

Liss Parish Council

Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting of 13th March, 2017

Members; *Cllr D Dodds (Chairman), *Cllr K Budden, *Cllr S Halstead, Cllr R. Hargreaves, Cllr H Linsley, *Cllr F MacNamara, *Cllr B Mayo.

*Present

The meeting was clerked by S. Smith (Assistant Clerk)

40/G17 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllr Hargreaves and Cllr Linsley.

41/G17 Declarations of interests

Cllr Halstead declared a prejudicial interest in matters relating to the tennis courts as a member of the Tennis Club.

42/G17 Minutes & matters arising from the Grounds Committee meeting on 5th December 2016 not otherwise on the agenda

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 5th December 2016 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Budden). It was noted, that following agreement by the Grounds Committee to take on grass cutting outside the Triangle, a motion would need to go to Council once the transfer of ownership was complete.

43/G17 Revision of Service Level Agreement between Newman Collard Playing Fields and LPC

The chair highlighted the proposed changes to the agreement which had been discussed and agreed with the NCPFT. Members were content with these. **It was resolved that** a motion be put to Council recommending that the revision be approved. This would then be subject to further review on an annual basis.

44/G17 Grounds projects for Community Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The chair advised that Cllr Hargreaves was seeking input from Grounds Committee to inform the Community Infrastructure Levy Delivery Plan. Assessment of projects was as follows:

Existing projects listed:

- £40,000 for proposed multi-use games area at Newman Collard: medium priority, an aspiration;
- £25,000 for replacement of sports and play equipment at Liss Forest: medium priority, an aspiration;
- £25,000 for drainage works at Newman Collard: high priority, cost to be revised once survey completed;
- Pavilion Project: to be taken up with the Pavilion Committee.

Possible new projects:

- Additional football pitches: LPC unable to initiate due to lack of land available;
- BMX/ Skatepark: low priority, an aspiration;

- Creation of activity/fitness course at West Liss: this would need to be considered as part of wider development at West Liss;
- Provision of netball/ basketball court at West Liss: this would need to be considered as part of wider development at West Liss;
- Petanque court: Liss Forest Recreation Ground should be considered if the existing provision at the Temple Inn is removed.

45/G17 Improvements to parking area at Princes Bridge allotments

It was resolved that the application of wood chippings be investigated to alleviate problems with the parking area at Princes Bridge allotments as the level of mud made the parking area difficult to use.

46/G17 Allotments – request for plots from non-residents of Liss

It was resolved that no derogation from the tenancy agreement should be recommended to Council to permit a non-resident of Liss to take on an allotment plot.

47/G17 Tree work required at Princes Bridge

The chair highlighted some issues raised by the Flood Action Group with regards to LPC trees at Princes Bridge, namely a fallen Oak partially blocking the river flow, an Alder leaning across the river resting on another tree on the opposite side, also surrounded by another 4 rotting Alders and a further large rotten Alder. Members agreed that the work should be carried out as soon as ground conditions allow in order to allow the river to run more freely to mitigate flood risk and to ensure health and safety. **It was resolved that** the Assistant Clerk would commission the work following a couple of further enquires. The work would be funded by LPC's emergency tree work fund.

48/G17 Updates on all sites, including Groundsman's Hut, and staffing

Newman Collard Playground Project: The chair noted that the NCPFT had been invited to submit a full application following the expression of interest. This would be for replacement of equipment in the fenced area on NCPFT land. LPC would pursue the project for the open field area for the older children as this is LPC owned land.

Newman Collard drainage: The chair noted that following the meeting on the drainage issues in September, a map of known information on the drainage system had been compiled with a view to commissioning a drainage survey. The Assistant Clerk was currently in the process of identifying possible contractors. Cllr Budden would speak to EHDC Building Control to assist.

Newman Collard duck house: The chair advised that a ready-made duck house was on order. It was hoped that this would be delivered and installed shortly to coincide with nesting season. The old partially submerged duck house would remain in place for the coming months in case any nesting ducks had managed to gain entry.

Groundsman Hut: The chair advised that all equipment had been replaced following the break-in and an insurance claim submitted. LPC had agreed to fund additional security measures to prevent further break-ins.

Trees: The chair noted that a survey of high risk areas had been undertaken in line with the LPC Tree Management Strategy.

Staffing: The chair noted that the Assistant Groundsman had left employment with LPC and that the post would be advertised shortly for one day during the winter period and two days during the summer period.

Allotment actions: The chair noted that all actions arising from the Allotment Tenants Meeting had now been completed. In addition, following some difficulty experienced by prospective tenants in identify plots, the Groundsman was in the process of putting new markers in place, commencing with Kelseys.

Play equipment inventory: The next item on the agenda would be repainting of the toddler tower at West Liss.

49/G17 Any other business

The chair highlighted various actions undertaken by the Tennis Club to increase tennis playing in Liss. This was welcomed by Members. Cllr Budden would invite the Tennis Club to provide an update at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Date of next meeting: 12th June 2017 at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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