

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 18th January 2010.

Members

*Mr R Mullenger, *Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, *Mr J Duckham, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, *Mrs G Logan, *Mr L Mann, *Mr B Mayo, *Mr M Payne, *Mr P Payne & *Mr S Rees.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillors Mrs E Cartwright & Mrs J Onslow, three members of the public & one member of the press.

01/10 Declarations of interests

Cllrs Mullenger & Baker declared prejudicial interests on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from their position as trustees on that organisation.

Cllr Halstead declared a prejudicial interest on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from her membership of the Newman Collard tennis Club.

Cllr Mullenger declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 15, the ballot for SDNP representatives, arising from his position as a candidate for election.

Cllr Logan declared a prejudicial interest on any matters relating to the proposed skatebowl arising from her position as an EHDC Councillor.

02/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman, commenting on the recent bad weather, said it was good to see a great deal of neighbourliness being shown during the heavy snow. Both the District & County Councils had worked hard in difficult circumstances.

There had been some confusion over the priorities & there had been suggestions that a small working party might be set up to discuss local priorities.

The Chairman said that he had been invited to the opening of the new facility at the Crossover Youth Centre & would be attending on 29th January.

Commenting on the vacancy for a Member, the Chairman reminded Councillors that there was to be an interview on 25th January at 7pm.

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

03/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr Clarke reported that HCC Highways held a stock of road salt to ensure that a continual 12 days needs be met. This was higher than the 6 days recommended by Government. HCC were considering plans to increase this to an 18 day supply to meet the problems of demand on suppliers encountered recently.

During the bad weather each priority 1 road had been gritted 53 times & priority 2 roads 12 times. HCC were also considering leasing more 4 wheel drive vehicles as these proved invaluable; also there were plans to triple the number of salt bins to a total of 6000 with residents' associations & neighbourhood watch being consulted. The £80k cost of this would be met from reserves. This increase amounted to 60 per District Councillor.

04/10 Reports of District Councillors

Mrs Onslow had nothing to report but commented that, in her opinion, the recent extreme bad weather was a one off.

Mrs Cartwright said that EHDC had cancelled the Community Forum & Planning Committee meetings because of the weather. There had been a Cabinet meeting but little of the business related to Liss. Grant funding had been reduced due to a drop in Government funding & a reduction in EHDC reserves; however, a grant to Liss Community Centre had been approved.

Due to the bad weather, EHDC were concentrating on green bin waste. Mrs Onslow added that households should leave all bins out for the moment.

Cllr Linsley informed that meeting that he had received a message from Mrs Hewitt stating that the various authorities had performed well during the bad weather & neighbours had also combined to sort out problems; however, some shops had not made an effort with their frontages.

05/10 Minutes of the meeting of 21st December 2009

The minutes of the Council meeting of 21st December, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Duckham, were agreed unanimously.

06/10 Matters arising from the meeting of 21st December 2009

- i) HCC Consultation on Bus Services - Consultation documents had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Halstead, proposed that Cllr Budden be delegated to collate comments & submit the return. Members agreed the motion.
- ii) Commenting on minute 163/09, Cllr Rees requested to be involved with the HCC Countryside Access Group. The Chairman would check the possibility & liaise with Cllr Rees.

07/10 Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr Logan, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1384	Mrs L Mann - costs for Xmas event	32.00
1385	R Bowery - Reimbursement Xmas costs	94.34
1383	Post Office - tax & NI month 8 cancelled.	-1024.06
1386	Post Office - tax & NI month 8 reissued	2093.89
1387	LAHS - membership 2010	19.00
1388	CPRE - membership 2010	29.00
1389	Travis Perkins - Riverside Walk project	609.10
1390	White Rose - fuel costs LCV	5.55
1391	Altis Industries - Xmas lighting & car park sign	54.97
1392	HCC - pension costs January	872.44
1393	Post Office - tax & NI month 9	1623.39
Trf.	Salaries - month 10	3910.78
1394	U-Do DIY - Xmas, office & grounds costs	126.02
1395	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	114.31
DD	AOL - Dec 09	14.99
		8575.72

08/10 Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Baker, was approved:

Chq No.		£
637	B Cleary - window cleaning 20/01	52.00
638	South East Water - allotment supply	149.57
639	Performing Right Soc. Fees to Jan 2011	115.33
640	HCC - pension costs January	190.43
641	Post Office - tax & NI month 9	110.86
642	U-Do DIY - hall costs	42.75
643	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss	54.11
Trf.	Salaries - month 10	672.95
		1388.00

09/10 Schedule of correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received was presented and the following agreed:

- i) A communication had been received from EHDC giving a revised date for the Community Forum of 28th January. Cllrs Mullenger & P Payne would attend.
- ii) Local Works had sent a request that LPC lobby their MP to support an early day amendment to the Sustainable Communities Act. Cllr Linsley explained the background to the amendment. It was understood that Michael Mates MP had already signed up to support the amendment &, therefore, no action was required by LPC.
- iii) Various correspondences had been received relating to the bad weather & the possible need for an emergencies contingency plan. Cllr Halstead informed the meeting that EHDC would be holding meetings to inform parishes what contingency plans they had. After discussion it was agreed that a working party would meet to consider necessary actions. The group would consist of Cllrs Linsley, Rees, Budden, Logan, Mayo & Halstead.
- iv) Comments concerning the possible removal of the concrete buffer on the Riverside Railway Walk had been received. The Clerk had responded with the relevant information as well as an invite for EHDC's officer to visit the site.
- v) An email had been received from Mr Hines expressing concern over the state of the BT phone box in Station Road, at West Liss Rec. This was discussed along with the BT request for LPC to adopt the call box. After discussion it was agreed that BT be contacted for further details & that the matter be taken to the next Highways Committee.

- vi) A report from HALC on a meeting with NALC & the concerns over service provision by NALC had been received & was noted.
- vii) An alert had been received from PANWA concerning a scam over home insulation had been received.

10/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 11th January

The minutes of the meeting of 11th January, proposed by Cllr Mayo & seconded by Cllr Linsley, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Halstead informed the meeting that a revised application for Tyrolean in Highfields gardens had been received since the EHDC site visit.

Concerns about the standard of design on DRUM applications had been passed to DRUM who had undertaken to consult with LPC in future.

Concerns over the parcelling off of land adjacent to Hill Brow Road at Pigeons' Copse had been passed to EHDC who had responded that applications to convert the land to residential gardens were unlikely to be approved.

11/10 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Halstead reminded Members that the Community Association were holding their quiz night on 6th March. The planned thank you lunch for Mr & Mrs Seymour had been deferred due to adverse weather.

Cllr Baker updated members on the village hall kitchen refurbishment project.

The Chairman said that he would be attending the NCPF Trust committee meeting on 26th January.

The Chairman then left the meeting.

Members agreed that Cllr Halstead, the Vice Chairman, take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr Halstead suggested that, due to the confidential nature of the remaining business, members of the public be excluded.

Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Logan, proposed that the business be declared exempt & Members agreed.

12/10 To consider the ballot for representative elections for the South Downs National Park Authority

Cllr Mayo requested that Cllr Halstead explain who Stephen Lugg was for the benefit of those Members who may be unaware.

Cllr Halstead explained that Mr Lugg was the director of HALC who had undertaken to carry out the election on behalf of the SDNP Authority. She also explained the urgency of the issue caused by the need to have the Authority Board in place before 1st April. Successful candidates would need to undergo training before taking their seats. There were three candidates for the one seat available to parish councillors representing East Hampshire. Parishes were requested to vote for a first & a second choice candidate.

There followed discussion on the three candidates & their statements.

Cllr Duckham, seconded by Cllr Rees, proposed that Roger Mullenger be selected as first choice candidate.

Cllr Mayo, seconded by Cllr Logan, proposed that Minette Palmer be selected as first choice candidate.

Members voted that Roger Mullenger be selected as first choice candidate on a vote of 9 for with 2 against.

Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Mayo, proposed that Minette Palmer be selected as second choice candidate & Members agreed.

The meeting was closed at 20.54 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 15th February 2010 at 19.30hrs

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 15th February 2010.

Members

*Mr R Mullenger, *Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, *Mr J Duckham, Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, *Mrs G Logan, *Mr L Mann, Mr B Mayo, *Mr M Payne, Mr P Payne, Mr S Rees & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, Mrs M Effenberg of the VDG, three members of the public & one member of the press.

Apologies: Cllrs Halstead, Mayo, P Payne & Rees; District Councillors Mrs E Cartwright & Mrs J Onslow.

14/10 Declarations of interests

Cllrs Mullenger & Baker declared prejudicial interests on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from their position as trustees on that organisation.

Cllr Mann declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 12, relating to the letter received from 1st Liss Scouts concerning the scout hut, arising from his position as a parent of a member of that group.

Cllr Mullenger declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 15, the consideration of a consultation response to EHDC on the planning application at Lyss Place, arising from its proximity to his own residence.

Cllr Logan declared a prejudicial interest on any financial matters relating to the proposed skatebowl arising from her position as an EHDC Councillor.

15/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomes Ms Wright as a new Member of the Council representing Liss Forest.

Members & other attendees were reminded that nominations for the annual Good Villager award needed to be received in time for consideration at the next Council meeting.

The Chairman gave a personal thanks to Members who had voted to nominate him as the East Hants representative on the South Downs National Park Authority.

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

When the meeting was reconvened The Chairman proposed that agenda item 5 be deferred as the County Councillor had informed that he would be joining the meeting later & Members agreed.

16/10 Report of District Councillor

Cllr Logan reported that EHDC Council had met on 27th January & at the meeting Cllr Burrigge had been nominated as representative on the SDNP Authority. Cabinet on 3rd February had recommended a 2.9% increase in the Council Tax for 2010/11.

At the Community Forum meeting on 28th January a CIF grant of £5k towards the Liss skatebowl project had been approved, this would go to Cabinet for final decision in March. Also at the Community Forum there had been presentations from the Youth Council, Get Active campaign & the Wheels to Work scheme.

There had also been a Special Community Groups meeting that had focused on issues relating to the elderly with telecare & lifelink, remote monitoring was discussed. It was intended to have an older person's action plan.

Cllr Logan had also attended the opening of the studio at the Crossover Youth Centre.

The next Community Forum on 2nd March would be covering community safety issues.

17/10 Report on the business section of the Village Plan

Mrs Effenberg had circulated the nursing/care/specialist homes section of the Village plan prior to the meeting. There were three recommendations arising from the report; that LPC should vigorously oppose further expansion of such facilities through the planning process, That LPC should make District Councillors aware of these concerns & that, should the District Council ignore recommendations made by LPC, any planning granted should recognise the need & permission should not be granted without a commensurate increase in the infrastructure as mentioned in the report. In discussion the problems of demands on out of hours medical services created by the volume of care homes was discussed

Cllr Linsley said that he had no problem with the recommendations but felt that LPC could not have a general policy on this with regard to planning procedure.

The Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mann, proposed that the report be accepted by LPC with a proviso on the planning policy recommendation & Members agreed.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Effenberg & members of the VDG for their work

18/10 Minutes of the meetings of 18th January & 1st February 2010

The minutes of the Council meetings of 18th January & 1st February, proposed by Cllr Duckham & seconded by Cllr Linsley, were agreed unanimously.

19/10 Matters arising from the meeting of 18th January 2010

- i) Princes Bridge Allotment regeneration – A summary breaking down the project costings & detailing the funding sources had been circulated. Cllr Duckham raised concerns over the technical specification for the proposed drainage ditches. Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Mann proposed that Cllrs Duckham & Mann should agree the final specification on the drainage & this was agreed. The Chairman then proposed that the project be progressed & that technical advice be supplied by Cllrs Duckham & Mann.
- ii) Village Hall kitchen refurbishment – Cllr baker gave an update on the progress of the project. After some delays from the contractor & the electrician the project was now ready to go ahead.
- iii) Removal of railway buffer at Riverside Walk – The Chairman reported that he had held a meeting with LAHS representatives & Mr Briggs to discuss their concerns over the LPC approval to remove the buffer. They had undertaken to come up with proposals for the whole of the Riverside Walk by the end of March. This would cover all old railway equipment as well as the buffer. Cllr Duckham asked if they considered the removal of the buffer acceptable & the Chairman replied that they did not.

20/10 Report of County Councillor

Cllr Clarke reported that there were fifty gangs currently making repairs to pot holes in the County, some of which were additional sub-contractors. Once this was done it was intended to hold a review of the whole of the roads network to establish what works were necessary.

Cllr Clarke advised that residents could report pot holes on-line & follow the status of the job at www.hants.gov.uk/roads.

Cllr Mann asked where the proposed road maintenance programme was to be funded from & Cllr Clarke replied that there were certain reserves available but these might be required for overspends on adult services; there were also reserves held by schools & a court judgement was awaited on equal pay for women.

Cllr Duckham said that the schools reserves were for the schools.

The Chairman asked if vehicle damage caused by pot holes could be claimed against HCC & Cllr Clarke replied that HCC's insurance would cover it.

Cllr Logan asked if HCC still wanted details of grit bins required by parishes & Cllr Clarke replied that such information should be sent to the Leader's office at HCC.

21/10 Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Logan & seconded by Cllr Mann, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1396	Cash - postages etc.	100.00
1397	N Berriman - repairs to lights & toilet NCPF	143.43
1398	Travis Perkins - Riverside Walk project	218.55
1399	Southern Electric- power for Xmas lights	4.09
1400	A Healey - copier costs	30.87
1401	Viking Direct - stationery	23.83
1402	Maxwells (Emsworth) - tractor service/part	390.98
1403	Canon Fire Protection - annual service	69.84
1404	White Rose - LCV fuel costs	5.67
1405	Winchester Garden Machinery - LCV parts	30.85
1406	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	93.44
1407	HCC - pension costs February	872.44
1408	Post Office - tax & NI month 10	1584.57
Trf.	Salaries - month 11	3951.26
DD	Southern Electric - groundsmen's store	78.80
DD	AOL - Jan 10	14.99
		7613.61

22/10 Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Logan, was approved:

Chq No.		£
644	Cancelled	0.00
645	Petty cash - postages etc	75.00
646	N J Berriman - repairs hall & west Liss	144.44
647	Canon Fire Protection - annual service	162.95
648	Southern Water - village hall waste water	88.43
649	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss	44.23
650	HCC - pension costs February	190.43
651	Post Office - tax & NI month 10	83.34
652	Travis Perkins Trading - allotment cost	10.58
DD	Southern Electric - village hall supply	540.24
DD	Southern Electric - West Liss pavilion supply	66.63
Trf.	Salaries - month 11	672.95
		2079.22

23/10 Schedule of correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received was presented and the following agreed:

- i) Cllr Duckham was appointed to attend the EHDC planning committee site visit to Lyss Place on 19th February.
- ii) It was noted that LAHS had sent an email stating that they were supportive on the BT adopt a call box scheme relating to the call box on West Liss recreation ground.
- iii) A letter had been received from CPRE detailing their meeting on 31st March at Ditcham Park.
- iv) Cllrs Linsley would attend the SDNP Authority workshop event on 22nd February.
- v) A letter had been received from 1st Liss scouts inquiring what development plans LPC had for the buildings on West Liss recreation ground. The scout hut was in poor repair & in danger of being condemned in the near future. After discussion it was agreed that a meeting between 1st Liss scouts & LPC's Chairman, Chair of Finance, Chair of Buildings & Cllr P Payne be arranged.
- vi) The Clerk drew Members attention to the quarterly meeting & AGM of the EHAPTC on 10th March at Horndean.

24/10 Report of the Highways Committee of 25th January

The minutes of the meeting of 25th January, proposed by Cllr Budden & seconded by Cllr M Payne, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Logan reminded Members that HCC had requested a listing of priorities for road repairs & improvements; as yet few responses had been received by the Clerk.

Cllr Budden informed the Clerk that he had not received the promised correspondence from Stagecoach concerning early departing bus services. The Clerk would follow this up with Stagecoach.

25/10 Report of the Finance Committee of 1st February

The minutes of the meeting of 1st February, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Linsley, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Linsley explained his comment under minute 03/FIN/10 concerning youth contribution to funding the skatebowl; this was intended to ensure that they took ownership of the facility.

Cllr Logan commented that she understood that there would be no site visit by EHDC to the skatebowl site.

The Chairman said that it was intended to carry out a review of existing & required operational procedures.

26/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 8th February

The minutes of the meeting of 8th February, proposed by Cllr Budden & seconded by Cllr Mann, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Duckham explained the necessity to have formal approval of the consultation comments on application 33514/017, Lyss Place due to the committee meeting not being quorate at the time this matter was discussed.

Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr Duckham, proposed that the consultation comments as per minute P11/10 of the Planning Committee be accepted & Members agreed.

27/10 appointments to committees & outside bodies

Cllr Wright, proposed by Cllr Logan & seconded by Cllr Duckham, was appointed to the Planning & Highways committees.

Cllr Wright, [roposed by the Chairman & seconded by Cllr Duckham, was appointed as LPC representative to the Village Design Group.

28/10 Reports from representatives to outside bodies

Cllr Mann reported that the Crossover Youth Centre would be holding a fund raising race night on 20th March.

Cllr Budden informed Members that Radio Solent was currently running a community grant scheme with a weekly draw of up to £1k. This might be appropriate for some local organisation schemes.

Cllr Budden, with Cllr Rees, had met with Network Rail to receive an update on the works to the Liss railway station.

Cllr Budden had attended a meeting of LFRA where planning, speeding & highways issues had been discussed.

Cllr Baker had attended a meeting of the NCPF Trust on 9th February; there had been a resignation of one trustee. A village day was planned for 22nd May.

Cllr Linsley had attended EHDC's planning training event & thought it to have been a well run event.

The Chairman had attended the NCPF Trust meeting as well as meeting LAHS representatives.

The meeting was closed at 21.25 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 15th March 2010 at 19.30hrs

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Members

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* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, Mrs M Effenberg of the VDG & fifteen members of the public.
Apologies: Cllr Logan.

29/10 Declarations of interests

Cllrs Mullenger & Baker declared prejudicial interests on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from their position as trustees on that organisation.

Cllr Budden declared a personal interest in any skatebowl matters to be discussed.

30/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on 17th March at 8pm.

Work had commenced on the tree clearance for the Princes Bridge allotment regeneration project.

The Chairman said that phase 1 of the Riverside Walk enhancement was now complete apart from the installation of the new bench. Ideas for phase 2 were being collected.

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

When the meeting was reconvened the Chairman stated that it was acknowledged that the proposed skatebowl site had emotional issues; it was for Members to decide on the matter & it was open for them to propose motions should they wish; however, LPC would proceed with the Centenary gardens site until there was any change. Planning advice would now be sought from EHDC.

Cllr Linsley requested that when it was received EHDC's planning advice should be debated at Council. The Chairman gave an assurance that this would be the case.

31/10 Report of County Councillor

Cllr Clarke reported that HCC had made certain moneys available & County had agreed that it should be funnelled into Roads projects & repairs. He had submitted a list of Liss projects prepared by HCC Traffic Management & requested that LPC prioritise these projects.

Cllr Clarke informed the meeting that S E Water were installing new water mains in the area & work was expected to start in May lasting 3-8 months.

32/10 Report of District Councillor

Cllr Cartwright had nothing to report.

33/10 Report on the public transport section of the Village Plan

Mrs Effenberg had circulated the transport section of the Village plan prior to the meeting. This was based on 2004 & 2007 survey work.

After discussion it was agreed that some amendments be made to the document before it be adopted by Council as part of the Village plan. In particular, Members agreed that the references to the removal of the Ham Barn roundabout be changed to reflect a desire to seek a solution to the problems there.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Effenberg & her co-workers for the production of the document.

34/10 Minutes of the meetings of 15th February 2010

The minutes of the Council meeting of 15th February, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Linsley, were agreed unanimously.

35/10 Matters arising from the meeting of 18th January 2010

- i) HCC Highways' offer or grit bins – In discussion the following locations for siting grit bins were agreed.
 - Liss Forest – One at the junction of Mint Road & Forest Road; one at the bend in Newfield Road.
 - West Liss – One at the top of Riverside Close.
 - Village Centre – One in Inwood Road, one in Dennis Way, one in Greenfields, one in Longmead, one at the junction of Patricks Close & Patricks Copse, one in Highfield Road & one in east Hill Drive.The Clerk would relay these details to HCC.

- ii) HAT – Traffic management requests – A list of jobs in the Liss area had been received & circulated. LPC had been asked to prioritise these jobs. After discussion it was agreed that suggestions be submitted to Cllr Mann in the next 24 hours in order that a submission could be put forward via county Councillor Clarke.
- iii) Developers’ Contributions funds – An updated schedule of Open Space, Transport & Environmental Funds available to Liss had been received from EHDC & circulated. It was agreed that LPC seek Environment funds for hedging work at Riverside Walk. It was also agreed that EHDC would be asked if the provision of a shelter on the down platform of the railway station would qualify for funding. The provision of a bus shelter at the top of Hill Brow Road was also discussed.

36/10 Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Halstead & seconded by Cllr Linsley, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1409	Flower Farms - wild flower seeds - LCR	24.50
1410	Environment Agency - drainage license	50.00
1411	Keydell Nurseries - plants for Riverside Walk	174.46
1412	Acer Skips - pond clearance	495.00
1413	U-Do DIY - grounds & office costs	45.59
1414	Winchester Garden Machinery - LCR work wear	144.10
1415	Travis Perkins - grounds & RRW Project	34.62
1416	White Rose - LCV & grounds fuel costs	57.47
1417	R & M Electronics - cctv repair	45.00
1418	Greenhouse Graphics - printing V Voice 27	472.96
1419	Viking Direct - stationery/postage/V Voice	226.04
1420	HCC - pension costs March	872.44
1421	Post Office - tax & NI month 11	1594.57
1422	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	93.44
Trf.	Salaries - month 12	4059.67
DD	BT - telephone account	233.29
DD	AOL -Feb 10	14.99
		8638.14

37/10 Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Duckham and seconded by Cllr Budden, was approved:

Chq No.		£
653	B Cleary - window cleaning 3rd March	26.00
654	N J Berriman - plumbing repairs West Liss	35.25
655	Cancelled	0.00
656	Acer Skips - allotment clearance	160.00
657	U-Do DIY - hall & allotment supplies	26.81
658	EHDC - green waste license	50.00
659	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss	44.23
660	HCC - pension costs March	190.43
661	Post Office - tax & NI month 11	83.34
DD	British gas - hall costs	1394.66
Trf.	Salaries - month 12	672.75
		2683.47

38/10 Schedule of correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received was presented and the following agreed:

- i) A letter had been received from Mr Mackay lodging an official complaint over the Council's handling of the process of selection of a site for the skatebowl. The Chairman said this would be dealt with in accordance with LPC's complaints procedure. The Clerk suggested that a panel of Members that were not involved with the project as well as an independent third party be appointed to investigate the complaint & Members agreed that this was the best solution. It was agreed that Cllrs Rees & Wright were appropriate appointments to this panel.

Members agreed an extension of the meeting by no more than thirty minutes. Cllr P Payne left the meeting at this point.

- ii) EHDC's request for agenda items for the Larger Councils' Forum was discussed & it was agreed to suggest emergency conditions contingency, the poor state of pavements & litter problems on main roads be discussed.
- iii) The action notes from the HCC Local Highways meeting had been received & they requested prioritisation of footpath maintenance. It was agreed that footpath 5 be put forward.
- iv) Cllr Budden would attend the HCC HAT committee meeting on 29th March.
- v) Cllrs Mann & Rees would be nominated as representatives to the East Hants road safety Council.
- vi) The Clerk would write to the Leader of Portsmouth City Council & the Right Hon Nick Clegg supporting Southsea Town Council as an essential part of grass roots democracy.

39/10 Report of the Buildings Committee of 1st March

The minutes of the meeting of 1st March, proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr K Budden, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Baker reported that the works to the village hall kitchen would commence on 10th May.

Members agreed that a quote from N Woodage for a new notice board & window repairs be accepted.

40/10 Report of the Grounds Committee of 1st March

The minutes of the meeting of 1st March, proposed by Cllr Rees & seconded by Cllr Duckham, were unanimously approved.

41/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 8th March

The minutes of the meeting of 8th March, proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr Mann, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Halstead advised Members that they could submit comments on the Petersfield Design Statement on-line.

42/10 Reports from representatives to outside bodies

Cllr Mann reported that the Crossover Youth Centre had cancelled their fund raising race night.

Cllr Budden had attended a meeting on proposals for the development of the Causeway site in Petersfield.

Cllr Halstead reported that the quarterly meeting & AGM of EHAPTC on 9th March. There had been presentations from EHDC on Community Forums, quality of life indicators, emergency response to extreme winter conditions. Also discussed was the dispute between NALC & HALC. At the June meeting presentations from Amey & CAB were scheduled.

Cllr Linsley had attended the special Community Forum dealing with community safety. Comments on the low policing level in Liss were made.

The Chairman had attended the HCC County Access Forum; the prioritisation of improvements, not on-going maintenance, had been requested & suggestions were welcome.

43/10 Exempt Item – Good Villager Award

The Clerk detailed the three nominations received from residents. After discussion Members voted to give the Good Villager award to Mr J Meader.

The meeting was closed at 22.00 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 19th April at 19.30hrs

Notes on Public Participation 15th March 2010

Skatebowl issues:

1 - Mrs Cartwright read a statement expressing concern about the selected location. She felt that the existing facility was valued by residents & there had not been adequate public consultation on this site. She felt it had been sprung on people in June '09 & the Council vote in July had only four in favour; she felt this was not democratic.

Cllr P Payne commented that he did not understand why Mrs Cartwright had abstained on the vote at EHDC when she had such strong feelings.

2 – Mrs Crawley recounted the history of the creation of the Centenary Garden & how it had evolved into a memorial area. She was disturbed about the proposal & said that maybe some newer councillors were not familiar with the history. She felt that there were other, better, sites to choose.

The Chairman explained that it was NCPF Trust who had offered use of the land & explained the reasons other possible sites had failed.

3. – Mr Mackay said he had lodged a formal complaint & would be holding councillors to account. The Chairman replied that an announcement would be made in the council meeting concerning this.

4. – Mrs White said that it was not fair that the garden was being taken for the benefit of a small group.

5. – Mrs Moxon said that she was surprised that planning permission was not required.

The Chairman explained that informal advice from EHDC had indicated that it was not but written confirmation would be sought.

6. – Mr White asked for an explanation of permitted development rights & the Chairman explained what they were.

7. – Mrs Crawley asked if the H & S and maintenance costs had been accounted for & the Chairman replied that estimates had been obtained.

8. – Mrs Effenberg asked if Developers' Contributions could be used to purchase land & Cllr Halstead replied that they could.

9. – Mr Seymour asked if allotment land could be used. The Chairman explained that all allotment land was fully used & that there was a waiting list; also, certain sites could not have a change of use because of legislation.

10. – Dr Frances asked how the site would be visible for monitoring children.

11. – Mrs Dancey raised concerns about late usage if the site was not fenced.

12. – Mrs Onslow said that there were many such sites in East Hants & there were no problems with them.

13. – Mrs White said that there would be a noise problem.

The Chairman explained that the independent sound survey had indicated that it would not be a problem & added that it had been measured to a British standard. Cllr Budden commented that the readings had been taken from a measurement from the centre of the bowl rather than from the perimeter.

14. Mrs White said that Cllr P Payne was not telling the truth over trees to be removed. The Chairman said that her points were noted.

15. – Cllr Halstead had been frustrated by the prejudicial interests & asked when she would get an opportunity to speak. Cllr P Payne responded that if a possible siting near to the tennis court was back on the agenda then the PI would apply.

The Chairman said that following the sound survey, LPC now needed to clarify the planning position. Any change to the July motion would now need a motion from members.

16. – Mr Mackay said it was not a question of location, the issue was the Centenary gardens.

Cllr P Payne replied that the issue had created a divide between the old & young & that it had brought out the worst in the old.

17. – Mr Deacon proposed that Cllr Payne resign.

There then followed a heated exchange between Cllr Mayo & Mr Mackay. The Chairman regretted the behaviour of both parties.

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 19th April 2010.

Members

*Mr R Mullenger, *Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, *Mr J Duckham, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, Mrs G Logan, *Mr L Mann, Mr B Mayo, *Mr M Payne, *Mr P Payne, *Mr S Rees & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillor Mrs E Cartwright, one member of the press & approximately 90 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Mayo & District Councillor Mrs J Onslow.

44/10 Declarations of interests

Cllrs Mullenger & Baker declared prejudicial interests on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from their position as trustees on that organisation.

Cllr Budden declared a personal interest in any skatebowl matters to be discussed.

45/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman said that the regeneration of the Prince's bridge allotments was ongoing & invited all Members to attend a site meeting on 22nd April.

Phase one of the Riverside Walk enhancement project was now complete & thanks were due to Mr Grant, the Community Payback Team & Mrs Mann for their hard work.

The Chairman announced the passing of Mr John Preston who had been an LPC councillor between 1999 & 2000; he had also been involved with many other aspects of village life.

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

46/10 Report of County Councillor

District Councillor Mr Clarke reported that HCC needed to spend £100m on the road network on top of the £58m for pothole repairs.

He added that HCC had printed a leaflet of useful contact telephone numbers.

Cllr Budden thanked Mr Clarke for prompt action on the clearing of gullies in Liss Forest. Cllr Clarke explained that HCC were working on amendments to software to improve the tracking of faults.

47/10 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright reported that EHDC Cabinet had met on 17th March when the Community Safety Action Plan had been agreed; this would identify trouble hotspots. Also, a new Sports & Recreation Strategy was agreed & Liss sports club would need to be involved. There was a new 4 year Asset Management Plan & it was intended to retain assets not dispose of them. EHDC was working to adopt civil parking responsibilities but this would take 18 months. During that period EHDC would look at funding police traffic wardens.

The Chairman then proposed that agenda items 13 & 14 be taken at this point. The Motion, seconded by Cllr Linsley, was unanimously agreed.

48/10 Motion proposed by Cllr S Halstead

"That, in the light of objections received, the Council agrees to initiate a comprehensive review of the proposal to locate a skatebowl in the Centenary/Memorial Garden."

Cllrs Mullenger & Baker had declared prejudicial interests & left the chamber whilst the debate & decision took place. Before leaving, Cllr Baker made a personal statement opposing the motion expressing his opinion that it was a retrograde step & that the project should be carried forward on the proposed site as it was close to the road & the already noisy site would be easy to police. When clearance work was carried out on the central flowerbed it was found to be unkempt & full of litter.

Members agreed that Cllr Halstead take the Chair for this item & the ensuing motion.

Cllr Halstead introduced the motion with the following statement:

"I was Chairman of this Council when the Centenary Garden was opened in June 1994. The project was led by the previous Chairman, Gillian Woodcraft, who voiced her concerns our recent Annual Meeting. The garden was established to commemorate 100 years of the parish council movement by creating an area for residents to relax in pleasant surroundings, where they were invited to contribute trees, shrubs, roses and seats to commemorate their own loved ones or special events. It was part funded by developer contributions and designed to fill a gap in our open space provision by creating a quieter open space, free from balls and bikes, while at the same time enhancing the approach to

the village and to the recreation ground.

The garden was opened with these words: "Liss values and cherishes its history. Therefore it is appropriate that we should be marking 100 years with something lasting that can contribute to our history." Gillian Woodcraft and John Preston, then Chairman of Grounds, who had masterminded much of the work, planted commemorative parish trees along with residents and organisations. Further commemorative trees and shrubs were planted that autumn. Since then numerous other residents have contributed to the garden and enjoyed its ambience. At our March meeting you heard strong concerns expressed by Morag Crawley and Elizabeth Cartwright, both of whom were parish councillors at the time. When they, like me, visit the garden the names on the plaques are the names of friends and of past colleagues – many of them individuals who have contributed significantly to Liss. Few current parish councillors or Newman Collard Trustees may know these names but older residents who do have been distressed that insufficient consideration appears to have been given to the sensitivity of this site.

I am also uncomfortable that the public consultation on this site has been less thorough and shorter than for the two previous sites. A feasibility study was undertaken last spring which resulted in the site being presented with the 2 other sites at a public meeting on 13th June. This site has never been identified in Village Voice so for many residents this meeting was their introduction to the site. Following the meeting residents were given just a month to submit written representations before a decision to proceed was taken at our July meeting. Disappointingly, the parish question and answer website, (similar to the Eaton Bray example) was not utilised for questions as it had been on the previous 2 sites. An update page simply provides statements regarding Council progress.

Public dissatisfaction has been compounded by the knowledge that the decision of our 13 member council to take this site further was achieved by just 4 councillors voting in favour (3 of whom were members of the working party). There were two abstentions and the rest of us, for various reasons, were barred through "Conflict of Interest" from taking part. To many residents this process, which may well be technically correct, has lacked fairness and credibility. Even less vocal residents attending our recent meetings have voiced considerable disquiet at councillors' apparent lack of interest in listening to the concerns of objectors.

We now need to work with our residents so that they have confidence that their genuine concerns are being taken seriously. Very importantly, we need to reassure people, that if/when/wherever the skatebowl is built we will have workable clear management procedures agreed to ensure effective resolutions to any problems which may arise. Who will be responsible for management? How will operational hours be restricted to between 8.00am and 8.00pm? These need to be worked through with concerned residents and clearly agreed before any final decision is reached.

The Preamble to the Councillors' Code of Conduct stresses that Members should inspire trust and confidence and exemplify leadership for their communities. At the moment public trust in us is battered and we need to bend over backwards to build it back up by working with our residents and regaining their confidence.

This motion is not intended as a criticism of the working party. I am very aware of how much time and effort has been put in and the commitment they feel for achieving a skateboard facility for young people in Liss.

But I do believe that we have now reached a stage where we need demonstrate that we are a listening Council by involving more people in a comprehensive review which should be regarded by everyone as a constructive way forward."

Cllr Halstead then formally proposed the motion & it was seconded by Cllr Budden.

Cllr M Payne said that he wanted to see progress & that his opinion of existing nimbysism was unchanged. He said that Members were here to listen, weigh & decide. Minority interests did matter & he felt that the youngsters had been isolated. He was not happy with losing the existing garden facility but was content with the promise to supply a better replacement facility. He would be unhappy if the skatebowl process was slowed down.

Cllr Halstead read a statement submitted by Cllr Mayo who could not attend the meeting:

"May I say, had I been able to attend, when it comes to items 13 & 14 respectively I would vote against the motion on both items & would ask you to state same to the meeting.

Re: item 13, this Council voted in July 2009 to proceed with the Skatebowl at NC Centenary Garden - subject to undertaking a noise survey & ascertaining the requirement or otherwise for planning permission. Due process was gone through by way of 2 x public meetings, the second meeting showing quite clearly that a "quiet garden" will be developed elsewhere with NC. LPC has gone through the process of obtaining funding & with the last piece in place via EHDC's March forum the project is in near readiness for commencement.

Ample time & consideration was given for objections during the consultation process & further review is not warranted, if anything the only matter LPC has outstanding is to provide comprehensive details of the new proposed " quiet garden"

Re: item 14, There has been a Skatebowl working party in place for a considerable period of the gestation of the project, no other working party has been proposed or formed by LPC, therefore the composition if a "non valid" group is not relevant & should fall on those grounds."

Cllr Budden said that he was opposed to a skatebowl but he acknowledged that LPC had voted to provide one. He felt that the way the whole procedure had been handled was open to criticism. There had been a lack of consultation. As a whole, the Council could not be more unpopular. There had been misinformation & the public perceived a lack of sufficient information. No details of the proposed replacement garden had been released. He felt that LPC did not have a clear mandate to develop the facility in the Centenary Garden. He felt that the difference between consultation & listening was not understood.

Cllr Rees said that looking at the project objectively he felt it was not an appropriate site in the Centenary garden & that it would not hurt to revisit other sites.

Cllr Wright said that she was distressed by the division in the village & felt that the proposal to review the site in the centenary Garden was appropriate. She felt that the community should work together to look at the project again.

Cllr Linsley reviewed the process of decision making by the Council. He stressed that he had always listened to both councillors & concerns of residents. It was difficult when there were strong arguments on both sides. He reminded Members that it was his motion to provide a skate park originally, but he did not want to see the village divided. He had heard from some that it was a lack of respect to put the skatebowl in the Centenary Garden & that, possibly, some human ashes had been spread there. The motion proposed a comprehensive review & some felt that LPC had not been listening to their concerns. He supported the motion & felt that LPC should look to find a way to take the village with them.

Cllr P Payne said that over the course of the project there had often been difficult decisions to make & that to think that concerns had not been considered was untrue. It was hoped to create a much better quiet garden. Referring to concerns over lack of respect for memorial items he said that far worse had happened at St Peters Church where family graves had been desecrated. He said that the vote on the motion in September had been a democratic one & no one had voted against that motion, Cllr Logan had abstained but had voted twice in favour at EHDC. He knew the project was unpopular with some but felt that it was the same core of objectors who had now become more vitriolic. In fact LPC had been called a liar, he had suffered late night nuisance phone calls, & LPC had been accused of taking bribes & of being sexist. He had some sympathy with Mr & Mrs White, whose property adjoined the gardens; however, it was difficult to have sympathy when you are being threatened with acts of revenge. Their property is separated by a large fence & huge leylandii trees, they would not see or, he believed, hear any undue noise from their property. The extreme corner of Mr Mackay's garden backs on to the site & it is difficult to understand how it would affect him; however, he has objected to other sites on the NCPF previously. Just as people who buy houses next to busy roads should expect some traffic noise perhaps people who buy next to recreation grounds should expect people to recreate on them. It may interest you to know that Mr Mackay's own children have the luxury of skateramps in their garden, so maybe he should spare a thought for kids that are a little less fortunate. When the possibility of CCTV was raised Mrs Ditchburn had said it would not work because all the youth wear hoodies. This motion was one of no confidence in LPC & the working party; a comprehensive review demanded consideration of other sites & Cllr Payne said that those Members who had, in the past declared interests, might like to consider their position in light of this. Cllr Payne said that if the complaint & pending investigation, requested by Mr Mackay, proved that LPC had behaved correctly then it would have done what this motion proposed. He felt that the motion was trying to overturn a democratic decision. The skatebowl was for the youth of the village who had waited too long & the motion would delay, or derail the project forever. He urged Members to vote the motion down.

Cllr Logan corrected Cllr P Payne saying that she declared a personal & prejudicial interest as an LPC Member, had made a statement & not taken part in the debate or voting on the funding application at EHDC's Community Forum.

Cllr Linsley said that the motion was not one of criticism of what had happened but about achieving a solution for both sides.

Cllr P Payne said that it would not work. Cllr Halstead replied that it was worth a try; a quiet garden in a different area would not be the same.

Cllr Duckham said that it was not a memorial garden.

Cllr Budden said that it was wrong of Cllr P Payne to single out members of the public. Cllr Payne replied that the public had acted in the same way.

Through the Chair Cllr P Payne asked if Cllr Budden thought any other site was appropriate.

Cllr Halstead ruled it as an inappropriate question.

Cllr M Payne asked for clarification on the time scale of any review & Cllr Halstead replied that it should be speedy & involve other parties.

Cllr Mann said that he concurred with Cllr P Payne's comments; the process had taken far too long. He was disappointed with the way that youth were portrayed & that the village children deserved better.

Cllr Duckham explained that he had been a member of the working party; he was very disappointed with the aims of the arguments that were to not have a facility. The young had waited for ten years & he hoped that they were now familiar with the democratic process & would, in future, use their votes wisely. He was disappointed with the motion which he considered retrograde & would put the project back by between 6 weeks & 6 months.

Cllr Logan said she had always supported the project & believed this particular site to be right, but it was a difficult decision.. It should not be beyond LPC to gather views without a formal review being necessary. The bowl was only small & would not affect other facilities. She felt that there was no need to remove the commemorative roses, only 2 small trees.

Cllr Halstead then called for a vote.

Five Members voted for the motion & five against the motion.

The motion was not carried.

49/10 Motion proposed by Cllr Budden

“That to ensure the community feel connected with the project, the council agrees to co-opt on to the review working party a maximum of three residents opposed to the skatebowl and a maximum of three members of the village youth who would be skatebowl users to provide their input to the review process.”

It was agreed that following the failure of the previous motion this item was now obsolete.

Cllr Budden, seconded by Cllr Linsley proposed an amendment as follows:

“That to ensure the community feel connected with the project, the council agrees to co-opt working party a maximum of three residents opposed to the skatebowl and a maximum of three members of the village youth who would be skatebowl users to provide their input.”

Cllr Budden said that the reason for the motion was self explanatory. He felt that valuable input from the youth on features such as seating, litter & policing & from residents on how they would like to see the bowl & the creation of the new memorial garden. He felt that there was nothing to lose by co-opting.

Cllr P Payne agreed with the sentiment but pointed out that it was go ahead with the Centenary Garden. If it was to be a larger working group then members needed to be committed to the project.

Cllr Halstead felt that LPC could not make the co-option appointments.

Cllr Payne proposed a further amendment to add the words “ members should be principally in favour of a skatebowl on this site” & invited all Councillors to be on the group. Cllr Mann seconded this amendment.

Cllr Halstead said it should include those who opposed the project but wished to get a best result of it.

Cllr Linsley opposed the amendment feeling that it was not advisable to insist that people keep to a particular view; all parties could change their minds. If LPC selected members then it defeated the objective & it was wrong to impose conditions.

Cllr P Payne then withdrew his amendment.

Cllr Linsley said that there would be strong views held by all; when there were differing opinions it often led to better results. He felt chairmanship was important & that participants should not be gagged.

Cllr Budden said it was about decisions & that 5 Councillors & 3 users would have a majority.

Cllr Mann agreed with Cllr Budden & said it was important to hear what people said.

Cllr P Payne proposed the following amendment to the motion & Cllr Budden agreed with the amendment:

“That to ensure the community feel connected with the project, the council agrees to co-opt on to the implementation group a maximum of three residents opposed to the skatebowl and a maximum of three members of the village youth who would be skatebowl users to provide their input.”

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman & Cllr Baker rejoined the meeting.

Members agreed a period of extension of the meeting of no more than 30 minutes.

50/10 Minutes of the meetings of 15th March 2010

The minutes of the Council meeting of 15th March, proposed by Cllr Duckham & seconded by Cllr Mann, were agreed unanimously.

51/10 Matters arising from the meeting of 15th March 2010

- i) Meeting with 1st Liss Scouts – The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with the scouts to discuss their concerns about the dilapidation of their building. The LPC proposals for a joint facility were tabled. The scouts would now review their needs & it was hoped that they would get the services of a quantity surveyor to cost the project. They would also be investigating scout funding sources.
- ii) Riverside Walk phase 2 – A report from Liss area Historical Society had been received & circulated. It was agreed that a meeting with interested Councillors, LAHS & Mr Grant would be arranged to discuss possibilities.
- iii) Princes Bridge Allotments – The Chairman said that a site meeting on 22nd April at 11am would be held to review progress so far & discuss future needs.

52/10 Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Linsley & seconded by Cllr Halstead, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1423	Flower Fields - seeds R R Walk	58.75
1424	Sound Advice - sound survey	934.13
1425	Winchester Garden Machinery - LCR & grounds	108.43
1426	Hilliers Gardens - cleaner	6.99
1427	HALC - core skills training	75.00
1428	F Woodman - R R Walk, stump grinding	160.00
1429	Petty Cash	100.00
1430	S Rees - mileage to core skills course	30.35
1431	Hants Playing Fields - membership	20.00
1432	Longmeadows - tree felling Princes Bridge	2976.28
1433	S Halstead - mileage to HAT meeting	12.02
1434	Altis Industries - waders for LCR & grounds	115.44
1435	HCC - litter picker	16.97
1436	Vision ICT - website fee 10/11	243.81
1437	HALC - affiliation fees 10/11	755.00
1438	Hilliers Gardens - grounds costs	12.45
1439	Winchester Garden Machinery - mower blade	84.42
1440	U-Do DIY - grounds costs	6.50
1441	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	116.80
1442	HCC - pension costs April	889.99
1443	Post Office - tax & NI month 12	1613.17
Trf.	Salaries - month 1	4200.07
1444	Liss Community association	2700.00
1445	Petersfield CAB	3540.00
1446	WRVS Lunch Club	1350.00
1447	Liss Area Historical Association	300.00
1448	Liss Village Club	130.00
1449	Liss Band	110.00
1450	Liss Parochial Church Council	130.00
1451	1st Liss Scouts	50.00
1452	East Hants Woodcraft Folk	110.00
1453	Rake Village Hall management Committee	160.00
1454	Liss Village Design Group	60.00
1455	LUPIN	200.00
1456	Crossover Youth Centre	1000.00
DD	Southern Electric - groundsman's store	18.96
DD	AOL -Feb 10	14.99
		22410.52

53/10 Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Mann, was approved:

Chq No.		£
662	Cancelled	0.00
663	Petty Cash	100.00
664	B Cleary - window cleaning 14th April	26.00
665	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss	55.28
666	HCC - pension costs April	194.34
667	Post Office - tax & NI month 12	83.54
Trf.	Salaries - month 1	672.95
DD	Southern Electric - village hall	350.30
		1482.41

54/10 Schedule of correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received was presented and the following agreed:

- i) A letter of complaint over the skatebowl process had been received from Mr Dent. It was agreed to refer this to the independent reviewer who was carrying out his investigation on 28th April.
- ii) An email had been received requesting support for the Microgeneration manifesto. The Chairman urged Members to look at their website & if they had comments pass them to the Clerk.
- iii) The Chairman had received a request from the VDG for funding of £300 towards the costing of the Victorian balustrades in the village centre enhancement project. He proposed, seconded by Cllr Budden, that LPC agree to fund this cost. Members agreed unanimously.

55/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 6th April

The minutes of the meeting of 6th April, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Budden, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Halstead said that a notice of appeal on the Spring Cottage, Mint Road development had been received. It was agreed that Cllr Halstead & the Clerk respond accordingly.

Cllr Halstead recommended that LPC submit supplementary consultation comments on the application at 61 Station Road to endorse LPC's support of the VDS policy on three storey developments in the village centre & Members agreed.

56/10 Reports from representatives to outside bodies

Cllr Budden had a site meeting with the contractors performing the enhancement works at Liss station. During the meeting he raised the issue of the shelter on the down platform and the contractors confirmed that Network Rail would be providing the funding for a new shelter.

Cllr Halstead reported on the AGM & quarterly meetings of EHAPTC. Also she had attended a meeting on the Coryton Alms Houses where everything was in order.

The Clerk had received notes on a meeting of the Liss & Greatham Sick Poor Fund. Mrs Woodman was standing down & LPC would need to appoint a new trustee.

The Chairman reminded Members that the May Council would be the annual meeting where appointments were made for the ensuing year. He added that he did not intend to stand as Chairman again. He thanked Cllr Halstead for her support as vice chairman during his period of office.

The meeting was closed at 22.00 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 17th May at 19.30hrs

Notes on Public Participation 19th April 2010

1 – Mr Ditchburn complained that he had received no answer to the question he had sent to LPC on 23rd March relating to sound survey measurements. He asked if LPC had consulted the Playing Fields Association. The Chairman replied that the consultants had worked to recognised British Standards & that LPC was not qualified to contradict them.

2 – Mrs Thomas asked why it was in the Centenary garden & objected to the moving of the mosaic. The Chairman advised her that the mosaic was not to be moved.

3. – Tom Boyle asked what the plans were & how big it was. The Chairman said they were on the website & Cllr Payne added that it was 15 x 20 metres. Mr Boyle said that he had been waiting 10 years. The Chairman said that the Council had voted for the facility but siting had been a problem,

4. – Mrs Murray asked why the bowl could not go where the new quiet garden would be. The Chairman replied that it would be too near housing there.

5. – Sam Ainsley asked why the Riverside Walk picnic area could not be used. The Chairman replied that it needed to be in sight for policing reasons & would be subject to flooding.

6. – Mrs White said she had visited the Angmering site & the location was nowhere near housing, so it was not comparable.

7. – Mr Alder asked if LPC were aware that all users had to pay to use NCPF land & how would the youth pay. The Chairman said that LPC maintained the land for NCPFT free of charge.

8. – Mrs Ditchburn quoted an extract from a facebook posting & asked how many of the youth were here just for this & why hadn't they been involved before. The Chairman commented that they had turned out in force for both the public meetings.

9. – Mr Ditchburn asked if numbers supporting & opposing would affect the vote. The Chairman said it was for Councillors to make the right decision, but public opinion would be considered.

10. – Joan Barsdale asked if other sites were considered. The Chairman replied that originally 3 sites on West Liss rec, 5 on NCPF & 1 at Liss Forest were considered. It would be nice to buy land but it was too costly.

11. – Mr Jake Kelly said that the Centenary Garden belonged to Liss & that this was a costly project per head of users. The Chairman replied that it was a 40 year investment & LPC provided subsidies to other minority groups.

12. – Youth – Commenting on safety it was stated that youth were currently riding on the roads.

13. – Mrs Ditchburn asked what would happen if the motion was moved. The Chairman replied that it was for a review of the decision so may delay the project.

14. – Sam Ainslie suggested that a map be put up & people put pins in favoured locations.

15. – Youth – asked why it could not be sited on the Rake Village Hall land. The Chairman explained the need to be away from housing but also central to Liss.

16. – Mrs Ditchburn asked why it could not be in rake. Cllr P Payne replied that all previous sites were on LPC land but NCPFT had volunteered this site.

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 17th May 2010.

Members

Mr R Mullenger, *Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden,*Mr J Duckham, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, Mrs G Logan, *Mr L Mann, *Mr B Mayo, *Mr M Payne, *Mr P Payne, Mr S Rees & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillor Mrs E Cartwright, 1 member of the press & approximately 20 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Mullenger & Rees & District Councillor Mrs J Onslow.

57/10 Declarations of interests

Cllr Wright declared a personal interest in Village Design Group matters arising from her membership of that group.

Cllr Baker declared a prejudicial interest on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from his position as a trustee on that organisation.

Cllr Budden declared a personal interest in any skatebowl matters to be discussed.

58/10 Election of Chairman

Cllr M Payne, seconded by Cllr Budden, nominated Cllr Linsley.

Cllr Mayo, seconded by Cllr Mann, nominated Cllr P Payne.

There were 8 votes for Cllr Linsley & 2 votes for Cllr P Payne.

Cllr Linsley was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Cllr Linsley took the Chair & thanked those who had voted for him; he said that would listen to the public & promised to carry out the office to the best of his ability.

Cllr Halstead proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mullenger for all the work he had put in over his three year term of office & Members agreed.

59/10 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Halstead, nominated by Cllr Logan & seconded by Cllr Baker, was elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

60/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

- The regeneration of the Prince's bridge allotments was almost complete & tenants were to be allowed access from the beginning of June.
- The Village Day would take place on 22nd May at the Newman Collard Field.
- It was hoped that the village hall kitchen refurbishment would be complete by the weekend.

Cllr Halstead informed the meeting of the passing of Mrs J Sansom whose late husband had been a long serving member of LPC as well as a major supporter of various village groups.

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

61/10 Presentation on the revision of the Village Design Statement

The revised document had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Mrs Effenberg informed the meeting that Mrs Paren would be responsible for compiling the new VDS that would replace the 2000 edition that had been adopted as supplementary planning guidance by EHDC; the new edition would be in more depth than the original.

Mrs Paren explained that village design statements were supported by Government, District Councils & the SDNP. The update was required because of changes in the planning regime structure.

Cllr Halstead commented that the section covering the landscape setting appeared to omit mention of boundary hedging & trees adjoining the countryside. Mrs Paren replied that this would be put in section 5.1.

Cllr Duckham said it was worth reiterating the value of the document as planning evidence supporting arguments against developers & that thanks were due to those who had put in time & energy in production.

Cllr P Payne said that he was happy to see the references to the SDNP.

The Chairman congratulated Mrs Paren on her appointment as Chairman of the South Downs National Park.

62/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr Clarke reported that HCC was working with companies on the development of solar & wind energy provision. It was likely that Hampshire would be a major area for such development. The HCC Highways maintenance programme was still being worked on.

63/10 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright reported that EHDC Council had reviewed a food safety service plan. Mrs Cartwright informed the meeting that Mrs Onslow had been elected as Chairman of EHDC. Cllr Logan reported that there had been a presentation on the greening campaign at Community Forum as well as a presentation on the proposed Shipwrights Way from Alice Holt to Hayling Island. There would be a public consultation on the proposal. There had also been a presentation on community planning guidance as well as approval to release £1.0k funding towards the Princes Bridge allotment scheme in Liss.

It was agreed that LPC would send a letter of congratulations to Mrs Onslow.

64/10 Appointments to Committees

The following appointments to committees, proposed by Cllr M Payne & seconded by Cllr Duckham, were unanimously agreed.

Planning Committee: Cllr Linsley (ex-officio), Cllr Halstead (ex-officio), Cllr Budden, Cllr Duckham, Cllr Mullenger, Cllr Logan, Cllr Mann, Cllr Mayo, Cllr P Payne & Cllr Wright.

Grounds Committee: Cllr Linsley (ex-officio), Cllr Halstead (ex-officio), Cllr Baker, Cllr Budden, Cllr Duckham, Cllr Logan, Cllr Mayo, Cllr Mullenger, Cllr P Payne & Cllr Rees. The Chairman of Buildings would also sit on the Grounds Committee.

Buildings Committee: Cllr Linsley (ex-officio), Cllr Halstead (ex-officio), Cllr Baker, Cllr Budden, Cllr Logan, Cllr Mayo, Cllr Mullenger, Cllr P Payne & Cllr Rees.. The Chairman of Grounds would also sit on the Buildings Committee.

Finance Committee: Cllr Linsley (ex-officio), Cllr Halstead (ex-officio), Cllr Budden, Cllr Mayo, Cllr Mullenger, Cllr M Payne & Cllr P Payne & Cllr Wright. The Chairmen Grounds, Buildings & Highways would also sit on the Finance Committee.

Highways Committee: Cllr Linsley (ex-officio), Cllr Halstead (ex-officio), Cllr Logan, Cllr Mann, Cllr Mullenger, Cllr M Payne, Cllr P Payne & Cllr Wright.

65/10 Appointments of representatives to outside bodies

The following appointments, proposed by Cllr Logan & seconded by Cllr Baker, were unanimously agreed.

The Newman Collard Playing Field & Pavilion Trust: Cllr Mullenger & Cllr Baker.

Liss, Greatham Sick Poor Fund: Mr R Stockwell, Mrs E Cartwright & Mr M Oakley.

Coryton Almshouses: Cllrs Duckham, S Halstead & M Payne.

The Simon Wood Liss Youth Fund: Mr A Piper.

The Dorothea & Mary Cole Foundation: Mrs C Wood.

Rake Village Hall Management Committee: Mr E Crofton.

Liss Youth Fund Ltd: Cllr Mann.

Liss Community Association: Cllr Halstead.

East Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils: Cllr Halstead & others as required.

Liss Village Design Group: Cllr Wright & Mr J Starling.

The following additional appointment, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Budden, was unanimously agreed.

The George Street Trust: Cllr M Payne.

66/10 Minutes of the meetings of 19th April 2010

The minutes of the Council meeting of 19th April, proposed by Cllr Wright & seconded by Cllr Budden, were agreed unanimously.

67/10 Matters arising from the meeting of 19th April 2010

- i) Review of complaint against LPC – The result of the independent investigation of the complaint against LPC by Mr Mackay had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Cllr Duckham said that the investigation decision vindicated the actions of LPC Members totally. Cllr P Payne asked the Chairman if he accepted that LPC had acted correctly. The Chairman replied that LPC should be more open & listening. Cllr Mayo, seconded by Cllr Duckham, proposed that LPC accept the result of the independent inquiry & Members agreed.

- ii) Railway station works – Cllr Budden, referring to minute 56/10, said that works were now complete & the contractors had handed the station back to Network Rail. The Chairman commented that there was a litter problem caused by lack of bins on the up platform.
- iii) Skatebowl Implementation Group – Cllr P Payne, referring to minute 49/10, informed Members that the first meeting of the group would be at 6pm on 21st May.
 The Chairman felt that the composition of the group needed to be formally recorded.
 Cllr Duckham said that Standing Order 50 said that was the responsibility of the working group.
 The Chairman said that the public had a right to know.
 Cllr Duckham replied that the group should not be muzzled by bureaucracy.
 Cllr P Payne said that Cllr Budden was content with the make-up of the group & he had assumed there would be a formal process by the group to co-opt people.
 Cllr Halstead asked if there was still one space vacant & Cllr P Payne said that was correct.
 Cllr Halstead asked if the comments on siting in the letter from the independent investigator had been addressed.
 Cllr P Payne said that co-opted members would be C Grainger, L Mannerings, S Ainsley, P Deacon & B Chads.
 The Chairman suggested that if anyone else came forward then their co-option should be agreed by Cllr P Payne with the Chairman & Vice Chairman of LPC.
 Cllr Duckham said that effectively formalised it into a committee of the Council.
 Cllr P Payne reminded Members that the group had no remit to make decisions; it would make recommendations to Council. The more active members the group had the better. All key issues would be referred to Council.
 Cllr M Payne felt that it was reasonable for some matters to be dealt with at the group.
 Cllr Budden requested agreement that the minutes of group meetings be recorded.
 Cllr P Payne said it was intended to hold weekly meetings.

68/10 Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Halstead & seconded by Cllr Mann, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1457	Longmeadows - fencing at Princes Bridge	5375.64
1458	Travis Perkins - R R Walk project	102.38
1459	Cancelled	0.00
1460	Longmeadows - silt trap, drainage & clearance	2832.93
1461	S E Water - meter application Princes Bridge	102.00
1462	Local Council Review - subs	13.50
1463	A Healey - photocopier costs	39.39
1464	David Bain - tree felling Riverside Walk	625.00
1465	Viking Direct - stationery	51.05
1466	White Rose - mower & tractor fuel	81.66
1467	N Woodage - new notice board	750.00
1468	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	106.55
1469	Longmeadows - fencing at Princes Bridge	470.00
1470	HCC - pension costs May	889.99
1471	Post Office - tax & NI month 1	1590.70
1472	U-Do DIY - grounds & Princes Bridge costs	169.10
Trf.	Salaries - month 2	4277.11
DD	AOL -April 10	14.99
		17491.99

69/10 Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Logan, was approved:

Chq No.		£
668	MJS Kitchen Equipment - boiler for new kitchen	294.91
669	U-Do DIY - cleaning materials	40.85
670	N J Berriman - repairs to West Liss pavilion floor	129.25
671	N Woodage - village hall window repair	790.00
672	Brady Corp Ltd - signs for allotments	54.63
673	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss	50.43
674	HCC - pension costs May	194.34
675	Post Office - tax & NI month 1	83.34
676	Pre-Lam Kitchens - stage payment for kitchen project	2500.00
Trf.	Salaries - month 2	672.95
DD	Southern Electric - West Liss pavilion	97.25
		4907.95

70/10 Schedule of correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received was presented and the following agreed:

- i) Cllr P Payne would attend the Code of Conduct training session at EHDC on 2nd June.
- ii) The Chairman & Cllr Budden would attend the HCC passenger transport forum at Alton on 21st May.
- iii) Cllr Halstead would attend the HCC Service at Winchester on 13th June.
- iv) The Chairman & the Clerk would attend the EHDC meeting on proposed changes to the Community Forum on 16th June.
- v) Cllr Mayo would attend the HCC biodiversity grant scheme launch on 25th May.

71/10 Report of the Highways Committee of 26th April

The minutes of the meeting of 26th April, proposed by Cllr Wright & seconded by Cllr M Payne, were unanimously approved. Cllr Mann informed the meeting that there was to be a meeting on 21st May with HCC's traffic management officer to discuss certain proposals for the village. Cllr Mann requested that a vote of thanks to Mr Grant & the Community Payback Team for their contribution to the Works on the Riverside Walk. Cllr Budden informed Members of the changes to local bus services from early June. There was some concern over connections of south bound services & confusion over revised service numbers. It was also of concern that timetables had not yet been published. The Clerk would approach EHDC's public transport officer for answers.

72/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 5th May

The minutes of the meeting of 5th May, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Logan, were unanimously approved. Cllr Halstead asked the District Councillor if EHDC planned a site visit to the Oast House at Weatham. Cllr Logan replied that she had not heard of one.

73/10 Report of the Finance Committee of 10th May

The minutes of the meeting of 10th May, proposed by Cllr Budden & seconded by Cllr M Payne, were unanimously approved. The Clerk said that a request for a donation had been received from the NCT group that was based in Liss. It was agreed that the Chairman & the Vice Chairman would review the application & agree any donation to be paid.

74/10 Reports from representatives to outside bodies

Cllr P Payne reported on the recent police liaison meeting & said that it was intended that future meetings would be bi-monthly. This would give an opportunity for dialogue to be current. Cllr Logan requested photographs of the two new Liss beat officers for inclusion in the Village Voice. Cllr Budden had attended the LFRA meeting. Cllr Halstead had attended the 30th anniversary lunch at the WRVS luncheon club. Cllr Halstead reminded the meeting that the AGM of the Community Centre was on 15th June at 8pm. Cllr Baker reminded the meeting that the AGM of the NCPF Trust was on 18th May.

The meeting was closed at 21.00 hrs

Next meeting: Monday 21st June at 19.30hrs

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 21st June 2010.

Members

*Mr R Mullenger, Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden,*Mr J Duckham, Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, *Mrs G Logan, Mr L Mann, *Mr B Mayo, Mr M Payne ,*Mr P Payne & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillors Mrs E Cartwright & Mrs J Onslow, 2 members of the press & approximately 18 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Halstead, Baker, Mann & M Payne.

75/10 Declarations of interests

Cllr Mullenger declared a prejudicial interest on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from his position as a trustee on that organisation.

Cllr Budden declared a personal interest in any skatebowl matters to be discussed.

76/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

- Mr Stuart Rees had, because of health reasons, tendered his resignation as a Councillor. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Rees & that his offer to be involved in whatever manner he could be accepted.
- The Village Voice had now been published & distributed; the Chairman apologised for the oversight in thanking volunteers who helped with the distribution.
- The Chairman thanked Members & volunteers who had planted & hung the flower baskets in the village centre.
- A letter had been received from Mrs Hewitt stating that she was no longer able to attend transport forums & meetings on behalf of the Council. It was agreed that a letter of thanks for her services be sent.
- The Chairman said that he had received several comments from residents stating that they could not hear all of Members debate at the last Council & he requested Members to ensure that they speak up in future.
- The Chairman explained that, in order to have an orderly meeting, he would note the names of people when they indicated that they wanted to speak & would invite them to speak in order.

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

77/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr Clarke said that work on the Petersfield Skatebowl had actually started now.

Government cuts were to be 8.8% on revenue costs & 5% on capital. Likely reductions were 3% on child services & 2.7% on adult services.

HCC were to have a moratorium on recruitment as well as management reductions. For 2011/12 it would be necessary to have cuts of £4m. It was hoped that there would be no effect on frontline services.

Cllr Budden asked how front line services could not be affected & Cllr Clarke replied that there was a plan to transfer £50m from reserves & that there was property to dispose of. Staff would also be hot-desking to reduce costs.

78/10 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright reported that EHDC were to make savings of £750k out of the budget & avoiding front line service cuts. There was a proposal to share top management with Havant that would be put to Council & hopefully in place by October. Cabinet met on 19th May & approved the funding of the Shipwrights' Way from developers' contributions funds. The route through Liss was to be refined.

The new Community Forum format would include County & Parish councillors. The climate change officer, shared with Havant, was looking at reducing the climate emissions of the Penns Place offices. There had been a report on the aging population & an older persons action plan was proposed.

The SDNP Authority had met & made a recommendation that planning matters be delegated to District Councils for the next three years.

Cllr Logan reported that there was a change of panel arrangements & that she would be on the people panel; this would look at a corporate strategy for residents & businesses.

Cllr Mullenger asked how accountability would be resolved where officers were shared. Mrs Cartwright replied that the Councils would be separate & officers would work to agenda.

Cllr P Payne asked how parish councillors would be appointed to the Community Forum & Mrs Cartwright replied that it would be related to wards.

At this point Cllr Mullenger was called away from the meeting.

79/10 Minutes of the meetings of 17th May 2010

The minutes of the Council meeting of 17th May, proposed by Cllr Duckham & seconded by Cllr P Payne, were agreed unanimously.

80/10 Matters arising from the meeting of 17th May 2010

- i) Appointments to outside bodies – The Chairman reminded Members that LPC still had one appointment to the Newman Collard Trust available & proposed that Mr R Whatley be appointed. The motion was seconded by Cllr Mayo & unanimously agreed by Members.
- ii) Village Centre Enhancement – Members agreed unanimously that Cllr Mullenger continue to liaise with the VDS on the enhancement scheme.
- iii) Publication of draft minutes – The request from Mr Seymour for Council minutes to be posted on the LPC website prior to meetings was discussed. After deliberation it was resolved that hard copy of the minutes would be made available from the parish office after agenda & papers had been distributed to Members.
- iv) Skatebowl Implementation Group – Terms of reference for the group had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Duckham asked for clarification on the item referring decisions to Council if the group failed to agree. The Chairman said that if the group were unable to make a decision then it was for Council to make the decision. Cllr P Payne said that it was not for the group to make any decision it would only make recommendations to Council. He added that there were still issues that he felt needed to be discussed. Cllr Budden proposed that the wording in the paragraph on actions be amended to replace the word decision with consensus. With this amendment Cllr Mayo, seconded by Cllr Budden, proposed that the terms of reference be accepted. The motion was passed with a vote of six in favour with one abstention.
- v) Letter of concern over skatebowl issues from NCPF Trust – The letter had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Wright said that she found the letter confusing & was not sure if the Trust were indicating an intention to withdraw their offer or what was meant by an independent review. She proposed that discussion with the Trust was necessary & Cllr Duckham supported this proposal. The Chairman gave the background to why the Trust had sent the letter. Cllr Duckham pointed out that some points in the letter, such as a 2.5m high fence, were incorrect. Cllr P Payne felt that it was clear where some of the content of the letter was coming from. At this point the Chairman, after repeated interruptions from Mr Mackay in the audience, adjourned the meeting. The Chairman explained the legal process of the meeting to the audience & then ordered Mr Mackay to leave the meeting. After some minutes & repeated comments Mr Mackay left. The meeting was then reconvened. Cllr P Payne explained the background to the consideration of fencing on some sites & the reasons for rejecting the option. Cllr P Payne said he was concerned over who would meet with the Trust as there were divisions on both sides; it would be difficult to get a balanced view. He felt that all Members should attend. The Chairman said it was intended to understand rather than negotiate. He said that normally it would be for Chairman, Vice Chairman & one other to represent the Council. Cllr P Payne was uncomfortable with this as he felt that both the Chairman & Vice Chairman had taken no part in many discussions because of prejudicial interests. Cllr Budden supported Cllr Payne's proposal that all Members of the Council & the Trust should meet & Members agreed this proposal. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Trust to arrange the meeting.
- vi) Village Design Statement revision – Cllr Wright reminded Members that chapter 5 of the revision had now been received & circulated.

81/10 Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr P Payne & seconded by Cllr Duckham, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1473	Longmeadows - car park, Princes Bridge	1637.95
1474	K Castle - plants for hanging baskets	200.00
1475	Playsafe - training course, safety inspections	282.00
1476	B Mayo - mileage to biodiversity event	32.45
1477	L Mannerings - mileage to training course	99.65
1478	Mrs Mann - postages & eye test	38.60
1479	Cancelled	
1480	U-Do DIY - grounds & Princes Bridge costs	95.07
1481	White Rose - LCR, mower & tractor fuel	129.25
1482	Hillier garden Centre - hanging basket supplies	35.94
1483	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	106.55
1484	Zurich Insurance - annual premium	7947.24
1485	Travis Perkins - grounds supplies	197.75
1486	HCC - pension costs June	889.99
1487	Post Office - tax & NI month 2	1434.78
1488	K Abraham - internal audit 2009/10	315.00
Trf.	Salaries - month 3	4113.42
DD	BT - telephone account	222.88
DD	AOL -May 10	14.99
		17793.51

82/10 Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Logan, was approved:

Chq No.		£
677	Pre-Lam - balance of kitchen works	1210.00
678	B Cleary - window clean village hall	52.00
679	Gopak - table trolley	235.52
680	S E Water - allotment supply	183.35
681	U-Do DIY - village hall supplies	14.61
682	HCC - cleaning materials	100.84
683	S E Water - allotment & village hall	55.65
684	Clear Round Pest Control - rats west Liss rec.	146.88
685	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss	50.43
686	HCC - pension costs June	194.34
687	Post Office - tax & NI month 2	83.34
688	Magnet - kitchen project	11711.77
Trf.	Salaries - month 3	672.95
DD	British Gas - village hall	807.97
		15519.65

83/10 Schedule of correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received was presented and the following agreed:

- i) Cllr Budden would attend the 4th anniversary event at the Co-Op funeral parlour on 27th July.
- ii) Complaint from Mr Grove about litter from kebab van in Farnham Road – It was agreed that LPC write to EHDC with a copy of the complaint & ask EHDC to alert the kebab van operator.
- iii) Cllr Mayo would attend the Home Start AGM on 14th July.
- iv) The grant request from Victim Support was referred to the Finance Committee. Support statistics & accounts would be requested.

84/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 1st June

The minutes of the meeting of 1st June, proposed by Cllr Duckham & seconded by Cllr P Payne, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Duckham reviewed the decisions reached & commented on the LPC site visit to Browns Farm.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Chichester DC regarding the committee's comments on the landscaping at the rake business centre; CDC said that there was no action they could take.

Cllr Mullenger rejoined the meeting.

85/10 Report of the Buildings Committee of 7th June

The minutes of the meeting of 7th June, proposed by Cllr Mayo & seconded by Cllr Logan, were unanimously approved.

86/10 Report of the Grounds Committee of 7th June

The minutes of the meeting of 7th June, proposed by Cllr Mullenger & seconded by Cllr Duckham, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Mullenger explained the situation regarding a possible water supply to the new Princes Bridge allotments. An estimate of £2700 had been received from S E Water & the high cost was due to the proximity to the railway lines. Cllr Mullenger was investigating the possibility of putting in the water supply from a different point to save money.

Cllr P Payne, seconded by Cllr Duckham, proposed that Cllr Mullenger be authorised seek an alternative quotation & to spend up to £1000 on the water connection & all Members agreed.

87/10 Minutes from the Skatebowl Implementation Group meetings of 21st May, 3rd & 14th June

The minutes of these advisory group meetings had been circulated & were tabled for comment.

In discussion it was agreed that there was a necessity to update the LPC website with more current information. Cllr Mullenger suggested the creation of a new tab on the site with other historical data retained on a lower ranked tab.

The possible posting of SIG minutes was discussed & it was agreed that the best action would be to post a brief note that contained the key points of the meetings; this would happen after first being circulated to Councillors.

Members agreed an extension to the meeting of no more than thirty minutes.

Cllr P Payne, referring to the SIG minutes of 14th June, explained that the group had decided that a motion be put to Council recommending work on the central bed in the Centenary Garden no matter what the skatebowl project outcome was. This was because a review undertaken by Cllr Logan & Mr Catt had established that some trees & shrubs were damaged.

Cllr Logan said there was also a need for a policy on any new garden to be adopted & that the NCPFT should be involved; there was also a need to formalise the policy on the existing garden & what might remain there. With Cllr Halstead she hoped to make a recommendation, via the SIG & in consultation with NCPFT, before Council on 19th July.

Cllr P Payne, seconded by Cllr Mayo, proposed that the issue be discussed at the next SIG meeting & then recommendations incorporating the wishes of NCPFT be put to Council on 19th July & members agreed.

The Chairman, referring to the SIG minutes of 3rd June where the need for a risk assessment had been referred back to Council. The Chairman had given thought to the topic & had prepared a proposed action plan that he had set out on paper. This document was then circulated to members; the text was:

“Steven Lugg’s letter of 28th April 2010 suggested that in choosing the site “The Council should be sure over the criteria chosen in making this selection. This selection should be risk assessed & communicated to the residents.” These comments are also in line with those from members of the public. Further, Steven Lugg has told us that we should, in carrying out any project, “Ensure regular reviews until the project is finished”.

In order to satisfy this requirement the Council should set up an advisory group to review the decision by creating a matrix with weighted criteria. This matrix will then be scored for all sites that have been considered by the Council or suggested by the public.

The Skatebowl Implementation Group will continue their work in parallel.

The advisory group will report to Council on 19th July.”

Cllr P Payne said that the project had already been risk assessed by the working group who had arrived at a clear recommendation.

The matter of how issues were weighted was an irrelevance. He was happy that the recommendation had been arrived at correctly. He had sent the documents to Steven Lugg & asked for his thoughts; Mr Lugg had replied that it was correct. Therefore, Cllr Payne did not believe there was a need to do it again.

Cllr P Payne said that bringing back multiple sites would reintroduce the prejudicial interests of some Members. He felt that Members should stand by the judgement & not undermine the project.

Cllr Wright said it was subjective how weighting would be arrived at; the main accusation against Council was that it was not sensitive to peoples' sentiments.

Cllr P Payne replied that it had only recently been found that some memorials were placed in the Centenary Garden.

Cllr Mullenger said that a risk assessment could answer questions & prove that the correct decision had been arrived at. The public had suggested this & LPC could look at it. It was not necessarily about risk but would show that LPC had looked at it.

Cllr P Payne explained Steven Lugg's definition of risk assessment.

The Clerk reminded Members that there was now a serious financial risk element arising from residents' stated intentions to pursue legal avenues.

Cllr Mullenger said that he supported the Chairman's recommendation in theory.

Cllr Mullenger apologised but said that he needed to leave the meeting.

The Chairman asked if Members wished to vote on his proposal before Cllr Mullenger left but Cllr Mullenger said he would abstain.

Cllr P Payne said that he could not support the recommendation.

The Chairman said that Cllr P Payne was confident that he had chosen correctly

At this point Cllr P Payne interrupted the Chairman repeatedly objecting to the Chairman's statements & refusing to allow him to continue.

The Chairman had to call the meeting to order several times before Cllr Payne desisted.

Cllr Mayo said that he had served as a Councillor for five years under the Chairmanship of Councillors Paren & Mullenger & in that time he had not witnessed a meeting conducted in such a manner as this one. He objected to the way the Chairman had treated both public & Members. He said that if this was how the Chairman was going to operate then he would have to consider his position as a Councillor.

The Chairman called for a vote on his proposal but there was no seconder.

The meeting was then closed at 22.00hrs having reached its time limit under standing orders.

Unfinished business would be carried forward to Council on 19th July.

Next meeting: Monday 19th July at 19.30hrs

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 19th July 2010.

Members

*Mr R Mullenger, *Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, *Mr J Duckham, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, *Mrs G Logan, *Mr L Mann, Mr B Mayo, *Mr M Payne, *Mr P Payne & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillor Mrs E Cartwright, 1 member of the press & approximately 18 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Mayo & District Councillor Mrs J Onslow.

88/10 Declarations of interests

Cllrs Mullenger & Baker declared prejudicial interests in any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from their positions as trustees on that organisation.

Cllr Budden declared a personal interest in any skatebowl matters to be discussed.

Cllr P Payne, referring to agenda item 7i, asked if the Chairman & Cllr Halstead would be declaring prejudicial or personal interests in the motion proposed by The Chairman. They replied that they would not & the Chairman reminded Cllr Payne that it was not a matter for debate as declarations of interests were a personal decision.

89/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

- Work on the Riverside Walk enhancement was now moving to phase two & suggestions received were being considered.
- The Chairman wished all Members & public a good summer reminding them that there would not be another Council meeting till 20th September.
- The Chairman, commenting on the June Council meeting, said that some people had been upset by the behaviour of some Members, including himself. He reminded Members of his statement at the commencement of the June meeting that there should be no interruptions when a Member was speaking & that he would make a note of those wishing to speak & give them the opportunity.

Cllr P Payne asked if a Member could be interrupted on a point of order & the Chairman replied yes, if it was a point of order which would be ruled on by whoever was chairing the meeting.

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

90/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr Clarke said that, in response to concerns raised by LPC, he had consulted with County Councillor Kendall on the alleged consultancy report on the Ham Barn roundabout; he was awaiting a reply.

He reported that an answer to a parliamentary question put by D Hinds MP on the additional traffic resulting from the opening of the Hindhead tunnel was additional volume of 3000 vehicles per day. The constraints of the M25 J10 to Guildford stretch had an effect on this.

The County's operation restore for road had now reached Liss with Duckmead Lane being resurfaced.

Cllr Budden, commenting on Cllr Clarke's comments at the June meeting on HCC cuts & savings, raised concerns from a resident over discretionary bonuses being paid to senior staff at HCC.

Cllr Clarke replied that they were no discretionary but contractual payments.

91/10 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright reported that EHDC had had a special meeting on 19th July to cover the delegated planning from the SDNP.

EHDC were now negotiating a new leisure contract. The police had agreed to employ, on overtime, an officer to enforce parking regulations in Petersfield.

EHDC were looking into sharing environmental services with Winchester. Following advice from the Governmental Department responsible a more slimmed down delivery board would be in place for the Eco Town.

Mrs Cartwright said that she had attended a meeting of the Liss Greatham Sick Poor Fund who would be writing with proposals for the future of the fund.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Cartwright & said that he welcomed the news on the SDNP delegation of planning responsibilities.

92/10 Unfinished business from the Council meeting of 21st June

92/10 i – To receive the minutes of the Skatebowl Implementation Group meetings of 21st May, 3rd June & 14th June

The Chairman read out his motion, & reasons for it, that had been circulated prior to the meeting:

Item referred back to Council by Skatebowl Implementation Group on 3rd June 2010

Stephen Lugg's letter of 28 April 2010 suggested that in choosing the site "The Council should be sure over the criteria chosen in making this selection. This selection should be risk assessed and communicated to the residents" These comments are also in line with those from members of the public. Further, Steven Lugg has told us that we should in carrying out any project, "Ensure regular review until project is finished".

In order to satisfy this requirement I propose

"Liss Parish Council resolves to set up a sub committee to review the decision by creating a matrix with weighted criteria. This matrix will then be scored for all sites that have been considered by the council or suggested by the public.

The implementation Group will continue their work in parallel as appropriate.

The sub-committee will report to Council at its next meeting".

The Chairman added that as the NCPF Trust could not meet with LPC he proposed that the motion stand adjourned until that meeting had taken place.

Cllr P Payne said that a show of hands on the motion had been taken at the June meeting & on a point of order if the motion was not carried it could not be brought forward.

The Chairman said that no show of hands had been taken & the reason the motion had fallen was due to the June meeting being timed out.

Cllr P Payne said that the motion had been defeated as it did not get a seconder.

The Clerk said that, in his opinion, the motion tabled in June did not propose a clear course of action & was not, therefore, a valid motion.

The Chairman repeated his proposal that the matter be left till September as, until a meeting had been held with NCPF trust it was academic only & Members agreed.

The minutes of the SIG meetings of 21st May, 3rd June & 14th June, proposed by Cllr P Payne & seconded by Cllr Budden, were agreed as correct records of the meetings.

92/10.ii – To approve the Main audited accounts for the year to 31st March 2010

The audit return & accounts for the year to 31st March 2010, proposed by Cllr Mullenger & seconded by Cllr Budden, were approved unanimously.

92/10.iii – To approve the Charities audited accounts for the year to 31st March 2010

The audited Charities accounts for the year to 31st March 2010, proposed by Cllr Mullenger & seconded by Cllr Duckham, were approved unanimously.

93/10 Minutes of the meetings of 21st June 2010

Cllr P Payne, referring to minute 80/10v, said that his clear memory was of Mr Mackay saying that he was leaving the meeting before being the Chairman adjourned it.

The Chairman said that from the top of the table he could only hear Mr Mackay shouting at Councillors, so had then adjourned the meeting.

Cllr Mullenger said he felt it was academic but it was important that the reason for the adjournment was clear in the minutes. Cllr Budden said that the ejection of Mr Mackay took part during the adjournment.

Cllr P Payne, commenting on minute 87/10, said that the minutes should testify that a seconder was called for the Chairman's motion.

The Clerk read the words of the minutes as tabled.

The minutes of the Council meeting of 21st June, proposed by Cllr Logan & seconded by Cllr Wright, were agreed. Cllr P Payne & Others not present on 21st June abstained.

94/10 Matters arising from the meeting of 21st June 2010

- i) Minute 86/10 - Grounds Committee minutes – Cllr Mullenger reported that he had met with the surveyor from S E Water to discuss the connection at Princes Bridge allotments. They had looked at an alternative solution & a revised quotation was awaited. If LPC could get the connection point to within .5m of the highway it might reduce cost by about £500 to £1000.

95/10 Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Duckham & seconded by Cllr Halstead, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1489	K Castle - plants for Liss in Bloom	15.00
1490	Mrs Mann - office costs & Village Voice postages	44.54
1491	NCT grant	100.00
1492	Post Office - tax & NI month 3	1759.21
1493	Vision ICT - email address KB	5.88
1494	Greenhouse Graphics - Village Voice 28	474.50
1495	Thomas Fattorini - bar for ribbon	44.36
1496	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	133.19
1497	Viking Direct - stationery/postages	482.07
1498	White Rose - mower & tractor fuel	86.79
1499	Winchester Garden machinery - LCR & grounds	300.58
1500	SLCC - subs 2010/11	168.00
1501	HCC - pension costs July	889.99
1502	Post Office - tax & NI month 4	1619.95
Trf.	Salaries - month 4	4476.46
DD	Southern Electric - Groundsman's store	101.76
DD	AOL -June 10	14.99
		10717.27

96/10 Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Logan, was approved:

Chq No.		£
689	GNM Online - soap dispenser/bin/towel dispenser	177.17
690	B Cleary - window cleaning	26.00
691	S West - audit 09/10	55.00
692	Post Office - tax & NI month 3	83.34
693	Water Coolers UK - filters, village hall	60.00
694	HCC - signage for village hall	21.40
695	Direct Hygiene - annual contract	264.38
696	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss	63.04
697	HCC - pension costs July	194.34
698	Post Office - tax & NI month 4	86.22
699	Travis Perkins - allotment repair materials	51.11
700	Magnet Ltd - balance of kitchen	5080.49
Trf.	Salaries - month 4	671.79
DD	Southern Electric - Village Hall	644.79
DD	Sothern electric - West Liss pavilion	22.41
		7501.48

97/10 Schedule of correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received was presented and the following agreed:

- i) EHDC terrorism awareness – it was agreed to respond suggesting that LPC be included with other small parishes on a session.

- ii) Liss Junior School – It was noted that the school had raised over £1000 at their business enterprise project.
- iii) Whitehill/Bordon eco town masterplan – Members were encouraged to attend the drop-in event at the Forest Community Centre on 11th August. The document was available on-line at www.whitehillbordon.com
- iv) HCC Highways survey of national highways public satisfaction – Cllr Mann would prepare a response for LPC to be submitted prior to 1st October.
- v) EHDC larger councils’ forum – a request for agenda items had been received; these needed to be submitted prior to 6th September.
- vi) A letter had been received from LFRA requesting a grant towards the refurbishment of the war memorial to a WW2 pilot on Longmoor – After discussion it was unanimously agreed that a grant of £125, proposed by Cllr Halstead & seconded by Cllr P Payne, be made. Cllr Mullenger suggested that LFRA also approach Greatham PC.

98/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 28th June

The minutes of the meeting of 28th June, proposed by Cllr Logan & seconded by Cllr Wright, were unanimously approved. Cllr Halstead informed the meeting that the application for replacement windows at Clarke House, Farnham Road had been amended following comments of objection from LPC; it was now in accordance with LPC thoughts. Members agreed that LPC would not object to the amended application.

It was agreed that LPC would seek a time limit extension from the case officer of the Old Heath Lodge application.

99/10 Report of the Highways Committee of 12th July

The minutes of the meeting of 12th July, proposed by Cllr Halstead & seconded by Cllr Mullenger, were unanimously approved. Cllr Mann reiterated that the Highways Agency had verbally intimated that a study had been completed on the A3 Ham Barn roundabout.

100/10 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr M Payne had attended a meeting of the George Street Trust who had agreed a maintenance grant to the Crossover Youth Centre. Cllr Mullenger had attended a committee meeting of the NCPF Trust; they had extended thanks to LPC grounds staff for the quality of maintenance work. LFC were undertaking pitch maintenance work.

Cllr Mullenger had attended an allotment users meeting & also reported that the water connection to Princes Bridge & Riverside allotments was being investigated.

Cllr Mann had attended a trustees meeting for the Crossover Youth Centre.

Cllr Halstead had attended the AGM of the Community centre; there had been various changes of officers. They had reduced overheads by £4k but there were losses on the after school club operation.

The Clerk had received a letter of resignation from the Liss Greatham Sick Poor Fund from Mr Stockwell. There had also been a request from the Chairman of the Fund that LPC delay appointing a replacement as they were proposing fundamental changes to the way that the Fund was operated & funded.

The Chairman said that it was important that LPC had someone on board when such changes were taking place.

Cllr Budden, proposed by the Chairman & seconded by Cllr Mann, was elected as LPC representative on the Fund.

The meeting was closed at 20.47hrs

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 20th September 2010.

Members

Mr R Mullenger, *Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, Mr J Duckham, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, Mrs G Logan, *Mr N McInnes, *Mr L Mann, *Mr B Mayo, Mr M Payne, *Mr P Payne & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillors Mrs E Cartwright & Mrs J Onslow, 2 members of the press & approximately 18 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Duckham, Cllr G Logan, Cllr R Mullenger & Cllr M Payne.

103/10 Declarations of interests

Cllr Budden declared a personal interest in any skatebowl matters to be discussed.

Cllr Wright declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Village Design Group.

104/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed new Cllr N McInnes and explained the process of co-option.

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

105/10 The Revised Village Design Statement

M Effenberg, Chairman of the Village Design Group, explained that section two had been amended and the document was now ready for LPC to agree the wording, before sending to EHDC for adoption.

A motion to approve the Village Design Statement, proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Payne, was approved unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the Village Design Group for many years of hard work put into creating the document.

106/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr Clarke said that Damian Hinds, MP for East Hampshire had raised a question in the House of Commons to Philip Hammond, Secretary of State for Transport regarding plans for the Ham Barn roundabout. He reported that P Hammond had replied stating there were no plans to replace the Ham Barn roundabout with a flyover on the basis that the projected increase in traffic is less than 10%.

Cllr Clarke reported that work is proceeding on the basis that the HCC Government Grant which is 20% of HCC spending will be cut by 40% this equates to an 8% reduction.

Cllr Clarke reported that all the requested salt bins requested fell within budget and had been approved.

Cllr Clark reported that the annual NHS health survey showed people's health in the area to be well above average.

Cllr Clarke also reported the death of County Councillor David Kirk. Cllr Halstead said that Mr Kirk was a strong supporter of Parish Councils and will be missed.

107/10 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright reported that, following the resignation as Leader of District Councillor Mr D Parkinson, a new Leader will be elected on 23rd September.

Cllr Cartwright reported that a slimmed down delivery board had been approved for the Eco Town.

Cllr Cartwright reported that planned work on Riverside Walk bridges will go ahead thanks to Leader funding.

Cllr Halstead asked whether a formal date has been set for the army to leave Bordon. Cllr Cartwright replied that no date had been set.

108/10 Minutes of the meeting of 19th July 2010

The minutes of the meeting of 19th July 2010, proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Budden, were approved unanimously.

109/10 – Matters Arising

109/10 i Letter received from Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust (NCPFT)

The Chairman read a letter from Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust stating "that NCPFT now rescind permission for a skate park to be built on Trust land".

Cllr Payne asked the Chairman and Vice Chairman why they had not replied to his email asking them to confirm they had no formal or informal discussions with any members of NCPFT since their election to posts.

The Chairman replied that he considered the email disingenuous and intimidating as Councillor P Payne was fully aware that contact had taken place and felt that it was inappropriate to respond by email. He added that it would be irresponsible for the chairman not to have spoken with the trust as they were our major partners in the village and it was necessary to maintain good communication with the trust. The Chairman also pointed out that he had attended the NCPFT AGM, spoken to several members and Cllr Payne was also present at that meeting. The Chairman stated he had not had any meeting with NCPFT in relation to their decision to withdraw permission.

The Vice Chairman replied saying she had not considered the question straightforward and regularly spoke to members who were friends and acquaintances. The Vice Chairman stated she had not had any conversations with NCPFT on this matter before the letter arrived and had distanced herself from any organised opposition and from any meetings with the Trust.

Cllr Payne thanked the Chairman and Vice Chairman for their responses but said he still felt the Chairman and Vice Chairman should have responded to the original email and not ignored it.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman re-iterated that no conversation on this issue had taken place with NCPFT members.

The Chairman read a report from Cllr Mullenger (not present), who had attended the NCPFT meeting when the decision was made. The report included Cllr Mullenger's observations and considerations of NCPFT's decision.

Cllr Baker read his letter sent to NCPFT, resigning as Appointed Trustee to NCPFT and detailing the reasons for this decision.

Cllr Payne expressed disappointment that NCPFT had come to this decision and said a lot of time and work had been put into investigating this site. Cllr Payne said that NCPFT should be asked to reimburse LPC for costs incurred. The Chairman suggested that LPC should defer this request until a meeting with the trust chairman had been held after her return from holiday.

Cllr Budden proposed the following motion:

"In view of the unsuitability of any of the skate facility sites considered to date Liss Parish Council resolve to:

- i. Abandon all attempts to place such a facility on previously considered sites
- ii. Agree to consider the viability of any new sites proposed by any member of the public, the proposal to be made to the clerk in writing
- iii. If any sites in (ii) are considered viable to then hold FULL public consultation on any site(s)
- iv. To work with the Scouts, and any other appropriate organization, towards the badly needed renewal of their current accommodation using any funds available from the skate facility
- v. To thank Councillor Paddy Payne and others for the effort they have put into the skate facility over the last 10 years."

The motion was seconded by Cllr Halstead but defeated 4 to 5.

Cllr Payne proposed the following motion:

"Liss Parish Council resolves to task a skatebowl sub-committee, to fully review the two sites which formed the public consultation process in 2008. These sites being one at West Liss Recreation Ground and one on Liss Parish owned land adjacent to the tennis courts on the Newman Collard Recreation Ground. The committee will report back to full council with a comprehensive up to date detailed analysis of the criteria of each site for full council to consider and come to an appropriate decision."

Members discussed this motion at length and several amendments were suggested. The Chairman asked members whether they were happy to agree changes at the meeting but concluded that further work was necessary and the motion should be presented to the October council meeting after councilors had agreed that they should work on a revised motion. Cllr Payne withdrew the motion.

110/10 – Schedule of payments – Main Account

Chq. No.		£
1503	J Meader - repairs to LCR equipment	27.90
1504	U Do-DIY - hanging baskets/grounds costs	52.60
1505	Cancelled	0.00
1506	Mr Norburby - repairs to footbridge	19.92
1507	Mrs S Halstead - village enhancement costs	21.60
1508	Brewers - paint for garage	43.68
1509	Viking Direct - scanner & camera	311.42
1510	A Healey - copier costs	30.10

1511	AXA Insurance - tractor insurance	123.90
1512	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	106.55
1513	HCC - pension costs August	889.99
1514	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 5	1598.78
Trf.	Salaries - month 5	4295.72
DD	AOL -July	14.99
1515	White Rose - mower fuel	92.07
1516	U-Do DIY - office & grounds costs	40.26
1517	A Thornton Ltd - village centre project costs	223.25
1518	Winchester garden Machinery - grounds costs	56.71
1519	Viking Direct - stationery	30.75
1520	HCC - pension costs Sept	889.99
1521	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 6	1614.60
1522	U-Do DIY - office & grounds costs	27.54
1523	Hilliers - bulbs for WLRA/LFRA/LiB	79.09
1524	White Rose - mower fuel grds/LCR	58.15
1525	J Peters - car park repairs	1524.32
1526	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	95.76
Trf.	Salaries - month 6	4335.49
DD	AOL -August	14.99

16620.12

111/10 – Schedule of payments – Charities Account

Chq No.		£
701	B Cleary - window cleaning	26.00
702	Ampella - village hall boiler service	179.01
703	Magnet Ltd - balance of kitchen	47.71
704	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss, Jly	50.43
705	HCC - pension costs August	194.34
706	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 5	84.01
707	Southern Water - village hall supply	76.54
Trf.	Salaries - month 5	672.71
708	Mrs A Mann - replacement wheels heated trolley	33.16
709	HCC - pension costs September	194.34
710	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 6	84.01
711	U Do DIY - village hall costs	8.06
712	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss, Aug	50.43
DD	British Gas - village hall supply	167.06
Trf.	Salaries - month 6	672.71

2540.52

112/10 Correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received and the following agreed:

- i. Local Government - Consultation on referendums to counter excessive council tax rises – Clerk has responded.
- ii. EHDC - Local Transport Plan 3 – consultation – Cllr Budden and Clerk to prepare response.
- iii. EHDC - Clerks liaison meeting with EHDC 10.11.10 – Clerk to attend.
- iv. EHDC - Concessionary travel update – HCC to agree details Oct 2010.
- v. EHAPTC - Agenda for meeting 08.09.10 – circulated.
- vi. DoT - Action on reducing street clutter – no action.
- vii. HALC Building communities conference, Winchester 23.03.11 – attendees welcome.
- viii. CPRE – Parish Seminar, Winchester 11.11.10 – bring to Cllr Mullenger's attention.
- ix. EHDC – Green Infrastructure Strategy – circulated.

113/10 To consider a motion proposed by the Chairman on 19th July but adjourned until September

“Liss Parish Council resolves to set up a sub committee to review the decision by creating a matrix with weighted criteria. The matrix will then be scored for all sites that have been considered by the council or suggested by the public. The Implementation Group will continue their work in parallel as appropriate. The sub-committee will report to Council at its next meeting”.

The Chairman withdrew this motion.

114/10 Appointments to Committees and outside bodies

Cllr McInnes was appointed to the Planning, Buildings and Highways Committees.

The Chairman said that a vacancy had arisen on the Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust, following the resignation of Cllr Baker. Cllr Payne raised concerns over the position of Councillors on the Trust who had to declare interests and were not being able to vote on Newman Collard matters in Council. Councillors agreed to discuss representation on the Trust at a later date.

115/10 Reports of the Planning Committee of 26th July, 23rd August and 13th September

The minutes of the meetings of 26th July, 23rd August and 13th September, proposed by Cllr P Payne and seconded by Cllr Budden, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Wright agreed to attend the LDF Core Strategy Meeting on 23rd September.

116/10 Report of the Finance Committee of 2nd August

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd August, proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Halstead, were unanimously approved.

117/10 Report of the Buildings Committee of 6th September

The minutes of the meeting of 6th September, proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Baker, were unanimously approved.

118/10 Report of the Grounds Committee of 6th September

Plans for further improvements on LPC owned land on Riverside Walk, proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Budden were unanimously approved.

Councillors agreed that plans to repair and replace safety surfaces and Newman Collard and Liss Forest were necessary due to general wear and tear.

The minutes of the meeting of 6th September, proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Budden, were unanimously approved.

119/10 Reports from outside bodies

Liss & Greatham Sick Poor Fund (LGSPF)

Cllr Budden read a letter from LGSPF recommending changes to the regulation scheme. The changes, proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Mayo, were unanimously approved.

NCPFT

Cllr Baker updated members on issues arising from NCPFT meeting.

- i. Football container – clarification required from EHDC.
- ii. Painting of Groundsman's Hut – awaiting work date from the Community Payback Team.
- iii. Car park re-surfacing – complete.
- iv. Car park bollards – no decision has yet been made whether NCPFT will contribute.

Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)

Cllr Halstead updated members on items discussed at HALC meeting of 08.09.10:

1. HALC members agreed an increased precept of 4% and 8% and EHDC had subsequently agreed to a 4% rise.
2. HALC AGM 23.10.10 – Cllr Linsley & Cllr Duckham to attend.

The meeting was closed at 22.00hrs

Next meeting: Monday 18th October at 19.30hrs

Notes on Public Participation 20th September 2010

1 – Mrs Ditchburn asked for clarification of the matrix and weighted criteria to be used in the motion proposed by the Chairman to consider the skatebowl decision. Mrs Ditchburn asked why it was necessary to go back to two sites which had already been deemed unsuitable. Mrs Ditchburn said she felt the whole procedure was frustrating and remained the most contentious issue in the village. The Chairman explained that the motion was raised in the June meeting, however, there was no time to discuss the motion and, as a result, the motion was automatically carried forward to July, when Council agreed to defer it to September due to a letter from the NCPFT). He explained that if the motion is passed, LPC would welcome public suggestions for the criteria to be used.

2 – Mr Seymour asked what the decision on the chosen skatebowl site was.

The Chairman replied that a letter had been received from the Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust withdrawing the offer to allow a skatebowl in the Memorial gardens. He said that this would be discussed under Matters Arising.

3 – Mr Hicks asked whether LPC could not find something more suitable for Liss youth, for example improving the drainage of Newman Collard football pitches.

The Chairman replied that LPC had considered other options and always voted to go ahead with plans to build a skatebowl. He also said that LPC always welcome public suggestions.

Cllr Halstead said that LPC were aware of the drainage problems at Newman Collard and two previous attempts had been made to improve drainage issues.

4 – Mr Harris asked what work was currently being carried out at Ham Barn roundabout.

The Chairman replied that LPC were unaware of any work and would endeavour to find out.

5 - Mr Harris asked when LPC will be reviewing the plans for Whitegates and raised concerns that this is a substantial development.

Cllr Halstead replied saying outline permission had been granted but no further information had been made available by the development company. Cllr Halstead said that LPC were very much against the proposal and had objected.

5 – Mr Seymour asked what happens next if the Chairman’s motion, item 13, fails.

The Chairman said that LPC would be in the same current situation.

6 – Mr Seymour asked about the status of the West Liss Pavilion project

The Chairman replied saying that LPC were currently discussing project costs.

7 – Mr Dent asked whether the withdrawal of the offer to build a skatebowl in the Memorial Gardens, meant it was no longer possible to consider this site?

The Chairman confirmed this to be the case.

8 – Mr Seymour asked that, should a referendum on the skatebowl be necessary, how long will the skatebowl issue go on? Mr Seymour suggested that skatebowl funds should go towards the West Liss Pavilion project.

9 – Mrs Ditchburn suggested that £5000 could be taken from the existing skatebowl funds to fund a referendum.

The Chairman said that LPC had previously chosen not to continue with the referendum option.

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 18th October 2010.

Members

*Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, *Mr J Duckham, Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, Mrs G Logan, *Mr N McInnes, *Mr L Mann, *Mr B Mayo, *RMullenger, *Mr M Payne, *Mr P Payne & Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillors Mrs E Cartwright & Mrs J Onslow, 2 members of the press & approximately 16 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Halstead & Wright.

120/10 Declarations of interests

Cllr Mullenger declared a prejudicial interest on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from his position as a trustee on that organisation.

121/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reminded Members that the Service of Remembrance would be on Sunday 14th November & that there would also be a service held at the War Memorial on Thursday 11th November at 11am.

EHDC were due to start the renovation of Nightingale Bridge on the Riverside Walk on 1st November.

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

122/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr Clarke said that HCC were awaiting the results of the Government spending review that was due on 20th October.

He had received a letter from Damian Hinds, MP for East Hampshire, who had learnt that the Highways Agency were considering three options at Ham barn roundabout; these were full time traffic lights, the complete removal of the roundabout & the retention of the existing position.. Mr Hinds had replied to the HA detailing the forecast increased traffic volumes resulting from the opening of the Hindhead tunnel & requesting that changes be monitored. He had also encouraged the HA to consult locally before action.

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright said that this new information flew in the face of previous statements from the HA.

123/10 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor Mrs Onslow reported that Liss Band were second in a brass band competition at Addlescombe. Members agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent.

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright said that EHDC community safety team requested that all incidents of crime, vandalism & nuisance be reported to the authorities in order that accurate statistics could be collected.

EHDC Council had elected Mr P Burrige & Mr K Moon as Leader & deputy Leader.

There had been a presentation from the RAF on Chinook helicopter training in the area.

Council had also agreed the procedure for submission of petitions; however, planning issues would not be included in this.

Mrs Cartwright encouraged LPC Members to attend the housing conference on 15th November.

Cllr Mullenger asked if EHDC were making representations over the proposed closure of the Grange maternity unit as this would have an impact on the rural area. Mrs Cartwright replied that it was only a temporary arrangement at the moment.

124/10 Minutes of the two meetings of 20th September 2010

The minutes of the special meeting held at 19.25hrs on 20th September, proposed by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Baker, were approved unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting held at 19.30hrs on 20th September, proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Mann, were approved unanimously.

125/10 – Matters Arising

125/10 i Appointment of representative to the Newman Collard Trust

There were no nominations.

Cllr Baker thought that LPC should look at the constraints on LPC representatives who became trustees.

The Chairman agreed that a thorough review was required but felt LPC needed to appoint a representative.

Cllr Mullenger said that LPC could appoint a member of the public & if a change to the Trust deed was required an application should be made to the Charity Commission.

Cllr P Payne said the position should be clarified with the Trust to see if they would welcome this but whoever the representative was they should be representing LPC.

126/10 – Schedule of payments – Main Account

Chq. No.		£
1527	Petty Cash reimbursement	100.00
1528	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	101.48
1529	Travis Perkins - grounds supplies	58.62
1530	U-Do DIY - office, grounds & Xmas costs	92.13
1531	Wiksteed Leisure - play equipment spares	18.77
1532	R C D Hoare - hedge cutting	311.97
1533	HCC - pension costs October	889.99
1534	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 7	1663.66
1535	White Rose - grounds & LCR fuel	127.93
Trf.	Salaries - month 7	4437.91
DD	Southern Electric - groundsman's store	18.57
DD	BT - Telephone account	153.49
DD	AOL -September	14.99
		7989.51

127/10 – Schedule of payments – Charities Account

Chq No.		£
713	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - replacement bin village hall	27.91
714	B Cleary - window cleaning	26.00
715	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss, Sept	63.04
716	U Do DIY - village hall costs	38.00
717	Ampella - village hall boiler repair	79.72
718	AS Electrics - new lighting in hall kitchen	586.09
719	HCC - pension costs October	194.34
720	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 7	84.01
Trf.	Salaries - month 7	672.71
DD	Southern Electric - Village Hall	233.43
		2005.25

128/10 Correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received and the following agreed:

- i. EHDC consultation on review of licensing policy – Cllr Mayo would prepare a response.
- ii. EHDC housing conference 15th November – Cllrs Mullenger, Linsley, Budden & P Payne to attend.
- iii. HCC annual parish reps. Meeting 6th November – Cllrs Mann & Linsley to attend.
- iv. Hants fire & Rescue consultation – Cllr Mullenger to prepare a response.
- v. CAB AGM 29th Oct – Cllr Wright be asked to report.
- vi. Notice of change to banking regulations for parish councils – The Clerk aired some reservations on the possible reduction of internal security.
- vii. HSALC – It was agreed that Cllrs Duckham & Linsley should vote on motions as they saw fit.
- viii. EHDC passenger transport forum – Cllr Budden to attend.
- ix. HCC winter services meeting. Mr A Grant was appointed to represent LPC at the meeting on 9th November.
- x. NCPF pond – Cllr Mullenger reported that he had received an email notifying of pond clearance work on 30th & 31st October & called for volunteers to help.

129/10 To consider a motion proposed by the Chairman

“Liss Parish Council resolves to task a skate facility Advisory Committee which will include a number of non-councillors. The council will immediately advertise, on its notice board, for members of the public willing to become members.

The Advisory Committee will undertake a full review which will include assessment of current requirements. The Advisory Committee will give consideration to previously considered sites as well as any sites suggested by the public in writing before the end of the year.

The Advisory Committee will use a weighted matrix to prepare an up to date assessment for the Council. The criteria & relevant weightings to be agreed by full Council. Full costings & sources of funds plus other relevant information will also be included. The Council will carry out comprehensive fresh public consultation on all sites identified as feasible by full Council. Properties within 150metres of a site will receive an information pack with regard to that site.

The bulk of the work will be undertaken by the Advisory Committee to minimise the burden on Council staff but all meetings will be minuted by Council staff.

A minimum of 7 full days notice of all meetings together with the agenda will be given to all Councillors & other members of the Advisory Committee & will be posted on the notice board in front of the village hall.”

The Chairman made the following statement to explain the motion:

“At the September Council meeting Councillor P. Payne proposed a motion which resulted in several additions and comments being proposed which I understood that he accepted. However there then was some confusion when councillors tried to actually word the amendments on the hoof and so the feeling was "that further work was necessary and that a motion should be presented to the October council meeting" after councillors had agreed that they should all "work on a revised motion."

After input from the vice chairman who had proposed some of the amendments to the September motion, and having considered the comments I had received from all but one of my fellow councillors when I spoke individually to them before the September meeting I drafted a possible motion to move us forward on this project to provide a skate / BMX facility for Liss.

I clearly understood that the objective at September Council was to have a motion that we could all agree was the correct motion to propose, one that covered the issues that Council wished to consider, one that showed a way forward on this issue. I emphasize that I did this as the servant of the Council.

Just over a week ago, in line with this wish, I circulated this motion to all councillors asking for comments and input before the deadline of Tuesday last week, then only four days away. Time was creeping up on us.

Since then I have received several responses and also discussed the issue, sometimes at length, with colleagues and others including four young skaters. In particular I have had, at Councillor Payne’s request, fairly lengthy conversations with both him and Councillor Mullenger.

Having received this input I have done my best to amend my motion to include additional points requested and I thank all councillors for their input. In some cases there is a difference of opinion - for instance on how much notice we should give to the public about meetings. In these cases I have supplied to fellow councillors a copy of the points that may need amending or deleting highlighted in italics. Of course this does not preclude us from making other amendments – especially if I haven’t responded correctly to a comment. I propose that we discuss each of these issues one at a time and as nominal proposer I will accept all changes according to the wish of colleagues present tonight.

I emphasize this is your motion which I have put after listening to your comments and in line with the wishes of September Council. I move the motion and ask for a seconder.”

Cllr M Payne seconded the motion.

Cllr P Payne said that the two motions on the agenda were interrelated & asked what the way forward was.

The Chairman replied that Members would discuss the first motion & vote on it then move to the second motion.

Cllr Budden said that the two motions were similar but different; if the first motion was passed then the second would fail.

The Chairman said that Standing Orders were clear on the process.

Cllr Mullenger said that the motions were not mutually exclusive. He felt that the first motion was too complicated & that the contents of paragraph 2 would take 6 months work; for this reason he could not support paragraph 2. He said that if that paragraph was removed then the two motions would not be mutually exclusive.

The Chairman said that LPC should step back & make sure the need was still there.

Cllr Mullenger said that LPC needed to target the user group & felt that the Village Voice was not the appropriate method.

Cllr P Payne said that the difference in the motions was that the second one starts from where the Council is now & evaluates new potential sites. The first motion starts the whole process again; LPC did not need to do that. The design was created by the users & provided what they wanted. Street style facilities were above ground & noisy, that is why the design was changed; therefore, he believed that motion one took LPC backwards. He said that each time a full review had been called for it had been voted down & asked Members not to throw away ten years of work.

Cllr Mann said that the second motion proposed evaluation of sites only & that maybe there would not be a feasible site. The first motion could be brought back if there was a feasible site.

Cllr P Payne agreed & urged Members to accept the second motion that would report back at the November meeting.

The Chairman said that he had tried to provide what the Council wished at the September meeting. He accepted that the motion was

lengthy & that there could be deletions but felt that it provided a framework.

Cllr P Payne asked who the Chairman had consulted in preparing the motion & added that his points had not been incorporated.

The Chairman replied that he had spoken at length to Members.

Cllr Mullenger said that there had been no significant changes following his conversation with the Chairman.

The Chairman said that Cllr P Payne had requested only that the motion be withdrawn & that there had been a major disagreement on one point.

Cllr Mann said that he had only expected one motion as Council had asked Cllr P Payne to review the position.

Cllr Duckham requested that the motion be put to Council.

Cllr M Payne said that the project had taken 10 years so far so another delay of 6 months was immaterial. He was against delay but was picking up vibes that the project should be closed. Perhaps an amended or different facility was needed.

Cllr Duckham said that motion two was for two different sites & if it was passed would come back to Council for approval of the project. He felt that motion one was too contentious, too long & would set LPC back. He repeated his request that the motion be put.

Cllr Logan said that she had not attended the September Council meeting but it did not appear from the minutes that a review or assessment had been requested or discussed or a part of any motion. She supported the second motion as per agenda item 13 & added that it would then be necessary to come back to Council to establish the process & need as suggested in the first motion.

Cllr Duckham moved that members vote on the motion as proposed by the Chairman & seconded by Cllr M Payne.

The motion was defeated with a vote of 8 against, 2 for & with 1 abstention.

130/10 To consider a motion proposed by Cllr P Payne

“This Council resolves to task a skate facility sub-committee made up of Parish Councillors to perform an investigation into the practicality of siting a skatebowl on West Liss recreation ground at a position suggested by some residents. This location is approximately the midpoint of the recreation ground, behind the football pitch. This council also resolves to similarly investigate a site proposed by ex-Councillor Mr Russell on the EHDC owned land adjacent to the Roundabouts in Mill Road. This motion is in line with the Council’s decisions to provide a skatebowl/bmx facility within Liss. A feasibility report to be provided to the next Council meeting.”

Cllr P Payne introduced & explained his motion.

Cllr Mullenger seconded the motion.

Cllr M Payne asked if there would be a sound survey at this point & Cllr P Payne replied there would not.

The Chairman asked Cllr Payne if he wished members of the public to be on the sub-committee & Cllr P Payne replied not at this point but accepted that they would be included at a later time.

Cllr Budden said that public notice of meetings was important & this was agreed.

Cllr Mayo asked who would chair the sub-committee & the Chairman replied it would be up to the sub-committee.

It was suggested that the public be invited to suggest any other appropriate sites & Cllr P Payne agreed that the motion be amended as follows:

“This Council resolves to task a skate facility sub-committee made up of Parish Councillors to perform an investigation into the practicality of siting a skatebowl on West Liss recreation ground at a position suggested by some residents. This location is approximately the midpoint of the recreation ground, behind the football pitch. This council also resolves to similarly investigate a site proposed by ex-Councillor Mr Russell on the EHDC owned land adjacent to Woodbourne Close in Mill Road & any other sites proposed by the public before the end of November 2010. This motion is in line with the Council’s decisions to provide a skatebowl/bmx facility within Liss. A feasibility report to be provided to the next Council meeting.”

Members then voted on the motion proposed by Cllr P Payne & seconded by Cllr Mullenger.

The motion was passed unanimously.

131/10 Report of the Highways Committee of 4th October

The minutes of the meeting of 4th October, proposed by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Mullenger, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Mann said that 6 grit bins, rather than the 10 requested, had been allocated to Liss by HCC.

Cllr Mann said that the committee had agreed to propose the purchase of speed reminder signs to the Finance Committee & explained the cost & technical aspects of the project.

Cllr Mullenger seconded the proposal subject to LPC paying the capital cost only & that redeployments be free of cost.

The motion to recommend the purchase speed reminder signs with LPC & volunteers effecting redeployments to the Finance Committee, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Mullenger, was passed unanimously.

132/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 11th October

The minutes of the meeting of 11th October, proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Logan, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Duckham reviewed the minutes & asked if Council agreed to the invite to the SDNPA to discuss how Liss could be developed & enhanced as a hub of the National Park & Members agreed.

133/10 Reports from outside bodies

HCC HAT meeting

Cllr McInnes had attended the meeting on 6th October & a report was tabled. Cllr McInnes noted that HAT had a fund of £30k so would be stretched to meet the six projects that they had.

NCPFT

Cllr Mullenger reported that the Trust were working on the 2011 Village Day & also pond clearance work as previously reported.

Village Voice

Cllr Logan reported that the deadline for the newsletter was imminent & that an article updating on the latest skatebowl position would be included.

Cllr Mann suggested that, if there was room, a skatebowl faq article might be of benefit.

The meeting was closed at 21.19hrs

Next meeting: Monday 15th November 19.30hrs

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 15th November 2010.

Members

*Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, *Mr J Duckham, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley, Mrs G Logan, *Mr N McInnes, *Mr L Mann, *Mr B Mayo, *RMullenger, *Mr M Payne, *Mr P Payne & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, District Councillor Mrs E Cartwright, 1 member of the press & approximately 10 members of the public.

Apologies: District Councillor Mrs J Onslow.

134/10 Declarations of interests

Cllr Mullenger declared a prejudicial interest on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from his position as a trustee on that organisation.

Cllr Halstead declared a personal interest in any budgetary matters that might relate to tennis club funding arising from her membership of the tennis club.

135/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman announced that SW Trains had confirmed the installation, in January, of a shelter on the down line platform. Cllr Budden & Mr Grant (Chairman LFRA) were thanked for their campaigning efforts.

The Chairman reported that there had been good turnouts for the Remembrance Day services & parade & thanked Members who had attended.

Members were reminded that the lighting up of the village Xmas trees would be on 3rd December & that the late night Xmas event was on 8th December.

The Chairman said that the Village Voice had now been distributed & thanked Members & volunteers who had helped with the distribution. He drew attention to the skatebowl article & reminded the meeting that suggestions for skatebowl locations could be submitted till 30th November. Included in the distribution was an appeal leaflet from the Crossover who were having their funding reduced by £14k.

Cllr Halstead informed Members that the Xmas trees were being erected on 3rd December & appealed for volunteers to assist with the work; she added that the carol singing would be at 6.30pm.

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

136/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr V Clarke reported that phase 1 of the Petersfield skatepark had been completed at a cost of £85k.

HCC had received no detail of the Government spending review for the next 4 years yet. It seemed that the reduction would be £144m over 4 years with an expected £38m for 2011/12. HCC anticipated staff reductions of 460 with 30 at senior management level & 130 at managerial level. There would be no increase in council tax for 2011/12. The County Councillor's devolved budget was reduced to £5k.

HCC had purchased 7 new gritting Lorries & had 18000 tons of salt in stock. Government guidance on individuals clearing footpaths was that they would not be liable so long as they acted reasonably.

Cllr P Payne raised concerns over press reports on the future of the Ham Barn Roundabout. Mr Clarke replied that the details were as received in a response from the Minister to a question put by Damien Hinds MP. Mr Hinds had stressed the importance of local consultation to the Minister.

137/10 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor Mrs Cartwright said that EHDC had held a seminar on budget cuts. At Cabinet the Town access Plan had been agreed; this included an assessment of travel & transport, road safety, walking & cycling. Petersfield was receiving localism funding from the SDNP. The Headley Wood burial site in Grayshott was progressing. There would be no referendum on the election of a mayor.

District Councillor Mrs Logan reported that the EHDC Community Forum had approved a grant of £5k towards the Liss Riverside Walk enhancement project. The Development Policy Panel had discussed the Eco Town master plan.

Cllr. Mullenger asked if the burial site at the sustainability centre was still operating & Mrs Cartwright replied that it was & that the Headley Wood site would be an additional facility.

138/10 Minutes of the meeting of 18th October 2010

The minutes of the meeting held of 18th October, proposed by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Baker, were approved unanimously.

139/10 – Matters Arising

139/10 i Community Forum grant for Riverside Walk enhancement

Cllr. Mullenger explained that the grant of £5k would be used for the installation of rustic style play equipment at the picnic area & the removal of trees at the disused railway platform as agreed at September Council. He explained that there were two elements to the tree removal, 6 trees to the front & some larger trees to the rear; these large trees were causing damage to the platform surface. He asked if Members felt that felling or pruning was appropriate.

Cllr. Mann asked if any of the trees had arboricultural value & Cllr. Mullenger replied that they did not.

Cllr. Baker felt that if they were not removed they would cause more problems in the future.

Cllr. Duckham asked if it was intended to grub out the roots & Cllr. Mullenger replied that it was not. Cllr. Duckham agreed with this course of action.

The Chairman asked if Members agreed to the removal of trees to the rear of the platform & Members agreed to the proposal.

139/10i i Skatebowl sub-committee report

The report of the meeting of 2nd November, proposed by Cllr Baker & seconded by Cllr P Payne, was approved.

The Chairman said that the timescale of reporting requirement for the sub-committee created difficulties; he congratulated Cllr. P Payne on what had been achieved.

Cllr. Budden asked if further action would be taken on other possible sites & Cllr. P Payne replied that it would.

Cllr. Budden said that West Liss recreation ground was a registered village green & felt that it should be recognised that there was a threat of legal action.

The Clerk said that this issue had arisen in the early days of the skate park project & that LPC had taken advice on the matter.

Cllr. Mullenger felt that the existence of a scout hut, a pavilion & play equipment installation were key issues.

The Clerk read out a letter received from the Open Space Society registering objection to the current proposals.

Members discussed the need to respond to the OSS letter & it was agreed to write & include reference to the previous legal advice received by LPC. This motion, proposed by Cllr. Mann & seconded by Cllr. Wright was agreed.

Cllr. Budden asked if the proposed closure method of using a chain at night, as intended at the Centenary Gardens site, would be used & Cllr. P Payne said that it had not been discussed yet.

Cllr. Budden asked who would be carrying out sub-soil & drainage tests & Cllr. P Payne said that it would be done by the possible contractor.

Cllr. Budden said that the project would need to go to tender & Cllr. P Payne said that would happen if the site was proved viable.

Cllr. Budden said that the proposed access footpath of chippings would not meet the requirements of the DDA. Cllr. P Payne replied that it might be possible to extend the existing footpath from the top of the field.

Cllr. Mann asked about the narrowing of the football pitch as mentioned in the report & Cllr. P Payne said that the pitch would remain within the requirements of the league.

Cllr. P Payne explained that two other sites, proposed by the public, had been considered but ruled out. The site at Mill Road was not feasible as it was within 30m of housing & the site at Riverside Walk was not appropriate as it was a local nature reserve.

Cllr. P Payne urged members of the public to put forward further ideas before the 30th November deadline.

The Chairman said that the sub-committee had been established for a one month period but said that more work was still needed; he proposed that it be extended till December Council. A motion to extend the existence of the skatebowl sub-committee till 20th December, proposed by Cllr. Baker & seconded by Cllr. Logan, was agreed.

140/10 – Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Duckham, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1536	Carnmeal - Xmas ribbon cost	19.39
1537	Altis Industries - LCR equipment repair	250.66
1538	U-Do DIY - grounds costs	7.41
1539	Travis Perkins - grounds supplies	235.38
1540	A Healey - copier costs	27.34
1541	Greenhouse Graphics - village voice costs	441.97
1542	White Rose - grounds fuel	102.78
1543	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF	43.15
1544	Audit Commission - 2009/10 accounts	669.75
1545	Centrewire - gate latches	215.03

1546	Viking Direct - stationery/postages	129.62
1547	Winchester Garden machinery - grounds costs	17.63
1548	Playdale Playgrounds - play equip. parts	349.19
1549	SMP Playgrounds - play equip. Parts	279.82
1550	HCC - pension costs November	889.99
1551	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 8	1622.36
Trf.	Salaries - month 8	4217.66
DD	AOL -September	14.99
		9534.12

141/10 – Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Baker & seconded by Cllr Mullenger, was approved:

Chq No.		£
721	WRVS Lunch Club - contribution to costs	150.00
722	B Cleary - window cleaning 10th Nov	52.00
723	U Do DIY - village hall costs	4.18
724	AS Electrics - call out cost	64.63
725	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss, Oct	50.43
726	HCC - pension costs November	194.34
727	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 8	84.21
Trf.	Salaries - month 8	672.51
		1272.30

142/10 Correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received and the following agreed:

- i. Letter from Open Space Society – This had been dealt with under matters arising.
- ii. Mr P Grove, email re skatebowl article in village voice – It was agreed that a response be sent explaining the constrictions on the use of developers’ contributions funds & the difference between capital & maintenance expenditure.
- iii. HCC proposals for future road safety councils – Cllr Mann would prepare a response.
- iv. HCC review of mobile libraries – Cllr McInnes would prepare a response.
- v. EHDC future arrangements for Community Forums – The Clerk would send a response supporting the proposals.
- vi. Queens Jubilee – It was noted that there would be public holidays on 4th & 5th June 2012.

143/10 Report of the Finance Committee of 1st November

The minutes of the meeting of 1st November, proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr M Payne, were unanimously approved. Cllr Mayo reviewed the minutes & explained that it was not possible to finalise a precept figure as certain information was not yet available. It was proposed to bring a final figure to Council in December.

Cllr Halstead reported that information from EHDC indicated that if tax billing authorities were able to freeze their tax increases then they would receive a special payment from Government; however, this reward was not available to parishes.

The Chairman felt that LPC might look out of line if four out of the five elements on the tax bill were frozen but not LPC’s charge. Cllr Mayo said that this was a personal view that had already been debated at Finance Committee & considered the Chairman to be out of order.

Cllr Mann felt that LPC should communicate its decision on the precept & the reasons to the residents, perhaps via the Village voice.

144/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 8th November

The minutes of the meeting of 8th November, proposed by Cllr Mullenger and seconded by Cllr Wright, were unanimously approved. Cllr Halstead said that there was disappointment with the Planning Inspector’s response to concerns over the Field View decision. Cllr Halstead explained that the committee’s response to the Whitegates application had been stalled by the failure of EHDC to post one document on their website. This had now been received & the application commented on.

The SDNPA had been invited to come & talk to LPC about developing Liss as a gateway/hub to the park; dates were awaited.

Cllr Halstead informed Members that the developers of Liss House would be coming to discuss the application on 22nd November at 10.30am.

145/10 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Budden had attended the AGM of parish Transport Representatives; there had been a presentation on bus services & on the Fareham to Gosport expressway. There was a lot of discussion on concessionary fares & a decision from HCC was expected within a week. It was anticipated that the scheme would offer the bare minimum.

Cllr Budden had attended the East Hants Passenger Forum; Stagecoach had explained that they judged each route on a profitability basis. There would be a new timetable from December & from February that adjusted to compensate for late bus running. Transport for the Eco Town had investigated 5 options for rail links with Bentley being the preferred link.

Cllr Budden had attended the Liss Greatham Sick Poor Fund meeting; Greatham had agreed to the proposed changes & the Fund may extend them to include Hawkley.

Cllr P Payne had attended EHDC's housing conference that was aimed mainly at affordable housing; it had covered exception sites.

Cllr Wright reported on the AGM of the CAB; it was the first year of combined operations. There were an increasing number of clients & the main issues were benefits, debts, employment issues & housing. Liss had 243 clients.

Members agreed an extension of the meeting by no more than 30 minutes.

Cllr Mullenger reported that the NCPF pond clearance works were on 21st & invited all volunteers.

Cllr P Payne asked what the procedure for claiming skatebowl expenditure on the Centenary Garden site from the NCPFT was. The Chairman said that a motion would be required. Cllr Mullenger felt that it was better obtained via other things such as car park repairs.

Cllr Mayo felt that LPC should request the cost of the sound survey, other matters were under the SLA. Cllr Mann felt that LPC should rise above this & not claim from NCPFT.

Cllr Duckham had attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Coryton Alms Houses where a donation to the Liss Greatham Sick Poor fund was considered.

Cllr P Payne had also attended the Coryton Trustees meeting

Cllr Mann reported that, with the Clerk, he had visited Bramshott & Liphook Pc to discuss the possibility of entering an agreement to share the speed repeater signs that they were purchasing. They will consider the arrangement at their Highways meeting in January.

Cllr Halstead reported that the Community Centre had grave concerns over loss of grants. The art exhibition had been a great success; the annual quiz would be on 19th March.

Cllr Halstead had attended the AGM of HALC; there was only one motion considered, this was proposed by Ropley & requested pressure to be put on Ministers on the inequalities of planning laws in respect of gypsies.

The Clerk reported that he had attended a Clerks' conference at EHDC. Topics covered included financial consequences of Govt. Policies, the forthcoming local elections, quality status & communication issues.

The Chairman had attended the transport meetings & the housing conference already reported on. He had also attended the HALC AGM & reported that subscriptions would be increased by 8% for 2011/12.

The meeting was closed at 21.45hrs

Next meeting: Monday 20th December 2010 19.30hrs

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place on 20th December 2010.

Members

*Mr G Baker, *Mr K Budden, Mr J Duckham, *Mrs S Halstead, *Mr H Linsley (Chairman), *Mrs G Logan, Mr N McInnes, *Mr L Mann, *Mr B Mayo, *RMullenger, *Mr M Payne, Mr P Payne & *Ms A Wright.

* Present

Clerk: R Bowery.

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke & two member of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Duckham, Mc'Innes & P Payne, District Councillors Mrs Cartwright & Mrs Onslow.

146/10 Declarations of interests

Cllr Mullenger declared a prejudicial interest on any matters relating to the NCPF Trust arising from his position as a trustee on that organisation.

Cllr Halstead declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Newman Collard Tennis Club arising from her membership of that club.

147/10 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman thanked all Members as well as others who had been involved in the organisation of the village Xmas event; he felt that it had been a great success & very well attended.

The Chairman then made a presentation of a framed print on behalf of the Council to Mr John Meader in recognition of his dedication & commitment to the Liss Riverside Railway Walk over a long period.

Mr Meader thanked the Council & said that he felt the award was really due to the many people who had worked on the walk over the seventeen & a half years of the Conservation Volunteers existence. The Chairman said that Mr Meader had led the Volunteers well & inspired them.

There was no adjournment for public participation.

148/10 Report of County Councillor

County Councillor Mr V Clarke reported that Government funding of HCC had been cut by 14.3% compared to a national average of 10%. HCC would be cutting costs by £30.9m on 2011/12 & £19.0m in 2012/13 without reducing frontline services. One difficulty was the need to find £1.7m necessary for funding concessionary fares.

In respect of the bad weather conditions HCC had concentrated in clearing town centre pathways in order to help local businesses at this critical time of year.

Stock levels of salt & grit were now back to the levels of last winter; HCC had bid for 5000 tons from the national reserve & also ordered commercially.

Cllr Halstead asked Cllr Clarke who needed to be informed of anomalies in bus service timetables that affected concessionary fare travellers & Cllr Clarke replied that he would take them & pass them on.

Cllr Budden added that Liss users would be affected on the service 73 which only ran on one day per week at 9.10am & concessionary fares were only valid from 9.30am. The independent bus operator was economically reliant on this service & 90% of users were concessionary fares.

Cllr M Payne asked if HCC had on-line access to what were priority road routes & Cllr Clarke said the details were on Hantsweb.

149/10 Report of District Councillor

Cllr Logan reported that EHDC had received a 32% cut in the Government settlement despite assurance that it would be no more than 8.9% would be cut from "revenue spending power." Of the cut £1.1m was removed in order to fund planning for the SDNP; this was contrary to the treatment of the New Forest National Park. EHDC would be lobbying Government over this.

EHDC Council had agreed the way forward for the Local Development Plan & affected agencies would be consulted. Also, the Whitehill/Bordon master Plan had been accepted.

Cllr Mann asked if the SDNP would be refunding planning costs to EHDC & Cllr Logan replied that this was anticipated.

150/10 Minutes of the meeting of 15th November 2010

The minutes of the meeting held of 15th November, proposed by Cllr Mullenger and seconded by Cllr Mann, were approved unanimously.

151/10 – Matters Arising

151/10i – Precept 2011/12

Cllr Mayo explained that papers for the 2011/12 budget had been circulated following final revisions. It was now proposed that Liss set a precept of £143553 that gave a zero percentage increase per Band D dwelling.

Cllr Mann asked if this was achieved because of an increase in the number of dwellings & Cllr Mayo replied that it was.

Cllr Wright asked if the number of dwellings had been confirmed as final. The Clerk replied that the number used was what was going to EHDC Council & was unlikely to alter.

The Chairman explained that the EHDC system of taking up any variances in budgeted precepts & actual collections.

Cllr Mayo, seconded by Cllr Halstead, proposed that LPC set a precept of £143553 for the 2011/12 financial year & Members agreed unanimously.

151/10i i - Meeting with SDNP on Gateway to Park

Cllr Halstead asked if the SDNP had responded to the invitation to meet to discuss possible development of Liss as a gateway to the Park & the Clerk replied that no response had been received yet.

151/10iii – Skatebowl sub-committee

The Chairman explained that there had been difficulties organizing a meeting over the past weeks & that the Xmas holiday period would also create problems: he therefore proposed that the sub-committee be given an extension till the January meeting. Cllr Baker seconded the motion & members approved unanimously.

151/10iv – Hants Fire & Rescue consultation

Cllr Mullenger reported that he had responded on-line to the consultation document as agreed at November Council.

152/10 – Schedule of payments – Main Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the main account, proposed by Cllr Baker & seconded by Cllr Logan, was approved:

Chq. No.		£
1552	Jade News - Xmas event costs	91.59
1553	A Grant - mileage to HCC winter services seminar	33.05
1554	Coomers - LCR costs	28.20
1555	J Starling - print for presentation	45.00
1556	Petty cash reimbursement	100.00
1557	Royal British Legion - wreath cost	40.00
1558	J Meader - Xmas event costs	12.00
1559	U-Do DIY - Xmas event, grounds & office costs	97.65
1560	Viking Direct - stationery/postages	148.10
1561	Travis Perkins - Xmas event costs	36.50
1562	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins NCPF Nov	43.15
1563	Alpha Graphics - Xmas event costs	184.48
1564	Centrewire Ltd - delivery of play equip spares	17.63
1565	Zurich Insurance - Xmas event costs	73.50
1566	Winchester Garden Machinery - LCR costs	13.44
1567	HCC - pension costs December	1142.80
1568	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 9	2164.03
Trf.	Salaries - month 9	4855.59
-	White Rose - LCR costs less deposit refund.	-43.90
DD	BT - telephone account	196.85
DD	AOL -November	14.99
		9294.65

Cllr Mann asked what the payment to Jade news was for & the Clerk explained that this was for LED candles & hats for the Xmas event.

Cllr Baker asked what the credit from White Rose garage was for & the Clerk replied that this was for fuel less a refund of the account

deposit following the closure of White Rose.

153/10 – Schedule of payments – Charities Account

The following schedule of payments drawn on the charities account, proposed by Cllr Mann & seconded by Cllr Baker, was approved:

Chq No.		£
728	Jongor - hire of hob	47.00
729	Cancelled	
730	Jongor - hire of hob	94.00
731	U-Do DIY - West Liss & Hall repairs	15.57
732	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd - refuse bins West Liss, Nov	50.43
733	N J Berriman - West Liss repairs	58.75
734	AS Electrics - Village Hall repairs	176.25
735	S E Water - Allotments & Village Hall	681.04
736	HCC - pension costs December	230.97
737	Post Office Ltd - tax & NI month 9	138.36
738	B Cleary - window cleaning 22/12/10	26.00
739	Ampella Ltd - call out, hall boiler	47.00
Trf.	Salaries - month 9	770.19
DD	Southern Electric - West Liss	58.94
		2394.50

154/10 Correspondence

A schedule of the main correspondence received and the following agreed:

- i. Consultation from Government on proposed changes to planning fees in England – It was agreed that Cllr Halstead & the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council. Cllr Halstead detailed the questions to be answered & Councillors discussed & agreed the responses.
- ii. The proposed Arun & Rother rivers trust – A letter had been received explaining the proposal; the Clerk had responded indicating that LPC would be interested in attending the initial meeting.
- iii. EHDC Community Forum – It was agreed that Cllr Mullenger would attend & support the LPC application for use of developers' contributions for Riverside Walk enhancements.
- iv. A letter of thanks to residents had been received from a Mr Milton in respect of assistance given when his vehicle broke down in the inclement weather. This had been passed to the local press.

155/10 Report of the Buildings Committee of 29th November

The minutes of the meeting of 29th¹ November, proposed by Cllr Mayo and seconded by Cllr Budden, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Baker informed the meeting that, at long last, the kitchen ovens had been repaired; an action plan for immediate essential repairs to West Liss pavilion had been agreed prior to the nursery school letting.

Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Mann, proposed the creation of an advisory committee to investigate the options for the replacement of the West Liss pavilion. The committee would be open to all Councillors as well as co-opted members of the public with relevant skills to the project. The motion was carried unanimously.

156/10 Report of the Grounds Committee of 8th November

The minutes of the meeting of 29th¹ November, proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Logan, were unanimously approved.

Cllr Mullenger said that a plan for the replacement of the buffer at the entrance to the Riverside Walk had been agreed & thanked Mr Grant & the Assistant Clerk for the work they had put in to the project. Cllr Mullenger, seconded by Cllr Baker, moved that the concrete buffer be demolished & replaced by a buffer & section of rails donated by the MOD. Members agreed unanimously.

Cllr Mullenger explained that LAHS had requested that the rubble from the demolition be used to restore an old footpath; he had investigated & held doubts that the rubble would not be suitable.

157/10 Report of the Planning Committee of 6th December

The minutes of the meeting of 6th December, proposed by Cllr Halstead and seconded by Cllr Mullenger, with an amendment to reflect the attendance of Cllr Mann were unanimously approved.

Cllr Halstead said she had attended the EHDC workshop on amendments to the on-line planning system; she explained that a number of further improvements had been suggested which would be followed up prior to launching the new system.
Cllr Logan said that there were two Certificate of Lawfulness applications to be considered in January & that evidence on usage at the locations was required.

158/10 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Halstead had attended a HALC meeting where changes to the code of conduct were discussed. She also reported that the EHAPTC meeting had been cancelled due to the inclement weather conditions.

Cllr M Payne reporting on the George Street Trust said that additional donations to the Crossover were being considered.

Cllr Mullenger said that the NCPFT meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather; however, some pond clearance work had been carried out as scheduled.

Cllr Mullenger had attended a meeting on the proposed Shipwrights Way; conflict of use was an issue to be considered.

The Chairman had attended a festive tea at the invite of Whitehill & Bordon TC.

The Chairman wished all Members a merry Xmas & a happy new year.

The meeting was closed at 21.16hrs

Next meeting: Monday 17th January 2011 19.30hrs

Notes on Public Participation 20th December 2010

There was no period of public participation.