

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 12 June 2017

MEMBERS

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

*Present

The meeting was clerked by Administration Officer, Frances Cook

50/G17 Election of a Chairman for the Council Year

Cllr Dodds, proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr MacNamara, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

51/G17 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hargreaves.

52/G17 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

53/G17 Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting on 13th March 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 13th March 2017 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Budden).

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

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

55/G17 Maintenance of the Millennium Mosaic

- 55.1 Cllr Halstead expressed the opinion that an expert was required to oversee the repair of the mosaic and to give advice on future maintenance. Cllr Halstead would check her files to see if she has the details of the person who assisted previously with the mosaic project.
- 55.2 Following discussion it was agreed that Joint Clerk Smith be instructed to research a suitable expert to assist with the repair and maintenance of the mosaic.
- 55.3 Cllr Budden expressed the opinion that the repair of the mosaic may be a project that the Crossover might be interested in assisting with.
- 55.4 It was agreed that Joint Clerk Smith be instructed to send a “holding reply” to Mike Boocock stating that the Parish Council was sympathetic to his comments and were looking to find a suitable expert to assist with the restoration.

56/G17 Tree Work

- 56.1 It was resolved that the works set out as being required in the next six months in the high risk areas tree survey be carried out.
- 56.2 Following discussion regarding the laurels at NCPF it was agreed that Joint Clerk Smith be instructed to arrange a site visit with a representative from NCPFT (preferably Dorothy Collard), Liss Parish Council’s groundsman, members of the Grounds Committee and the CPSO to look at the issue and decide a way forward.

- 56.3 As a further issue it was noted that the NCPFT car park (and possible the laurels referred to above) are being used for drug taking / dealing. It was agreed that Joint Clerk Smith be instructed to raise this issue with the CPSO.

57/G17 Update on All Sites

- 57.1 SLA
The Chairman informed the meeting that payments were due in September 2017 and March 2018.
- 57.2 Newman Collard Playground Project
The Chairman informed the meeting that the application to Biffa had been made and the decision is expected in July. Cllr Macnamara asked if the proposed timescale was still that the works be carried out in the autumn 2017 and the Chairman confirmed his understanding that this is the case and preferably before the October half-term holiday.
- 57.3 Newman Collard Drainage
The Chairman informed the meeting that an exploratory survey has been commissioned and that the cost (£155 plus VAT) will be split between the Parish Council and NCPFT.
- 57.4 Newman Collard Duck House
The Chairman informed the meeting that the new duck house is in place and that the old one would not be removed until the end of the nesting season in case it is being used by nesting birds.
- 57.5 Groundsmans Hut
The Chairman informed the meeting that the insurance claim following the break-in is now settled with funds received for replacement shutter (including battery back-ups).
- 57.6 Liss Forest Petanque Pitch
The Chairman informed the meeting that a request had been received from LFRA for a Petanque Pitch on Liss Forest Recreation Ground. It was agreed that it would be premature to consider until the future of the Temple Inn/ pitch is confirmed and that Joint Clerk Smith should respond to John Collins accordingly.
- 57.7 Improvements to parking area at Princes Bridge allotments
The Chairman informed the meeting that Frances has arranged for Acacia Tree Surgeons to offload a lorry load of chippings to improve the parking area.
- 57.8 Tree work at Princes Bridge
The Chairman informed the meeting that the works highlighted by the Flood Action Group has been completed.
- 57.9 Best Kept Allotment Competition
The Chairman informed the meeting that the first inspection of plots is to take place early-mid June followed by a further round in mid-July. The Chairman also informed the meeting that although no longer on the Grounds Committee Cllr Mayo had advised that he would continue to participate in the judging of the BKA Competition. The Chairman informed the meeting that the relevant parties were in the process of agreeing a date for the first inspection.
- 57.10 Allotment plot marking

The Chairman informed the meeting that following some difficulty experienced by prospective plot holders in identifying plots, the Groundsman is putting new markers in place where necessary, starting with Kelseys.

57.11 Play equipment maintenance inventory

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Groundsman had commenced the renovation work by repainting the swings at West Liss and that there was an ongoing schedule of works.

57.12 Dog Fouling Signs

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Groundsman was identifying locations to erect the signs.

58/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.

59/G17 Staffing Matters

60/G17 Any Other Business

60.1 The Chairman informed the meeting that a report had been received on the Liss Forest Recreation Ground drainage problems which suggested that following the success of Phase 1 it may not be necessary to implement Phase 2.

60.2 Cllr Halstead raised the issue of the unused posts on the area of land near Yorkwood. Following discussion, Cllr Halstead confirmed that she would produce a schedule of unused posts in the Parish so that HCC can be approached with a request to remove them all.

60.3 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that at District Council it had been noted that a notice had been issued to the occupiers of Lambs Lease that the land in front of their properties is to be fenced off to prevent them from parking there and it was noted that this may increase the parking problems in other areas of the village.

Date of next meeting: 11th September 2017 at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 20.50pm.

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