

LISS PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Liss Pavilion Development Committee
12th September 2017

MEMBERS

*Cllr R. Hargreaves (Chairman), *Cllr B. Mayo, *Cllr K. Budden, *Cllr D. Dodds, *Cllr S. Halstead,
*Cllr L. McDonald, Cllr A. Smith.

*Present.

Clerk: S. Smith

83/P17 Apologies: None received.

84/P18 Declarations of interests: Cllr McDonald declared a possible conflict of interests arising from the proximity of her private residence to the development site. Cllr Smith noted for the record that he has a daughter in 1st Liss Scouts.

85/P7 Minutes of the meeting of 15th August 2017 & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of 15th August 2017, proposed by Cllr Mayo & seconded by Cllr McDonald, be accepted.

There were no matters arising which would not be covered under the agenda.

86/P17 Revised plans

The Clerk had distributed a set of revised plans received from Michael Weakley (MW) on 7th September following some revisions discussed at the LPC/MW meeting on 15th August. These included an open ceiling structure for the hall and a bigger Scouts store with provision for 19 parking spaces on the site plan. Members welcomed the plans and considered the following questions to put to MW:

- It is assumed that the disabled toilet is the size required by legislation and therefore cannot be reduced?
- Could a straight line rather than a dog leg in the main corridor save costs?
- Could external access to the kitchen be provided, perhaps via a secure stable style door, to allow use of the kitchen by the football team during pitch use, whilst allowing the hall to be rented out separately? This could also usefully provide a fire exit directly from the kitchen.

There was some discussion over a possible reduction in the size of the quiet room, however Members agreed that this should stay as it is. Members also noted that the door to the gents loos may require hanging the other way round for screening purposes. Cllr Dodds suggested an amendment to provide an L shape rather than a T shape storage area for the Scouts, but Members did not see how this would improve access to the storage area.

Cllr Smith would send the latest plans to the Scouts for information.

87/P17 Planning application

Members agreed that the plans were ready to go to Council to be approved for the planning application, subject to the possible amendment to allow external kitchen access. The Chairman noted that some final minor internal amendments could be made following the planning application. It had already been agreed that the contract with MW would be presented to Council for signing so that this would be in place prior to his submission of the planning application.

Members agreed that budget provision for the planning application would need to be sought at Council, along with funds required for the planning application, advice from a surveyor to cost the Scouts requirements for usage and storage, initial legal costs and other ad hoc expenditure as required to advance the project.

Members agreed to request a sum of £10,000 to cover this.

88/P17 Update on 30/8 meeting with the Scouts

A note of the meeting had been circulated. Cllr Smith reported that a positive meeting had taken place with the Scouts and both sides had agreed on the need for independent advice to inform the costing of the Scouts usage and storage. The Scouts had advised that they would reply formally to the Chairman's letter shortly. Members noted the need for the Scouts to have security of tenure and a straightforward renewal process for the agreement. Cllr Smith advised that the Scouts were happy with the building design and floor plan subject to further revision to provide the 40m2 storage the Scouts required. Members gave some initial consideration to the possible fee structure, from community, community/commercial, commercial and long-term agreements.

89/P17 Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) application

Members discussed timing for the application of the loan. Cllr Dodds and Joint Clerk Smith would investigate further as part of their work to ensure that all requirements for the loan application were met. In particular, it would be important to establish requirements to evidence public support for increasing the precept to repay the PWLB.

90/P17 Outstanding activities and any other business

Cllr Budden proposed that LPC applied for a stall at the Christmas Shopping Evening in December as a further method of keeping parishioners up-to-date on the project. The chairman noted that additional funds would be required for fitting out. The Clerk would establish the cost of tables and chairs and this list could be expanded over time.

The meeting was closed at 8.23pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd October, 7.00pm