

Tweet Away!!

Did you know that Liss Parish Council is now on Twitter? You can follow **@LissCouncil** for the latest information on meetings and other news, including the Neighbourhood Plan.

The council would also like to hear from you if you have any ideas for what else we should Tweet about - so get in touch **@LissCouncil** with your suggestions!

Liss Heart Trust defibrillators now in place

Liss now has four public access defibrillators after discussion between the Parish Council, the Liss Heart Charity Trust and the Triangle Centre.



The PADs are located at

- Tesco Express, 5-7 Lower Mead, Hillbrow Road, GU33 7RL
- St Mary's Church, Station Road, GU33 7AQ
- Newman Collard Pavilion, Hillbrow Road, GU33 7LE
- The Temple Inn, 82 Forest Road, Liss Forest, GU33 7BP

A PAD is intended to be used following cardiac arrest, indicated by lack of breathing or erratic breathing. The use of defibrillators is not an alternative to CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation by chest compression), and the two should be carried out in tandem.

After cardiac arrest every second counts. Following an event dial 999 and commence CPR. Keep going and send another person to collect a defibrillator. The above locations are shown on the Parish Council noticeboards, but work is underway with the South Central Ambulance Service to allow them when answering a 999 call to advise which location to visit.

Do not be afraid to use this equipment. From opening the unit clear spoken instructions are given throughout the defibrillation process. The unit is self-diagnosing and once the sensor are attached it will not proceed to defibrillation by "shock" unless this is necessary.

Finally, any liability would be covered by the ambulance service and not the user.

Parish Council Meetings 2015

	Time	January	February	March	April	May	June
Council	7.30pm	19	16	16	20	18	15
Planning	7.30pm	12	9	9	7	5	1 & 29
Highways	7.30pm	26			13		
Buildings	7.00pm			2			8
Grounds	7.45pm			2			8
Finance	7.30pm		2		27		



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WE'RE OFF! The Neighbourhood Plan Gets Going And its time for you to get involved

A Steering Group has been set up by the Parish Council to organise the preparation of the Liss Neighbourhood Plan. This plan will join the South Downs National Park Local Plan and will decide the future of Liss.

Sir John Dunt will chair the group. He has lived in the village for over 30 years. Other members are local residents who have volunteered and who have



been chosen to reflect all sections of the community. They are: Phil Deacon, Stephen Mannerings, Roger Mullenger, Michael Oakley, Charmian Porton, Dan Steer & Adam Tither. Parish Council members are Sue Halstead, Roger Hargreaves and Angela Wright. The group may co-opt others as necessary.

We are holding another
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM

at 10am on Saturday 14th February in the Village Hall, Hillbrow Road. Do come along, find out what's happening, and join one of the working groups we are setting up, or simply have your say.

If you cannot make the Forum, but still want to get involved, or have a say then let the Steering Group know. The easiest way is to email our administrator on lissneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com or give your contact details to the Parish Clerk (01730 892823), or drop a note into the Parish Office behind the Village Hall.

Village Bus Services

Hampshire County Council have ceased funding for the 38 Bus Service from Petersfield to Alton on Saturdays.

Many thanks to everyone who has signed the petition against this decision

The Chairman of the Parish Council is currently engaged in discussions with the County Council, EHDC and the National Park and it is hoped that a replacement 16 seater mini bus service will be in action soon.



Meeting on flooding called at 7pm Tuesday 17th February in the Village Hall. Hampshire County Council and others- come along if you might be prepared to volunteer to be a Flood Warden for your road

SMELL THE FLOWERS

“Liss in Bloom” - the organisation which managed flower beds in the centre of the village ceased to exist a few years ago.

Liss Horticultural Society worked last autumn to clear the shrub bed in front of the station. In Liss Forest the Residents' Association maintains their excellent seasonal floral displays. Elsewhere one or two stalwart volunteers do their best to maintain basic planting and pruning.



Liss now needs a new generation of green fingered residents to create more floral interest and colour throughout the village.

Would you like to help?

Could “Liss in Bloom” be revived?

Don't delay, if you would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office 01730 892823 (or email lissparish@aol.com)

MORE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The bulk of the work is expected to be undertaken during 2015. Many volunteers came forward at the launch exhibition and followup meeting last year. But the Steering Group wants to involve as many people as possible.



But the Steering Group needs your help. The Chairman has made a very clear commitment that:

“Throughout the preparation of the Plan we want to ensure all residents have opportunities to make their views known. The involvement of our young people through the schools and youth organisations will be vital. The future of Liss is theirs.”

Why bother? Because Liss must take its share of the development, particularly to meet the affordable housing needs of local people. Having our own plan will give us a much bigger say in deciding where and what type of development will take place. The plan will need to take account of infrastructure, the local economy, community facilities, and most importantly the protection of the beautiful countryside which surrounds us.

NEW STREET LIGHTING

The new street lights have now been installed throughout the village and additional street lights installed in some areas.

We have had requests for an additional light on the footpath between the Inwood Road estate and Hill Brow Road and we are currently in negotiations with East Hampshire District Council to see how these could be achieved

If a new streetlight results in unwanted light in your bedrooms, please email hampshirepf@ssecontracting.com who will arrange to fit a free shield to the lamp.



73 BUS SERVICE ENDS

The 73 bus service operated by Wheel-Drive on Wednesdays to Bordon and Petersfield has been discontinued due to recent spending cuts by HCC.

However, the good news is that it is now possible to get to Bordon any day Monday to Friday by taking the 38 bus service to Greatham and then catching the EC3 bus service to Bordon.

We are currently negotiating with the operators of the EC3 service to ensure there is sufficient time for passengers to change buses.

To find out more on how you can get involved with the neighbourhood plan please contact us on 01730 892823 or visit our website at www.lissneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

FLOODING IN LISS Volunteers needed to help

Liss Parish Council needs volunteers from the village to come forward to help establish a flood defence network

On a bright but cold Tuesday morning at the end of December, 12 residents met Cllr Mike Kendall near The Mill on Mill Road to show him the problems experienced the previous winter. They walked for 2 hours along the Riverside Walk to Liss Station and the Riverside Surgery and then back, examining various parts of the River Rother and its streams and tributaries.



“It's quite clear” he said “that there are many points at which the main river and the various culverts and streams that feed into it, can get blocked by branches, natural debris and rubbish dumped by unthinking passers-by. Once blocked, any heavy rainfall will cause water to back up, and the flood-meadows around the river will not cope. Residents suffered terribly last year, and we must try everything we can to avoid the same thing happening in the future.”

At a meeting of the Parish Council Cllr Mike Kendall pointed out that the public agencies principally responsible for flood defence (Hampshire County Council and the Environment Agency) would only be able to cater for major centres of population where flooding was worst. Smaller rural communities like Liss, would have to rely on self help, at least during the early stages of an emergency. It was essential therefore for volunteers to come forward.

“We are not looking for people to put in long hours of work”, he said. “This is about building a network to ensure early warnings are heard around the village, vulnerable people are identified and assisted, and preventative measures are taken before emergencies arise. The parish council has only limited resources but is determined to do what it can to support volunteers in this initiative.”

Hampshire County Council have confirmed that no technical analysis of the causes of flooding of the River Rother has taken place. The assumption has to be that the river would flood again if last year's exceptional rainfall were repeated.

Volunteers are asked to contact the Parish Council office with offers of assistance, on 01730 892823” (or email lissparish@aol.com)



West Liss Pavilion Update

The pavilion on the West Liss Recreation Ground is at the end of its life. It cannot be used for much longer, which is a real problem for those using the recreation ground, the Scouts and others who use the building.

The Parish Council has been looking for the best design and layout for the location that we can afford. The Council have now agreed to proceed on the basis shown in the mockup above.

The proposal is slightly nearer Station Road and slightly further up the field than previously considered, to save money on foundations (because of soil tests we have had carried out) and to save money on providing temporary accommodation during construction for Scouts and other groups; the existing huts have been made wind and weathertight and will remain during construction.

The Council are going through a pre-application process, and would like to mount an exhibition for the whole community of mockups, site plans, floor plans and other drawings.

We will then go through a re-tendering process following the comprehensive review of the specification we are doing, to enable taxpayers to get maximum value for money.

Once a revised planning application is approved and we have completed fund-raising, a comprehensive report will go to the Parish Council on costs and affordability.

The Parish Council is also committed to continuing the use of the field for fairs and other such events. We have the usual conditions about the ground not being too wet etc (in order to protect the playing pitch).

We will discuss with the highway authority whether alternative accesses to the field might be feasible, rather than through a new car park for the Pavilion.