



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 18th November 2019.

Members

*Mr R Hargreaves (Chairman), Mrs S. Baldwin, *Mr K Budden, *Mr D Dodds, *s C Edwards, Mr I James, Mr D Jerrard, *Mrs M. Knibbs, *Mr H Linsley, *Mrs L McDonald, Mr A Smith, *Mrs C. Williams and *Mr N Wilson

* Present

Clerk: S. Smith, in addition to County and District Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the new councillors.

185/19 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Baldwin, Edwards, James, Jerrard and Smith.

186/19 Declarations of interests

None declared at this point.

187/19 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman advised that the new Assistant Clerk, Lizzy Keeling, had commenced in post on 4th November.

188/19 Adjournment for public participation

There were no members of the public present.

189/19 Report from County Councillor

CC Russell Oppenheimer had submitted a written report (**Annex A**). This was noted by Members. Cllr Oppenheimer added that Operation Resilience would shortly be undertaking Footway Reconstruction works on Barnside Way and Rushfield Road, Liss, from the junction with Andlers Ash Road to the end of the Cul-de-sac.

190/19 Reports from District Councillors

DC Budden reported that:

- i. EHDC were considering a motion for a restriction on fireworks to allow only 'quiet' fireworks, excluding organised displays;
- ii. Local school children would be visiting EHDC this week to take part in various activities to learn about the work of their local borough council;
- iii. The new waste collection contract with Norse had settled into place with fewer bins being missed.

Cllr McDonald enquired about the start time as it appeared quite early in the day and may be disruptive. Cllr Budden advised the collections started at 7am.

Cllr Dodds requested a report back following the TAG Farnborough Press Release by Damian Hinds.

191/19 Minutes of the meeting of 21st October 2019

Resolved: That, subject to a couple of minor amendments, the minutes of the Council Meeting of

21st October 2019 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr Wilson, with all in favour).

192/19 Matters Arising

135/19: The Clerk advised that no date had yet been received for the installation of the bollards at the entrance to the Riverside walk (Clerk's Note: This has now been confirmed as w/c 25th November).

The Clerk advised that the works to the Lych Gate were also expected to take place in the coming few weeks.

193/19 Responsible Finance Officer's Report

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

194/19 Correspondence

Correspondence for response:

- i. SDNPA consultation on the proposed Article 4 Direction – Cllr Budden advised that the Planning Committee of 28th October had considered this and agreed to strongly support the proposals (Clerk's Note: The LPC consultation response has now been submitted);
- ii. RVS letter regarding Village Hall oven – Members noted the issues RVS were experiencing with the oven and agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss. The Chairman would respond accordingly;
- iii. The forthcoming EHAPT&C meeting on 20th November (open to all Council Members to attend) would include the s106 Process, the Code of Conduct, feedback from the HALC AGM, SDNPA Parking Issues and Review of the Parish Charter.

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.

195/19 Report of the Facilities Committee of 23rd September 2019

The Chairman of the Facilities Committee highlighted the following developments since the meeting:

- i. A small working group had met to consider possible use of the Groundsman's Hut by the Men's Shed Initiative. The Men's Shed would formulate proposals for consideration by Facilities Committee and ultimately Council. The Chairman highlighted that Council had previously agreed to consider all possible options for making use of any surplus capacity of the Hut once the requirements of the Groundsman for the Hut had been established;
- ii. A meeting had taken place with the NCPFT to commence review of the Service Level Agreement. A further meeting would take place in the new year;
- iii. A meeting with Steve Peach, HCC, had taken place on the Pollinator Project to explore options;
- iv. The clearance of an area of Newman Collard adjacent to Old School Road had been undertaken under the Lengthsman's Scheme and therefore funds would not be sought in the budget after all.

The Chairman noted the need for clearance of the Groundsman's Hut. A quote had been received for two skips for the sum of £421. Members agreed that the Clerk should apply for funds from the Councillor Community Grant Scheme (Clerk's Note: The funds have been agreed).

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Facilities Committee of 23rd September 2019 be noted.

196/19 Report of the Planning Committee of 28th October 2019

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee of 28th October 2019 be noted.

Resolved: That Cllr Williams be co-opted to the Planning Committee, proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr McDonald with all in favour.

197/19 Prioritisation for CIL funding

Members considered a paper circulated by the Chairman (**Annex B**) on CIL priorities for the 75%

of CIL held by the SDNPA and highlighted the following:

- i. That, of the 10 projects submitted by Liss Parish Council, new Village Hall toilets had been included as a spending priority in the SDNPA Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2019;
- ii. A further four had been listed as a high priority but not yet attracted immediate funding – Members noted that the drainage project was being pursued under s106 environmental funds;
- iii. The deadline for the next round of bids for the SDNPA Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2020 was 31st January 2020.

Members agreed that the Facilities Chairman and the Clerk should develop a revised bid for West Liss Play and Recreation Equipment.

The Chairman highlighted the need for a method of prioritisation which included public consultation on priorities for the 25% of CIL funds which come directly to LPC. A significant sum would be forthcoming from the Andlers Ash development in the near future. Members agreed that a new Committee would be appropriate. The Chairman would draft Terms of Reference.

Cllr Oppenheimer left the meeting at this point.

198/19 Timing of Council Meetings

The Chairman clarified that the motion was in relation to the start time of Full Council meetings only and not meetings of Committees currently subject to Resolution 134/19.

Resolved: That in accord with Standing Order 5.3 the Council adopts 7pm as the start time for the annual meeting of Council and as the usual start time for other meetings of the Council (proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Budden with 1 vote against and one abstention).

199/19 Pocket Park Initiative

Resolved: That Liss Parish Council develops a funding application to the Government's Pocket Park initiative before 31st December 2019, to enable a Pocket Park to be established (in conjunction with EHDC) on the pocket of land between the Roundabouts/Woodbourne Close and the Oval. The application will be for a maximum of £15,000 subject to 30% match funding from funds held by EHDC (proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Dodds with one abstention).

200/19 Extension to meeting

Members agreed an extension to the meeting of no more than 30 minutes (proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Budden with all in favour).

201/19 Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Cllrs McDonald and Linsley had attended the HALC AGM on 9th November and highlighted an item on sharing of best practise at which an app was identified as a possible suitable option for a village diary.

Cllr Linsley had attended a meeting of the NCPFT at which user licenses were being considered. He had also attended a meeting of the Coryton Alms.

Cllr Wilson had attended a further meeting on preparation for the Christmas Fair and advised that the Risk Assessment prepared by the lead organiser had identified a potential risk to children crossing from Tescos to the Whistle Stop Car Park during the event. He proposed that an application be made for funds from the Councillor Community Grant Scheme for the sum of £245 to purchase four 'Slow – Children' Crossing signs. Members agreed. (Clerk's Note: The funds have been agreed).

Cllr Budden advised that he had attended the Friendship Fund AGM.

202/19 Matters of concern from councillors

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.47 hrs.

Next meeting: Monday 16th December 2019 at 19hrs

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

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

1 NOVEMBER 2019

1. Mobile phone coverage receives funding boost

On 25 October 2019 the Government announced that it has agreed a £1bn plan with the UK's four main mobile phone companies to create a "shared rural network" which should banish areas of poor network coverage in rural areas. The agreement is badly needed to address our own "not-spots" and is the outcome of years of pressure from rural local authorities including HCC and local business groups. The plan should provide a practical route to secure 95% 4G coverage by 2025. The four networks plan to contribute a total of £530m with the government supporting this with another £500m once the deal is finalised in the New Year. This is welcome news but we will need to keep up the pressure a little longer to make sure that the promised improvements are delivered.

2. Hampshire signs Mental Health concordat

Hampshire County Council has announced that it is the latest signatory to Public Health England's campaign to improve the nation's mental wellbeing. This is known as the **Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health** initiative. By becoming a signatory, organisations commit to developing an action plan to prevent mental ill health and promote wellbeing locally. The Hampshire action plan will build on some of the comprehensive work already being undertaken to support Hampshire residents with their mental wellbeing. This includes:

- The Hampshire County Council and Hampshire and IoW Clinical Commissioning Group's commissioned mental wellbeing centres;
- Leading on the co-ordination and delivery of a Hampshire-wide Men's Health Project;
- Funding community training sessions delivered by the Samaritans to help manage suicidal conversations;
- Training for front-line workers by mental health charity Mind to give them the skills and confidence to talk about mental health with the public.

3. New round of Pocket Parks funding announced

On 27 October 2019 the Government announced a new round of funding for pocket parks. Grants of up to £15,000 are available for new pocket parks from a total fund of £1.35m. Applications must be supported by a Local Authority who can apply to the fund on behalf of Parish Councils.

Pocket parks are considered to be small areas of inviting public green space where people can relax, exercise, socialise and play. They must be openly accessible for the communities they will serve, and ideally offer open access for anyone wishing to use them. The formal definition of a Pocket Park is:

“a piece of land of up to 0.4 hectares (many are around 0.02 hectares, the size of a tennis court) which may already be under grass but which is unused, undeveloped or derelict”.

They can be both natural and more formal in character (and perhaps ideally a blend of both) on the basis that they either will provide a green open space that also offers habitat opportunities and opportunities for people to connect with nature. The prospectus can be found at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pocket-parks-helping-communities-transform-unloved-neglected-or-derelict-areas-into-new-green-spaces>

4. Hampshire Rural Forum

The Hampshire Rural Forum brings together people with an interest in rural Hampshire. It was re-established in June 2016 and already has 54 organisations, groups and individuals signed up as members. The Forum works to raise awareness and understanding of rural issues and find solutions. The Forum is open to anyone with an interest in rural Hampshire – simply email joanna.dixon@actionhampshire.org to be added to the Forum’s mailing list.

The next “Hot Topic Discussion” from the HRF is about “Putting the rural into Hampshire’s Local Industrial Strategy”. It takes place from 11.00 -13.00 on Tuesday 12 November at South Wonston Village Hall. The Enterprise M3 LEP is working with Central Government to produce a Local Industrial Strategy for Hampshire - visions for clean growth, inclusive prosperity and productivity for Hampshire (and Surrey).

The rural perspective is critical to the success of these strategies which is why Hampshire Rural Forum has organised this session. This is a great opportunity for us all to contribute, share and discuss our ideas with representatives of the LEPs. Please let Jo Dixon know at the above email address if you would like to attend.

5. South Downs National Park Rangers: Keeping rural crafts alive

Keeping traditional rural crafts alive is key to conserving our cultural heritage. In the case of hedgelaying it can be of immense benefit to wildlife too. The South Downs National Park Authority’s **Western Area Ranger Team**, along with the Western area Volunteer Ranger Service and two work experience students have spent the last week and a half creating a new 100m long hedge at Hatchmoor Farm which is between Liss and Hawkley.



Stems of Hawthorn, Blackthorn and coppiced Hazel were ‘pleached’ – a hedgelaying term to describe a partial cut made through the base of the stem. This then allows the stem ‘pleacher’ to be bent over, whilst still attached, to form a low dense living hedge that acts as a stockproof barrier and a safe haven for birds and small mammals.

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER
County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers

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Liss Parish Council Meeting 18 November 2019
Agenda Item 12
Prioritisation for CIL Funding - for discussion

Background

a. Section 106 money

1. Under Planning legislation developers provide funding for infrastructure and service provision in two ways. The older system, known as Section 106 payments, is where the developer agrees with the Planning Authority at the time of applying for planning permission to make payments for specified uses. These may be very specific to the development, or more general, say, for any transport use. It is for the Planning Authority to spend the money and if not spent within five years the developer can claim back the money.
2. The SDNPA is holding the following S.106 money to be spent on the following areas in Liss:

Environmental Improvements	£7,201
Public Open Space	£6,365
Transport	£91,000
3. Expenditure for Environmental Improvements which the SDNPA is likely to support include further work on drainage at Newman Collard Playing Field which already has received some S106 funding. The SDNPA is also likely to support using the Public Open Space on equipment on the Riverside Walk which again would complete previous work. These two sums have to be spent fairly soon and the Facilities Committee will need to consider a bid from the Parish Council for these monies before approval by the Council.
4. Transport expenditure is potentially open ended, and there is less urgency on the use of the money, and the Highways Committee is considering the use of S106 money as part of its current work on highway and transport improvements in the village before approval by the Council.

b. The Community Infrastructure Levy

5. Section 106 payments can still exist in certain circumstances but generally money for services and infrastructure is now collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy. Housing development has to pay a levy to the Planning Authority, which is based on the floorspace of each dwelling given planning permission, apart from Affordable Housing, which is exempt. In this area the SDNPA has set the levy at £150 for each square metre of floorspace. In Liss 75% of the money collected goes into a general fund held by the SDNPA which can be spent anywhere in the Park (although they give a large part of this to the various County Councils in the Park for expenditure on transportation).
6. The remaining 25% goes directly to the Parish Council, because we have prepared a neighbourhood plan. We have wide freedom on the sorts of infrastructure and services we spend the money, although we have to inform the SDNPA and should publicly consult on our priorities. Up to the end of 2018/19 the Parish Council has received £6,281.20 which was spent on fitting out the Pavilion, but potentially there are several hundred thousand pounds which will come to the Parish Council as the development planned under the Neighbourhood Plan gets built.

Setting CIL priorities first time around

7. The Parish Council has to decide what it wants to spend its share of the CIL on, but also we can put forward proposals for inclusion in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan prepared by SDNPA, and therefore to be funded from the 75% of CIL money held by the SDNPA.
8. To do this in 2017 the Council worked up a prioritised schedule of schemes which potentially could be funded from CIL. The first schedule was produced on the back of work undertaken for the Neighbourhood Plan and had input from all individual councillors and the committees and outside organisations. In July 2017 the SDNPA asked for bids for inclusion in their Infrastructure Delivery Plan, to be submitted by 29 September. The Council agreed a schedule of priorities at its meeting on 18 September 2017 from which 10 priority projects were submitted to the SDNPA.

9. The projects submitted to the SDNPA in 2017 were:

- Drainage Improvements, Newman Collard Playing Field
- Flood Alleviation, River Rother
- Highway Improvements
- Improvements to the Triangle Community Centre
- New Street Furniture
- New toilets for the Village Hall
- Provision of Petangue Court, Liss Forest
- Purchase of land to address shortage of open space
- The Liss Pavilion
- Undergrounding of utility services in the Liss Centre Conservation Area

To which was subsequently added:

- West Liss Play and Recreation equipment

10. The SDNPA has made decisions on priorities for its Infrastructure Delivery Plan at its Planning Committee meeting on 14 November 2019. Included in the top 20 of its list of high policy priorities for funding from its share of CIL is:

- Upstream of Liss – Natural Flood Management Project
by Arun and Rother River Trust £25,000
- Liss Triangle Centre - rain cover and dampproofing £18,275
- Liss Village Hall - new toilets £15,000

11. These priorities are agreed in principle but they are subject to the Director of Planning be assured over the practicalities, competence and timing of each project.

Also, still included in the high policy priority list of projects, but not attracting immediate funding, are:

- Drainage at Newman Collard Playing Field
- West Liss Play and Recreation equipment
- New Street Furniture
- Petangue Court

The next round of setting priorities

12. Having approved the current list of priorities the SDNPA is about to issue a call for further bids for inclusion in their Infrastructure Delivery Plan. We will have about four months in which to

respond. The Council therefore has to decide how to produce an updated list of priority projects and also arrangements for consultation with the community on that list. The list does not have to be limited to projects which will be implemented by the Council.

13. We have the work underway on the draft Action Plan for 2020/21, the work by the Highways Committee on highway and transportation projects, and the Facilities Committee on the West Liss Play and Recreation Equipment. Not surprisingly, this work builds on priorities already identified, albeit they need more shape to be put on them, and need to be subject to consultation. There is, however, the opportunity to look beyond the provision of hard infrastructure and consider funding for community projects, many of which may be better delivered by other groups rather than the Council itself.
14. The new Infrastructure Delivery Plan considered by the SDNPA Planning Committee on 14 September gives guidance on priorities and it is clear that when bidding to the SDNPA we should take account of such factors as the urgency of projects, the degree management plan, and the involvement of partners and matched funding. The SDNPA does give priority to areas which have allocated development, including Liss.
15. All the committees need to contribute but there may be merit in establishing a small working group of, say, 3 people, to coordinate work on a new set of priorities, including seeking views from the community, prior to the full Council agreeing a new set.

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November 2019