



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 17th June 2019.

Members

*Mr R Hargreaves (Chairman), *Mr K Budden, *Mr D Dodds, Ms C Edwards, *Mr I James, Mr D Jerrard, *Mr H Linsley, *Mrs L McDonald, *Mr A Smith, and Mr N Wilson

* Present

Also present: County Councillor (CC) Russell Oppenheimer

Clerk: Assistant Parish Clerk, F Cook

100/19 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Edwards, Jerrard and Wilson.

101/19 Declarations of interests

None declared at this point.

102/19 Chairman's announcements

1. The Chairman noted the passing of Jim Duckham who had been Chairman of the Council from 2001 to 2005. The meeting stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect. Cllrs Budden and Linsley then spoke of their memories of Mr Duckham and, in particular, his willingness to help and provision of sage advice. Members expressed their condolences to his family.
2. The Chairman informed the meeting that two quotes were awaited for the repair of the village hall and that some users had been moved to the Pavilion as the kitchen is not usable. He confirmed that the police had been informed and provided with all the information available but noted that the police have other priorities at present.
3. The Chairman reminded the meeting that there are three vacancies for councillors and that he would ask the Clerk to advertise for new councillors to be co-opted. Concern was expressed to encourage applications from members of underrepresented groups. The Clerk was asked to consider this when preparing the advertisement. **Action: Clerk**
4. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Spread Eagle Pub had been booked for 24 July for a Retiring Councillors event. He asked that if any current members had suggestions for guest invitations to let the office know.

103/19 Adjournment for public participation

There being no members of the public the meeting was not adjourned for public participation.

104/19 Report from County Councillor

CC Russell Oppenheimer had submitted a written report (**Annex A**).

1. Cllr James asked when the climate Action Plan would be in place, who would oversee it and enquired as to whether it was being prepared by an independent body. CC Oppenheimer responded that it was planned to be in place in six months but this was not set in stone as the plan must be robust and achievable. He stated that oversight was still being discussed but would form part of the plan. He further informed the meeting that Hampshire 2050 Commission had recently produced a report part of which relates to Climate Change and that their findings would be considered when preparing the action plan.
2. Cllr James also expressed concern that not all roads have pavements and so children cannot walk to school or to the station to go by train to school. CC Oppenheimer confirmed that he had sympathy for those in this position but stated that

HCC has no budget for new pavements and that HCC's priority must be vulnerable people. Cllr Budden and the Chairman noted that people often object to additional pavements because of the "urbanisation" of the village.

Cllr McDonald expressed concern at the introduction of charges for residents with vans/commercial vehicles at Civic Amenity sites as firstly for some families they only have a van and no car and so they are being penalised and secondly it may result in an increase in fly tipping.

CC Oppenheimer confirmed that others had raised these points. He confirmed that HCC has evidence that tonnage of fly tipping has reduced and that it is being monitored and noted that when changes come in there will always be a small minority that are disadvantaged. He confirmed that he would ask that the effectiveness of the charging scheme be monitored for 12 months and the results circulated.

3. Cllr McDonald supported the Bee Line initiative and stated that she had previously had communications with EHDC regarding the timings of their verge cuttings which negatively impacted on local wildlife as well as on the character of the rural surroundings. CC Oppenheimer confirmed that there is a classification system for verges and that some are only cut once a year but that others are cut more often usually for safety reasons.

4. Cllr Linsley noted that the licence system at the Civic Amenity Site meant that residents in West Sussex could not use the Petersfield Civic Amenity Site even though it might be much nearer than the one in their county. He stated that as recycling was for the good of the planet surely it was also for the good of the planet that people use the recycling / amenity site closest to them.

CC Oppenheimer stated that HCC had attempted to put in place reciprocal agreements with neighbouring Councils but the neighbouring Councils did not wish to do so. HCC decided that it should not be subsidising other County's residents at the cost of HCC residents.

105/19 Reports from District Councillors

DC Oppenheimer advised that a meeting had been arranged for 27th June for him and DC Budden to meet with the police inspector to discuss anti-social behaviour in Liss with a view to securing an increased police presence in Liss.

DC Budden informed the meeting:-

1. that EHDC were aware of an issue with Biffa collections and that a financial penalty would be imposed if the poor performance continued
2. that EHDC was carrying out a restructuring of its committees and standards panel and some minor amendments to its constitution
3. that all new members of the Planning Committee at EDHC had undertaken initial training
4. that some areas had put a hold on development following information from Natural England about levels of nitrates in the Solent.

106/19 Minutes of the meeting of 20th May 2019

Cllr James noted his name had been omitted from the Finance Committee.

Subject to this amendment, IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting of 20th May 2019 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Linsley, with all in favour).

107/19 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered under one of the other agenda items.

CC Oppenheimer left the meeting at this point.

108/19 Responsible Finance Officer's Report

Cllr Smith declared an interest.

Cllr McDonald enquired about the £144,000 "repayment in error" item and Cllr Budden explained that LPC had received two precept payments instead of one and so this was a refund of the second payment.

Cllr McDonald also enquired about "Business Stream" and the Chairman informed the meeting that

this was the name of the business which collects payments for Southern Water.

Resolved: That the payments and receipts recorded in Responsible Finance Officer's Report be approved (proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr McDonald, with all in favour).

109/19 Correspondence

Correspondence for response:-

1. The Chairman informed the meeting that a further applicant had come forward for consideration as appointee to the SDNPA. The applicant's CV was considered and following discussion it was proposed (by Cllr Linsley) and seconded (by Cllr Budden) that LPC support Doug Jones' application which was supported by all Councillors except Cllr Dodds who abstained, commenting that it was very late in the day for a second candidate to come forward.
2. The Chairman noted Cllr Budden's invitation to the Civic Sunday on 14th July and asked members to respond both to Cllr Budden and the Clerk.
3. The Chairman informed the meeting that six bags of compost and a cheque for £50 had been received from Liss Horticultural Society as a donation to the Liss in Bloom project. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Liss Horticultural Society.

Action: Clerk

Correspondence for noting:-

4. Cllr Dodds informed the meeting that a CIL application had been made for the village hall toilets and Cllr Budden suggested making an application anyway for S106 monies as if monies were received the CIL application could be withdrawn. The Chairman confirmed he would speak to the Clerk about making the application. **Action: Chairman / Clerk**
5. It was also suggested that an application could be made for drain improvements at Newman Collard by LPC or by NCPFT. **Action: Clerk**
6. Cllr Linsley informed the meeting that the next EHAPTC meeting is on 26th June 2019 and encouraged members to attend.
7. Cllr McDonald asked what the excess was on the village hall insurance policy and the Assistant Clerk confirmed she would circulate this information. **Action: Assistant Clerk**
8. Cllr Linsley asked if the Rake Village Hall could apply for funds from EHDC and Cllr Smith confirmed that they could provided the works were being carried out within the EHDC area. Cllr Budden noted that the funding from Biffa could cover the cost of the equipment and funding from EHDC the VAT element.

All other items of correspondence were for information only and would remain in the office for viewing until the date of the next council meeting.

110/19 Planning Report

Cllr Budden informed the meeting that there were two items to note:-

1. Enforcement action was being taken regarding 71B Station Road which should be used as car parking and has been fitted out to be used as a shop.
2. Puddleducks nursery has submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspector although insufficient information has been submitted so far for the application to be validated.

Cllr McDonald asked about 71A Station Road and Cllr Budden confirmed that permission had been refused and it was being referred to enforcement but there was the added complication that there is now a tenant in residence in the flat.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Planning Committee of 3rd June 2019 be noted.

111/19 Highways Committee Report

Cllr Smith asked that this report be deferred until the next meeting as the minutes had not yet been circulated.

Cllr James noted that CC Oppenheimer was shown as being co-opted to the Highways Committee on the revised 2019-20 Committee Membership document circulated. Cllr Smith confirmed that CC Oppenheimer had not yet been co-opted so this was probably an error and that the possible co-option be voted on at the next Highways Committee Meeting.

112/19 Review Committee Report

Cllr McDonald informed the meeting that the CCTV policy had not been agreed as there were some queries on it but that the other new and amended policies have been agreed and will be circulated before the next Council meeting.

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Review Committee of 10th June 2019 be noted.

Cllr McDonald informed the meeting that the committee only has four members and it would be useful to have another member. It was agreed that the Clerk be instructed to formally seek nominations for another member of the Review Committee. **Action: Clerk**

113/19 Motion by the Chairman

Following discussion it was noted that Councillors who are no longer members should be removed from the bank mandate and that Cllr Smith had asked not to be included on the bank mandate.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Dodds and supported by a unanimous vote.

114/19 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

1. NCPFT: It was noted that Cllr Linsley had already been nominated. The Chairman informed the meeting that Brian Mayo had expressed an interest in being nominated if there were insufficient councillors to fill the positions. Cllrs James and McDonald expressed an interest and following further discussion it was agreed that Cllr James would be nominated and that the Clerk would discuss the possibility of moving the meeting day in which case Cllr McDonald would be nominated and possibly Brian Mayo could be an independent representative. However if the day could not be changed then Brian Mayo would be nominated by LPC. **Action: Clerk**

2. Flood Action Group: The Chairman agreed to fill this position.

3. LFRA: The Chairman noted that it would be helpful if a Councillor were a representative or an existing member of LFRA could be co-opted as a Councillor. The Chairman informed the meeting that he would sound out possibilities. **Action: Chairman**

115/19 Matters of concern

1. Cllr Dodds enquired about feedback on the Christmas Fair meeting. Cllr Linsley said that he would do this under the next agenda item.

116/19 Reports on Outside Bodies

1. Cllr McDonald informed the meeting that the Dorothea and Mary Cole Foundation had been deregulated as a charity and that she will arrange a meeting with Francis MacNamara to go through all the available information.

2. Cllr Linsley informed the meeting that Newman Collard was breaking even again after the loss of Puddleducks Nursery but was still advertising for users.

3. Cllr Linsley informed the meeting that he attended an inconclusive meeting regarding the village Christmas Fair at the Triangle Centre. The Chairman informed the meeting that he would speak to the Clerk and to Karen at the Triangle to see how things can proceed. **Action: Chairman**

4. The Assistant Clerk read out the email received from Maureen Keel providing an update on the George Street Trust.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05 hrs.

Next meeting: Monday 15th July 2019 at 19.30hrs

Signed:.....Dated:.....

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT
TO
ALL PARISH COUNCILS
IN PETERSFIELD HANGERS**

1 JUNE 2019

1. HCC Leadership and District Council elections

At our AGM on Friday 17 May 2019, Hampshire County Council elected a new leader, Cllr Keith Mans. A former MP and a former RAF pilot, Keith Mans represents the County Division of Brockenhurst in the New Forest. The Deputy Leader is Cllr Rob Humby and the new Chairman is Cllr Charles Choudhary.

For the next year I shall continue as Chairman of the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee. Deputy Leader Rob Humby retains his Transport and Environment portfolio.

I was honoured to be elected to East Hampshire District Council on 2 May, representing Liss. I am looking forward to helping to build closer working links between HCC and EHDC, especially on transport and environment issues.

2. Climate Change Cabinet

In response to public concern, the new Cabinet at HCC will hold a special Cabinet Meeting to discuss climate change. Deputations will be heard from many Councillors, residents and experts. This will be an opportunity to consider carbon reduction targets across Hampshire from schools, farms, traffic and transport through to waste and recycling.

Hampshire County Council has a good record on the environment. We have pioneered electric vehicles in our fleet and installed electric charging points across Hampshire. We have invested in cycling infrastructure, Country Parks and countryside access. We have dimmed streetlights to reduce carbon emissions. We have successfully improved air quality through highways schemes. We realise we need to go further. We therefore want to build on our strong environmental record and the special Cabinet meeting will be a chance to consider future interventions.

3. New permit scheme for vans using HWRCs

From 1 June 2019, Hampshire residents will need a permit to use a van, pick-up or trailer longer than 1.8m to transport their own household waste for disposal. The permit will cost £15 and will be valid for 12 months or 12 visits, and provides access for vans and larger vehicles at any of the 24 HWRCs across Hampshire.

Separate arrangements are in place at Hampshire's HWRCs for traders and businesses to dispose of commercial waste on a chargeable basis, depending on the scale and type of waste. All HWRCs have an accessible parking bay for blue badge holders. Blue badge holders will also now require a permit if they wish to use a larger commercial-type vehicle for their household waste.

Residents wishing to apply for a permit can do so at: www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/wastepermits

4. Surface dressing underway on Hampshire's roads

If you are like me, you may have wondered why loose chippings are sometimes applied to road surfaces along with a temporary 20mph sign.

This is called “surface dressing” and it is carried out when the weather is warmer and drier. Like applying a lick of protective paint to a garden fence to prolong its life, surface dressing helps protect road surfaces against the elements. It provides a waterproof seal to help prevent the formation of potholes and restores any lost skid resistance.

Surface dressing keeps roads in good condition for longer, and that means our resources can be directed to fully resurface the roads that need it most. It is also more sustainable, reducing demand upon non-sustainable resources such as bitumen and aggregate and protects the road for around 10 years.

The thin layer of new stone chippings is essential to the success of the dressing. They improve skid resistance and also reduce the risk of aquaplaning and therefore potential accidents. We put up advisory signs to remind drivers to slow down to avoid damage to their cars (and to others) when a road has just been treated. We go back to sweep the loose chippings as soon as possible after treatment, before the road markings are repainted.

5. “Bee Lines” campaign to help save the bees

A campaign has been launched to create a haven for pollinators in the South Downs National Park and help reverse the decline of bees in the South East.

The South Downs National Park Trust, the official charity for the National Park, is bidding to raise £75,000 to help restore flower-rich habitats that will protect bees and other important pollinators and allow them to thrive.

The campaign, called Bee Lines, will work with farmers and other landowners to create new wildflower corridors – essentially a “road system” for insects – that will link habitats and encourage pollination. Through its fundraising, the Trust hopes to create new wildflower corridors across the National Park.

As part of the campaign, people are also being encouraged to support pollinators in their gardens and public spaces through initiatives such as planting wildflowers and creating a “Bee B&B”, a cheap but perfect home for the insects.

For a step-by-step guide on how make a Bee B&B, made from a plastic bottle and hollow bamboo sticks, for your garden, visit www.southdowns.gov.uk/make-a-beehouse

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