

LISS

YOUR VILLAGE.. YOUR VISION.. YOUR SAY



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Do you want to influence the shaping of Liss Parish over the next 15 to 20 years?

This is your opportunity, your ideas are important.

Have your say by completing the enclosed Parish Plan Questionnaire.

Your input is vital and will help us secure funding for projects in the future.

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Through the 2005 Parish Plan Questionnaire you may have already told us some of your ideas for the village, and some projects such as the Crossover Centre and monthly cinema held in the Triangle Centre have already been delivered. Now we need to produce a final Parish Plan which is a fusion of your ideas on how you see the future shaping of Liss Parish.

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By completing the enclosed questionnaire and providing us with the greatest amount of information, opinions and ideas on a full range of issues you will be contributing to the future shape/role of the village and community. All this information will then be combined with past research and the feedback gained from the exhibition held in June 2011 to formulate a comprehensive Parish Plan with a strong evidence base. The projects that come forward will form our Action Plan within the Parish Plan.

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Once adopted by the Parish Council the Parish Plan will then be endorsed by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The Parish Plan will provide useful and important evidence for seeking future funding either through developers contributions, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or other opportunities that may arise eg SDNPA. Increasingly when applying for grants both locally and nationally the various projects have to be shown as having a strong evidence base.

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The Village Plan and Design Partnership has undertaken the task of producing our Parish Plan on behalf of Liss Parish Council and Villagers. It has had a long gestation but we want to have it completed by the end of this year.

Don't miss your opportunity to have your say and win a cash prize. Fill it in now.

Questionnaires need to be returned by 21st October 2011.

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We would urge all young people in your household to complete the separate **Liss Young People's on-line Questionnaire** which can be found by following the link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CZCT293> on the LPC website www.lissparishcouncil.gov.uk This is the opportunity for the young people of Liss to have their say.

The Village Plan and Design Partnership will also be sending a separate specific questionnaire to every business in Liss. If you run a business and have not received this by 28th September, please contact Howard Clarke on 01730 895900.

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IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

All Liss residents are warmly invited to join in two Christmas events.

Christmas Tree Lighting - Friday, 2nd December at 6.30pm

Liss Christmas Fair - Wednesday, 7th December between 6.00pm & 8.00pm

Anyone who would like to run a stall or participate in any way should contact Brian Mayo on 894866 or Linda Li-Davies at the Liss Triangle Community Centre: 01730 301000.

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The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee – Saturday 2nd to Tuesday 5th June

To celebrate this truly historic occasion there are going to be a number of events taking place in the area, including Petersfield's wide ranging day and evening celebrations on Monday 4th June.

In Liss, there is a picnic taking place in the Memorial Garden on Saturday 2nd June involving Newman Collard Trust and Liss Band, and the Parish Council is considering a music event along the lines of the one held for the Millennium celebrations but the date is still to be confirmed.

I'm sure that many other groups, local organisations and individuals are beginning to put their thinking caps on and it could be an opportunity to have a "whole village celebration" by co-ordinating all our efforts.

Please can you let us know whether you would like to be involved by contacting Gina Logan on 893690 or ginaklogan@aol.com.

Ongoing Liss Parish Council Projects

Liss Parish Council has two current projects and we would appreciate your answers to the associated questions at the end of the enclosed questionnaire.

Skatebowl

For more than 10 years LPC has been trying to provide a facility for young people as identified in the Village Design Group workings on the 2000 Village Design Statement. This would be in the form of a concrete bowl buried in the ground and be around 19m by 12m and 1.2m deep in size. The latest costings for the project suggests an investment of at least £73,000 of which £56,000 is agreed funding, provided that a suitable site can be found. It should be visible so it can be monitored and far enough away from homes not to cause a noise nuisance.

To go ahead with the project LPC will still need to identify a suitable parcel of land that meets all the requirements, produce a plan, invite tenders for design and construction from suitably experienced companies and select a supplier, ensure there is funding for the life of the project including its on-going maintenance and management. Any implementation will need to adhere to and follow all the necessary legal, planning and development procedures.

We realise that over the last 11 years this issue has caused division amongst the residents but as your Parish Council it is one of our duties to provide facilities for all.

In the light of the recent exhibition and the fact that this project has been in existence for so long we need to reassess the demand within the village for such a facility, and therefore ask you to answer the questions posed.

West Liss Pavilion

The proposal is to have a new building owned and managed by LPC to replace the existing West Liss Pavilion and 1st Liss Scout Hut both of which are in a very poor state. The new purpose built facility using the same location / site foot print would accommodate all existing users and hopefully encourage new users as well.

The new building is urgently required and the intention is to provide it within 3 years. We believe such a building will cost in the region of £250,000 so funding such a major project is the biggest issue.

Progress is being made by way of appointment of an architect to draw up full plans in order to obtain planning permission, as without achieving this initial stage it is not possible to start applying for funding. LPC have set aside funds to meet this first stage of the project.

LPC and the user groups will seek funds from all sources including local authority, commercial sponsors, sports associations, lottery, as well as donations and public fund raising. It is probable that there will be a short fall particularly on such a big project that is designed to encompass requirements for the widest of village user population and create interest from outside groups to support its future viability.

At the recent June 2011 exhibition a suggestion was put forward to meet such a monetary shortfall by increasing the LPC precept (Council Tax) for a limited number of years. For example an increase of £15 per annum which is equivalent to 29p per week for a band D house for 2 years would raise £78,000. The money raised would be ring fenced for this project.

The proposal has not yet been discussed by LPC, but will be considered when LPC sets the budgets for 2012/13 and 2013/14. We are therefore asking the residents of Liss for their answers to the questions posed.

OVERGROWN HEDGES A Timely Reminder...

We all appreciate the very rural feel of Liss which is achieved through its very many hedges, but they do require cutting back and regular maintenance which is the responsibility of the residents. This cutting back is particularly important where the hedges act as boundaries alongside pavements so that pedestrians and those using prams, buggies, or mobility vehicles can move about easily without getting caught up on any overgrown/overhanging vegetation. Such pruning is also essential at road junctions to maintain adequate sight lines for all road users.

Crossover

Crossover is now in its 6th year and as we approach the start of a new school year will be receiving a new intake of young people. The admission criteria have been slightly altered as young people tend to like to be with their friends and this does not always fit with criteria based entirely on age. The centre runs two sessions each weekday which are free: 4.30pm to 6.30pm for young people in **school years 5 to 7** and the 7pm to 9pm session for those in **school years 8 to 11**. Regular craft and skills sessions and other interesting programmes for all ages are advertised in the Centre.

As some older volunteers are retiring we are urgently seeking new volunteers to work with us and the young people. It is rewarding work and even those only able to assist once a month are very welcome to join the team. If you can help please write to me at the centre (Crossover, 71 Station Road, Liss GU33 7AD) or contact me at home 01730 893082. Justin Kelly, Chairman

Good Villager Award

At the Annual Parish Meeting in March the Good Villager award was presented to Tony Grant in recognition of his contribution to village life over many years. Tony has been chairman of Liss Forest Residents Association (LFRA) for over ten years & works in association with LPC to ensure that the quality of services received from all Authorities is maintained and enhanced where appropriate. With the LFRA team he has also worked to maintain play equipment, plant bulbs and ensure that roads are litter free. Tony has also assisted LPC by managing the enhancement scheme on the Riverside Railway Walk and overseeing the installation of new gates & stiles on 10 Acre Field. He also applied pressure on EHDC to provide the footbridge linking Newfield Road to the Riverside Railway Walk. LPC extends its thanks and appreciation to Tony for his magnificent ongoing contribution to the quality of life in Liss.



East Hampshire District Council is working in partnership with Hampshire County Council and the other Hampshire District Councils to deliver 'Insulate Hampshire'. This is a new area based insulation scheme aiming to save you money on your energy bills and keep your home warm and comfortable and was launched in July 2011.

It offers cavity wall insulation for £75 for at least the first 5,000 householders to sign up to the scheme and will be £99 after that. Loft insulation is available from £99* where you currently have less than 60mm or from £49* if you currently have some but would like to top up your existing loft insulation with rolls of 'DIY' insulation.

Residents are able to register their interest in the scheme by contacting the Insulate Hampshire team by calling 0800 952 0037, emailing enquiries@insulatehampshire.co.uk or visiting www.insulatehampshire.co.uk

*Loft Insulation at £99 (for professional installation) and DIY rolls of loft insulation, are based on a free technical survey of an average 3 bedroom semi detached property and will be subject to an excess meterage charge for larger loft spaces.

Dog fouling - Clean it up please

Liss has again become the target of irresponsible dog owners this Summer; East Hampshire District Council have received complaints about fouling on the routes from the village centre, West Liss Recreation Ground and Newman Collard playing fields.

Why and where should I clean up after my dog?

It is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 not to clear up **immediately** after your dog has fouled on all land, both public and private, to which the public has access. These include:

- *highways (including private roads) and footways
- *open spaces
- *playing fields/public parks/play areas
- *housing amenity greens
- *public footpaths, bridleways and adjoining verges.

Dog fouling in public areas is anti-social, it is unpleasant to look at, smells, attracts flies and is associated with a number of diseases including Toxocarasis, which can result in blindness.

Offenders may be prosecuted in a magistrates court with a maximum penalty of £1,000. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the law, or of the dog's actions. Guide dog owners are exempt. EHDC officers regularly patrol Liss and, if you are caught failing to clean up after your dog by them, they may give you the option of paying a fixed penalty of £50 within 14 days.

How do I clean up after my dog?

Firstly, be prepared - always carry a poop-scoop or bag, a carrier bag will suffice, and follow these simple guidelines:

- Place hand in plastic bag,
- Pick up dog waste in its entirety using plastic bag,
- Turn the bag inside out so dog waste is inside & tie the bag up.

There are special bins provided at the village recreation grounds and at other locations, but any bin will do. Leaving a bag of dog waste on the ground is still an offence.

Please help us achieve our aim to eradicate dog fouling by being a responsible dog owner, so everyone can enjoy the surroundings in Liss.

Best Kept Allotment Awards 2011

The Council was delighted to announce the winners at the recent Liss Horticultural Society Flower & Produce Show.

Best Plot, full size	Gerald Tribe	Lower Green
Best Plot, half size & under	Judith Hayes	Kelseys
Best Progress	Barbra Kaseile	Mitchells

Highly Commended (in order)

Pamela Bush	Lower Green
Nigel Perryman	Lower Green
Judith Hayes	Kelseys
Rosemary Blanchards	Lower Green
Rosemary Bowers	Princes Bridge
Arthur Alden	Princes Bridge
Amparo Johnson	Princes Bridge

All the allotment sites have now been provided with water. Anyone wishing to enquire about allotments should contact the Parish Office.

Retirements and Thanks

In the past few months LPC has said farewell to two employees after a combined service of nearly 25 years. George Glasspool, who retired on 30th June, was our assistant groundsman for over 14 years and worked to ensure that the Council's recreation fields were maintained to a high standard.

Jim Neat retired on 31st August after working to make sure that our playing fields and the Riverside Walk were kept free of litter for over 10 years.

The Council wishes them all the best for a long & happy retirement.

Thanks are also extended to the five Councillors who retired in May

The longest serving, Jim Duckham (1987-2011), was a tower of strength on the council. His extensive knowledge and his advice on planning issues were especially valuable to the village. Jim served as chairman of the council between 2001 and 2005.

Roger Mullenger (1999-2011) will also be a great loss to the council. His expertise on the grounds committee and his work with the Newman Collard Trust were invaluable. Roger chaired the council from 2007 to 2010. We will also miss Graham Baker, Ian McInnes and Michael Payne who all joined the council after the 2007 elections and all made substantial contributions to our work. Howard Linsley (Chairman)

Councillor Roles and Appointees to Village Organisations

With the formation of your new council back in May LPC has appointed the following Council Chairmen and people to act as its representatives on the committees of village organisations & trusts:

Howard Linsley - Chairman of the Council	Gina Logan - Vice Chairman of the Council
Sue Halstead - Chairman of Planning committee	Brian Mayo - Chairman of Finance committee
Gina Logan - Chairman of Grounds committee	Keith Budden - Chairman of Buildings committee
Les Mann - Chairman of Highways committee	

Liss Community Association – Cllr Sue Halstead

Newman Collard Playing Field & Pavilion Trust – Cllr Paddy Payne, Mr R Mullenger & Mr R Whatley

Coryton Almshouses – Cllrs Keith Budden, Howard Linsley & Les Mann

Rake Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Brian Mayo

EHAPTC – Cllr Sue Halstead

Crossover Youth Centre – Cllr Les Mann

Liss, Greatham & Hawkley Friendship Fund – Cllr Keith Budden

The Simon Wood Liss Youth Fund – Cllr Paddy Payne

The Dorothea & Mary Cole Foundation – Cllr Paddy Payne

Liss Village Plan & Design Partnership – Cllrs Sue Brown, Becki Chads, Paddy Payne, Elwyn Thomas, Phil Thompson & Angela Wright.

Parish Council Meetings

	Time	2011	2012				
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Council	7.30pm	17	21	19	16	20	19
Planning	7.30pm	10	7	5	9	6	5
Highways	7.30pm	24			23		
Buildings	7.00pm		28			27	
Grounds	7.45pm		28			27	
Finance	7.30pm	31			30		
Annual Parish Meeting	8.00pm						21

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