

## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### Members

\*Mr K Budden (Chairman), \*Mr D Dodds, \*Mrs S Halstead, \*Mr R Hargreaves, Mrs Y Heaton, \*Mr D Jerrard, \*Mr H Linsley, \*Mr F MacNamara, \*Mrs L McDonald, Mr B Mayo, \*Mr A Smith & \*Ms A Wright.

\* Present

Clerk: D. Bowery.

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillor Mr M Kendall, no members of the public & one member of the press.

The Chairman made the necessary health and safety announcements.

### 175/16 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Councillor Mayo & District Councillor Mrs L Pienaar.

Absent with no apologies: Councillor Heaton.

### 176/16 Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interests.

### 177/16 Chairman's announcements

- The Chairman announced that Mrs Hewitt-Payne, who had served as a Councillor from October 2002 until March 2005 had died. Members held a minutes silence in respect.
- The police were investigating an incident of vandalism to the Xmas tree.
- The village Xmas event had been well attended & thanks were extended to Mr Johnson who had organised the event.
- The model railway created by LMRG was now operational in the station booking hall.
- The Chairman had attended the WRVS Xmas lunch.
- Liss Band had played at St Mary's church on 17<sup>th</sup> & was due to play at The Temple on 21<sup>st</sup> December.
- Coryton Almshouses Trust had a vacancy for an independent trustee & this was to be advertised in the three parishes.
- The Chairman & District Councillor Kendall had attended a parking charges review meeting with EHDC's officers. There were some changes being proposed by the officers to EHDC's portfolio holder. The possibilities were outlined to Members; these included 4 hrs maximum free parking with some permit holder provision.

There followed a long debate that included objections to the review without consultation. It was understood that LPC could make representations at the EHDC Community Forum on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

It was agreed that Cllr Linsley, as Chairman of LPC's Highways Committee would draft a letter expressing concerns to the EHDC portfolio holder & this would be circulated to Members for comment before dispatch.

The Chairman then proposed a change in the order of the agenda so that the outcomes of the Finance Committee of 14<sup>th</sup> December & matters relating to the FAG request for survey funding could be considered prior to any decision on the precept for 2017/18 & Members agreed.

**Resolved:** That agenda item 10.v be taken before item 8.i

**178/16 Reports from County Councillor** District Councillor Mr Vaughan Clarke reported that the unemployment figure for Liss was 0.3% & 0.0% for Liss Forest. Carbon reduction at HCC was now 35.8% yielding a saving of £3m on energy plus a further £200k on carbon tax.

The take up on rural broadband was higher than expected & this would release further funding.

All salt bins were full throughout the County.

Cllr Kendall expressed season's greetings to all.

Cllr Halstead raised the issue of restocking salt bins & Cllr Clarke & the Clerk would investigate.

### **179/16 Reports from District Councillors**

District Councillor Mr Mike Kendall on behalf of Cllr Pienaar, raised the issue of speeding traffic in the village. Cllr Linsley replied that LPC were aware of the problems & were in discussion with HCC Highways who had a package of plans for consideration.

Cllr Kendall reported that there had been a meeting between EHDC, the local Member of Parliament & the CAA regarding airspace plans for Farnborough airport on 21<sup>st</sup> November, but he had received no feedback yet. The devolution agenda had been put on the back-burner pending Brexit outcomes.

On the Flood Action Group, Cllr Kendall informed the meeting that the emergency plan was complete & registered on the official list at HCC. He asked if LPC had any plans on out of office hours procedures.

Cllr Budden had no District Council issues to add.

### **180/16 Minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

The minutes of the Council meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November, proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Halstead, were agreed unanimously as a correct record.

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November be accepted as a correct record.

### **181/16 Matters Arising**

- Min 169/16 – Consideration of the precept for 2017/18:

Cllr Wright explained that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December along with a report from Cllr Dodds on the pavilion development project. She added that still to be resolved was any commitment to a flood risk scoping survey as requested by District Councillor Kendall. This last matter was then debated:

Cllr Kendall was asked to detail his request.

He stated that 104 properties in Liss were at risk of flood damage & the survey would be a first step to obtaining guidance on what options were available. Then an approach to the Environment Agency to cost any models suggested would be made. The second stage would be to determine effects on Liss, Steep & Petersfield. The survey would cost £4k & he was asking LPC to contribute £2k to the funds pledged by District Councillor grants. Second phase options could be in excess of £100k but it was necessary to establish a point of action. There was no long-term financial implication for LPC.

Cllr Linsley posed the question was LPC responsible for this or HCC & EHDC. It was a larger area problem, not just Liss.

The Clerk informed Members that LPC held an emergency contingency reserve that could meet this without any adjustment to the proposed precept being necessary.

Cllr Hargreaves asked who did have the long term financial implication if not Liss & Cllr Kendall replied that the EA & HCC would not deal with the initial stages as Liss was 28<sup>th</sup> on the list of priorities, but this measure would start the ball rolling. It would identify what work was necessary & then the EA could approach Defra for funding.

Following further debate the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hargreaves proposed a motion:

” That Liss Parish Council is minded to contribute up to £2000 towards the flood risk scoping survey subject to verification from the Environment Agency & HCC that such a survey would assist them & that

the suitability of the contractors was confirmed. If these conditions are met then LPC will use funds available in the emergency contingency reserves.”

**Resolved:** The motion was passed on a vote of nine in favour with one against.

Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Halstead, then proposed a motion:

“That Liss Parish Council sets a precept of £194500 for the 2017/18 financial year.”

**Resolved:** The motion was passed on a vote of nine in favour with one abstention.

- Min 170/16 – The Lych gate at Old School Road:

The Clerk reported that no response to the letter sent to Taylor Wimpey had been received yet.

The Chairman asked Members if the matter should be deferred.

Cllr Linsley reminded Members of his motion & said he was reluctant to procrastinate:

“That Liss Parish Council requests EHDC, in line with its responsibilities both legal & moral, carries out an immediate check on the state of the Lych Gate in Old School Road & carries out any necessary repairs.”

The motion was seconded by Cllr Wright.

There followed a discussion where Members generally felt that such action was premature.

Cllr Jerrard, seconded by Cllr Linsley, proposed that the motion be deferred until the next council meeting & Members agreed.

- Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hargreaves reported that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to SDNP & accepted as legally compliant & now advertised for public consultation that would run from 19<sup>th</sup> December until mid February 2017.

- Pavilion Development project

Cllr Dodds reported that there had been three consultation events, an exhibition in the village hall on 26/11, at the school fair on 3/12 & at the village event on 7/12. Various options had been put forward & a clear preference had emerged for a traditional style pavilion. Public had accepted that it could be necessary to fund the project by adding £10pa to the precept per dwelling. The next Committee meeting was on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**182/16 Clerk’s Report (attached)**

The Clerk’s report was discussed & the Clerk responded to questions raised.

The contents of the report, proposed by Cllr Smith & seconded by Cllr Linsley, were approved unanimously.

**Resolved:**

- That payments & receipts detailed in the Clerk’s report be approved.
- That LPC would send a letter to EHDC supporting the statements made by EHAPTC on devolution.
- That LPC would support whatever course of action it deemed appropriate should the person who vandalised the village centre Xmas tree be apprehended.

**183/16 Extension of meeting**

Cllr Dodds proposed an extension of no more than thirty minutes to the meeting & Members agreed.

**184/16 Reports of Committees**

- **Highways Committees**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of 128<sup>th</sup> November be noted.

Cllr Linsley updated the meeting on the outcomes of a meeting with HCC Highways. He said that HCC were looking at a package of measures in the village including extension of speed restrictions, possible 20mph restriction & further measures near the schools.

- **Buildings Committee**

**Resolved:** The draft minutes of the Buildings Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> December be noted.

- **Grounds Committee**

**Resolved:** The draft minutes of the Grounds Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> December be noted.

- **Planning Committee**

**Resolved:** The draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 12<sup>th</sup> December be noted.

Cllr Halstead reviewed the minutes & asked that the CIL list from the Neighbourhood Plan be circulated.

**185/16 Matters of Concern**

Cllr Linsley had circulated a letter received from Liss Cricket Club advising of developments at their ground. It was agreed to ask them to attend a Council meeting to make a presentation & that the Pavilion Development Committee make contact with them.

**186/16 Reports from outside bodies**

Cllr Linsley had attended meetings of Coryton Alms Houses & EHAPTC.

Cllr MacNamara had visited the Crossover Youth Centre & would attend a meeting of the Dorothea & Mary Cole Trust shortly.

The Chairman had attended meetings of Coryton Alms Houses, EHAPTC & CTCG.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.00hrs

Next meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 19.30hrs