the NC gate into the SW main drain to stop it backing up and therefore to facilitate drainage at the site. SW had responded promptly and sent an Investigation Technician to site to meet with the group and investigate the issue. The Investigation Technician proposed a CCTV survey from the manhole on the pitch to the drain in the Centenary Garden where it was felt there was a blockage. He also undertook to raise the issue of the linking the NC drain to the SW main drain with SW's Development Services. The report was awaited.

20/G18 Pond at Newman Collard: The Chairman noted that any possible works to bank re-instatement was on hold due to other priority work.

24/G18 Rotherbank Farm Lane Bridge: Members agreed that repair work to the bridge should be added

to the worksheet for the new lengthsman.

79/G17 Play & leisure equipment at West Liss Recreation Ground: The Chairman advised that a bid had been submitted for CIL funding under the SDNPA Infrastructure Business Plan, the result of which would not be known until around September 2019.

05/G19 Exclusion of Press and Public

Members agreed to exclude any Members of the public for the following item (there were none present) on the basis of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

07/G19 LFRA request for a wider gate to Liss Forest Recreation Ground

The Chairman advised that the LPC representative to the Liss Forest Residents' Association had reported that the LFRA might have access to a grant in this financial year which they would like to spend on a wider gate to the recreation ground should LPC be in agreement. Following consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk had indicated provisional agreement so that the grant could be applied for within the timeframe allowed, with a formal decision to be taken by the Grounds Committee in due course. However, no formal representation had yet been received.

08/G19 Play equipment inspections and health & safety issues

The Clerk advised that the most recent reports had been received in January and that most findings were low or very low risk. The Groundsman was working to resolve these issues. All works required to equipment and signage at the Riverside Walk had now been completed.

09/G19 Tree issues

The Clerk advised that a survey would take place of all high and medium risk trees n LPC sites later in the Spring in line with the schedule of tree works.

The Clerk advised that a request had been received for a reduction in size and height of an Oak tree at Kelseys allotments which was blocking the signal to his satellite receiver. Members agreed that the request did not meet the requirements of the LPC policy which was to undertake work to trees on the grounds of health & safety only.

10/G18 AOB

Cllr Halstead noted that pot holes had opened up in the Newman Collard car Park. The Clerk advised that the Groundsman was aware and that he intended to fill these once the ground was dry.

Cllr Halstead also noted that several sheds had appeared at Princes Bridge allotments. The Clerk advised that prior written permission was required from LPC for tenants to erect sheds and other structures under the allotment tenancy agreement. The Clerk would ask the Assistant Clerk to investigate whether the process had been adhered to.

The Chairman advised that an e-mail had been received regarding inconsiderate parking by allotment tenants at Kelseys on the service road to Aubrey Gardens. Members agreed to put a notice on the gates to the site requesting that allotment tenants park in a considerate manner.

The Chairman closed the meeting by extending his thanks to the Members of the Grounds Committee for their work during this council term, in view of the imminent elections.

The meeting closed at 20.44 pm.

Date of next meeting: 4th June 2019

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