

## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

### Members

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

\* Present

Clerk: D. Bowery.

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

The Chairman made the necessary health and safety announcements.

### 89/16 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Councillors Smith, Thomas & Wright.

### 90/16 Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interests.

### 91/16 Chairman's announcements

- The Chairman expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent operation to Cllr Thomas & Members agreed with the sentiment.
- The Chairman and Cllr Halstead had attended a service to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Queen Elizabeth II at St Mary's Church.
- There was an initiative launched by Liss Tennis Club & The Crossover Youth Centre to provide free tennis coaching to youngsters.
- Liss Junior School were running a village scarecrow competition based on nursery rhymes.
- The Chairman said that the Triangle were short of trustees & asked Members to encourage residents to put themselves forward.
- The Village Voice would be going to press imminently & ready for distribution in the next couple of weeks.
- The Stagecoach bus service 3 was to be withdrawn following the withdrawal of HCC funding. Members discussed this matter & Cllr Linsley proposed a motion that LPC write to object to the loss of this public service that particularly provided usage for school children. The motion, seconded by Cllr Halstead, was agreed unanimously.

**Resolved:** LPC would write to HCC & Stagecoach objecting to the loss of this bus service.

- The Operation Resilience resurfacing work on Forest Road would commence on 30<sup>th</sup> June & the road would be closed from 9.30am till 4pm daily until 5<sup>th</sup> July.
- There would be an election for a new District Councillor for the Hangers & Forest Ward on 26<sup>th</sup> July.
- Notices of co-option for the two vacant Parish Council positions inviting applicants had been posted.

### 92/16 Adjournment for public participation

Members agreed a period of adjournment to receive comments from the public.

Mr Pay drew attention to the state of the road surface in Mill Road.

### 93/16 Reports from County Councillor

County Councillor Mr V Clarke reported on the progress with the introduction of Superfast Broadband in Hampshire. Phase 1 of the project, was now complete, it covered some 63,000 premises, cost £10m and saw the introduction of 355 roadside cabinets. It brought the coverage up to 80%. Of those 63,000 premises, 24,000

have already signed up. Phase 2, is & covers 34,500 premises, costs £18m and will involve the installation of over 550 cabinets. This will bring coverage up to 96% by Sept 2018. The remaining 4% represents 23,000 and is a challenge as some parts of Hampshire have a very low population density. An innovation trial for 1,500 properties is currently ongoing. The question was asked about communities where parts were on Superfast Broadband and parts were not. It is possible for those communities to have a direct meeting with BT and the County Council, and meetings are arranged for Wednesdays. Please contact Glen Peacey to arrange this. The latest figures for those unemployed and claiming benefit for Liss was 0.5% & 0.3% for the Hangers & Forest. With regard to road safety the number of people killed and injured in Hampshire rose from 623 in 2013 to 678 in 2014, a 9% increase. Mercifully the number of children killed is low, averaging one killed every 2 years. The County's website has been named as the best Local Authority website in the UK and the most visited with 60m hits. The proportion of households in the East Hants area with no car is 4.7%

**94/16 Reports from District Councillors** Cllr Kendall expressed his good wishes for a speedy recovery by Cllr Thomas.

He & Cllr Pienaar had attended a Devolution workshop at EHDC on 1<sup>st</sup> June & the Leader had reported on Devolution to cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> June saying that EHDC remain committed to Devolution. Cllr Kendall said he felt that there was a need for public consultation with residents on the concept of a combined Unitary Authority before any commitment could be made.

Cllr Kendall had met with HCC's area Highway Officer to discuss the issues of rainwater running off Station Road into the West Liss car parks & held a follow up meeting with parish councillors. As a result he would be approaching EHDC officers to see if a raised entry to the EHDC car park could be installed & LPC would carry out the same works on their car park as part of the pavilion development.

The Flood Action Group had attended a Community Resilience workshop at EHDC & the Liss Action Plan was being progressed; it was a wider issue than just flooding.

Cllr Pienaar distributed leaflets from a Hampshire Alert on doorstep crime to Members. The Community safety team were planning a presentation to be held at the Triangle.

EHDC's Traffic Management team were to hold a meeting on enforcement on 27<sup>th</sup> July & LPC representatives would be invited.

Cllr Pienaar informed the meeting that she had received two applications for Community Grants from the 16/17 budget.

The grass cutting contractors had been behind schedule but were now up to date.

The Whitehill & Bordon development plans would be submitted soon & they would include a job strategy submission.

A workshop on Councillor performance & behaviour was planned.

Cllr Linsley asked why the Community Forum had been cancelled. Cllr Pienaar replied that the structure of these meetings was being revisited as it was thought they took up a lot of officer time.

Members expressed opinions that they were well attended & important meetings for the benefit of the community; EHDC should consult with parishes regarding the importance of these meetings, rather than officers or District Councillors.

### **95/16 – Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

The minutes of the Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May, proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Mayo, were agreed unanimously as a correct record.

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May be accepted as a correct record.

## **96/16 – Matters Arising**

- **Devolution** – The Chairman explained that the Leader of EHDC had been on vacation so the planned meeting had not yet been arranged.  
Cllr Halstead had tabled a report on the HLOWLGA meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> June that had received reports from the Leader of HCC & on the Heart of Hampshire & Solent devolution bids. These were discussed by Members. The Chairman then proposed the following Motion, seconded by Cllr Linsley:  
“That Liss Parish Council write to urge HCC, EHDC & the Dept. of Communities & Local Government to engage in meaningful public consultation on devolution options for Hampshire prior to any decisions being made.”  
**Resolved:** The motion was passed unanimously.  
It was agreed that copies of the letter be sent to the local MP as well as HALC & East Hants parishes.

- **Appointments to outside bodies**

**Resolved:** Cllr MacNamara was appointed as LPC representative to the Coryton Almshouses Trust.

**Resolved:** Cllr Mayo was appointed as LPC representative to the Liss Flood Action Group.  
It was agreed that a protocol between LPC & the FAG was desirable.

## **97/16 – Clerks Report (attached)**

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

### **Resolved:**

The Clerk’s report, proposed by Cllr Mayo & seconded by Cllr Hargreaves, be approved.

Correspondence was reviewed & the following was agreed:

Cllr Linsley would attend the Councillor Commission event on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

The Chairman, Cllr Halstead & Cllr Linsley would attend the AGM of HALC on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

## **98/16 Reports of Committees**

- **Planning Committee**

**Resolved:** The draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 31<sup>st</sup> May be noted.

Cllr Halstead reviewed the minutes & informed that following a site visit with regard to an amendment to the tree house at Prierton, LPC had amended its consultation comments to one of objection.

- **Buildings Committee**

**Resolved:** The draft minutes of the Buildings Committee of 13<sup>th</sup> June be noted.

Cllr Mayo explained that it had been difficult to find contractors willing to quote for the accessible toilet in the village hall.

Cllr Mayo proposed the following motion, seconded by the Chairman. “LPC resolves that Standing Orders & Financial Regulations relating to the placing of contracts below £20000 be suspended for these works.”

**Resolved:** The motion was passed unanimously.

- **West Liss Pavilion Development Committee**

**Resolved:** The draft minutes of the West Liss Pavilion Development Committee of 17<sup>th</sup> May be noted.

It was agreed that LPC would send letters to the football clubs & NHS Outreach explaining that their hire conditions were on the basis of the lack of normal water supply facilities.

- **Grounds Committee**

**Resolved:** The draft minutes of the Grounds Committee of 13<sup>th</sup> June be noted.  
Cllr Dodds reviewed the minutes.

**99/16 Matters of Concern**

Cllr Mayo requested that an article on the proposed loss of bus service 3 be included in the Village Voice.

Cllr Halstead remarked that the newly painted area on the EHDC car park reserved for the library bus must be returned to normal vehicle parking when the library service was withdrawn.

Cllr Halstead asked if EHDC could provide a suitable tree at the entrance to the EHDC car park.

The Chairman said that early discussions with Community First on a possible Saturday bus service were taking place.

**100/16 Reports from outside bodies**

Cllr Halstead had attended a Joint National Park meeting on planning & enforcement.

Cllr Halstead had attended the AGM of the EHAPTC & reported that she had stood down as Chairman & been replaced by J McDonald. She was now Vice Chairman.

Cllr Halstead had attended the AGM of the Triangle. They were desperate for additional volunteers as well as trustees.

Cllr Linsley had attended the EHAPTC AGM.

Cllr Dodds reported on the CTCG meeting.

The Chairman had attended the EHAPTC AGM, the Devolution meeting & the Community Resilience event.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.21hrs

Next meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 19.30hrs