



## **LISS PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7pm on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### Members

\*Mr R Hargreaves (Chairman), \*Mrs S. Baldwin, \*Mr K Budden, \*Mr D Dodds, Mrs 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 and three members of the public.

### 01/20 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Edwards and Knibbs.

### 02/20 Declarations of interests

None declared at this point.

### 03/20 Chairman's announcements

There were no announcements to be made.

### 04/20 Adjournment for public participation

Brian Mayo and John Starling were in attendance to provide a short presentation on behalf of the Flood Action Group (FAG). Mr Mayo advised that the Liss Flood Action Group were seeking a sum of around £4,500 from LPC towards further scoping studies by the Arun and River Rother Trust (AART). This followed earlier contributions by LPC towards an Environment Agency approved consultant's study and the AART scoping study which led to a successful CIL bid for £25,000 in 2019 for Natural Flood Prevention measures on the upper reaches of the Western Rother. The FAG were now requesting a contribution towards further scoping studies on the three tributaries to the Rother.

The Chairman advised that, given the budget was on the agenda for approval later in the meeting with a decision required to meet the EHDC deadline for precept figures, this request was a little late for consideration. Members were interested to hear about the long-term plan and strategy for the work. The Chairman invited the FAG to give a full presentation at Council in February/March, following which other possible avenues of funding could be considered as deemed appropriate. The Clerk would circulate the full report by the AART to Members.

### 05/20 Presentation of Liss Life Event by Peter Coley

Peter Coley distributed 'Save the date' cards for the event which would take place 28-31 May 2020. He outlined the draft programme for the festival style event which would include a children's holiday club, activities and workshops, music and dance evenings and a hog roast.

Mr Coley requested any assistance in advertising the event and also requested that any volunteers who would like to assist in the preparation of running of the event to contact directly (contact details available via the LPC Office). He thanked LPC for all its good work.

The three members of the public left the meeting at this point.

### **06/20 Report from County Councillor**

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

Members enquired about the new requirement for Hampshire residents to register their vehicles to be able to use the Household Waste and Recycling Centres from April 2020. Members highlighted the need for increased publicity on the issue.

Cllr Oppenheimer advised he would not be able to attend the next meeting of Council in February and so took the opportunity to highlight the forthcoming consultation on library services. This would likely result in reduced opening hours and/or closures to give rise to financial savings. Cllr Oppenheimer noted that Hampshire benefitted from more libraries per Hampshire resident. He would share the consultation link so that LPC could submit a response in due course.

### **07/20 Reports from District Councillors**

DC Budden reported that:

- a) He had opened the new Alton Sports Centre last weekend which had been a very successful event to celebrate the great new facility;
- b) EHDC Full Council had just approved a Homeless Prevention Strategy and was considering the policy with regards to Council Tax exemptions on empty properties;

DC Oppenheimer reported that:

- c) He had attended a trustees' meeting at the Triangle and had provided an EHDC cllr grant towards the refurbishment;
- d) The withdrawal of the Mell's House planning application was positive in terms of upholding the Liss Parish Plan. Members requested sight of the relevant letter.

Cllr Smith requested a future update on waste and recycling expansion given that Hampshire does not recycle as widely as other counties.

### **08/20 Minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Resolved:** That, subject to a couple of minor amendments, the minutes of the Council Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be accepted as a correct record (proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr McDonald, with one abstention and the remaining Members in favour).

### **09/20 Matters Arising**

198/19: Cllr Linsley expressed concerns regarding the resolution on the revised start time of Council meetings as he felt he had not fully understood the proposal. The Chairman concluded a valid decision was made by a clear majority of those voting and present and so the resolution still stood.

192/19: Cllr Dodds advised that work to renovate the Lych Gate, funded by the SDNPA s106 funds, was well underway and would be completed shortly.

197/19: Cllr Dodds advised that the revised bid for West Liss Recreation and Leisure Facilities would be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> January deadline.

199/19: Cllr Dodds advised that the Pocket Park application had been submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> December deadline. As the land currently belongs to EHDC, Cllr Dodds noted the need to return to the options regarding land ownership as outlined in a paper presented to November Council. This was important to allow the work to start in February if the bid was successful, as the project requirement was to complete works by the end of March. Members agreed that a clear-cut situation on ownership would be desirable but felt some clarity was required on a few issues in order to make a final decision. Members agreed to delegate the decision to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairman of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of Facilities.

DC & CC Russell Oppenheimer left the meeting at this point.

### **10/20 Responsible Finance Officer's Report**

**Resolved:** That the payments and receipts recorded in Responsible Finance Officer's Report be approved, subject to further information from the RFO on petty cash payments and any subsequent queries raised by Members (proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Linsley, with all in favour).

### **11/20 Correspondence**

Correspondence for response:

- i) Nomination request for the Royal Garden Party (past Parish Council Chairmen who had not previously attended were eligible) – Following consultation via e-mail, given the deadline of 17/01/20, it had been agreed that Roger Mullenger (Chairman of LPC 2007-2010) would be nominated;
- ii) HCC Operation Resilience request to remove tree at Princes Bridge allotments to facilitate access for drainage works required – Members approved the request. Further discussion would take place on an appropriate site for planting of four trees to compensate for the overall tree loss arising from the works;
- iii) Scouts request to put up a sign at the Liss Pavilion – Members approved the request but highlighted that siting of the sign would need to wait until works at the site, including reinstating the pavement at the site, were complete.

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.

### **12/20 20/21 Budget Proposals**

**Resolved:** That Liss Parish Council agrees to adopt a budget for the Financial Year 2020/2021 to be funded by a precept of £218,208 (proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr Jerrard with all in favour).

Members agreed to return to the budget figures following further clarification from the Responsible Finance Officer.

### **13/20 Internal Audit Report**

The Chairman highlighted that the Internal Audit Report had concluded that the control procedures in operation are adequate to meet the needs of Liss Parish Council except where recommendations had been made in the report. The Chairman noted that the recommendations would be remitted to the Finance Committee for monitoring.

### **14/20 Approval for Project Delivery**

**Resolved:** That Liss Parish Council agrees to:

- a) Undertake necessary improvement works to the play equipment at the Riverside Walk picnic area, for the sum of £6,365, following a successful application for SDNPA s106 funds; and
- b) Commission the reinstatement of the pavement outside the new Liss Pavilion under the HCC Community Funded Initiative Scheme and install an accessible path from that pavement through the car park to the Pavilion, to be funded by diverting the sum of £779.87 remaining from funds already allocated for the installation of two courtesy crossings in West Liss, plus an additional £10,217.13, following approval by SDNPA and a successful application for s106 funds.

The motion was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Dodds with all in favour.

### **15/20 Funding of Village Hall sewer repair**

**Resolved:** That Liss Parish Council agrees to the release of £2,470 from the general reserve to pay for the recent sewer repair at the Village Hall (proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Wilson and with all in favour).

### **16/20 Meeting Extension**

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

### **17/20 Terms of Reference for new Projects Review Group**

**Resolved:** That Liss Parish Council adopts the proposed Terms of Reference for a Projects Review Group as considered at the Council meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (Minute 197/19 refers)

(proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Linsley and with all in favour).

The Chairman highlighted that the Terms of Reference would likely develop further as the group establishes itself. Cllr McDonald noted the need for the committee to reflect diversity.

**18/20 Committee Reports**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 19<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 be noted.

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Planning Committee of 25<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 be noted.

Cllr Budden advised that following enquires it had been established that the Chinese Massage business on Station Road did require a retrospective planning application for change of use as well as a licence. Both issues were being pursued by EHDC.

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Facilities Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 be noted.

Cllr Wilson enquired as to when the proposals from the Men’s Shed would be considered. Cllr Dodds advised that detailed proposals would be considered by the Facilities Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Cllr McDonald enquired about consultation on the proposals for leisure facilities at West Liss Recreation Ground. Cllr Dodds advised that it had always been the intention that consultation would take place on the detail following a successful initial bid.

**19/20 Appointments to Committees**

**Resolved:** That Cllr Baldwin be appointed to the Highways and Planning Committees, that Cllr Williams be appointed to the Finance and Review Committees and the Cllr Wilson be appointed to the Highways Committee.

**20/20 Reports of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Cllr Wilson noted that the Triangle were still looking for a new Chairman. It was agreed that LPC would assist in adverting the post if an advert for the post could be provided. Cllr Wilson also raised the issue of the LPC position on promoting areas of green space given that the Triangle had not been offered the area of green space to the front with the transfer of the building title from HCC. Members noted the ownership of the War Memorial was uncertain. The Chairman advised that the LPC position of acquiring areas of green space would be considered on a case by case basis and noted that no approach had been made to LPC on the issue.

Cllr McDonald advised the Wood and Cole Fund would likely be registered and operational again in the near future.

**21/20 Matters of concern from councillors**

No issues were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.29 hrs.

Next meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 19hrs

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

# COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT TO ALL PARISH COUNCILS IN PETERSFIELD HANGERS

## 3 JANUARY 2020

### 1. A New Year, a new form of civil partnership

The law around civil partnerships changed on 31 December 2019. For the first time, a man and a woman can now legally enter into the same form of civil partnership as same sex couples.

Opposite sex couples can give their notice of intent to form a civil partnership by contacting the Hampshire Ceremonies team (part of the HCC Registration Service) which conducts weddings and civil partnership ceremonies.

Welcoming the change in national legislation, Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Keith Mans, said: “This new legislation is an historic development because since 2004, civil partnerships have been exclusive to same sex partners. In 2014, legislation was passed allowing same sex marriage. Now, for the first time, both same sex and opposite sex couples have more choice about how they wish to officially mark the lifelong commitment they’re making to one another.

“Our dedicated team of Registrars are delighted to be on hand to help couples make their partnership plans and support them during this very special time in their lives.”

### 2. Registration now open for continued free access to HWRCs

A new resident permit system will begin operating in April 2020. It will be controlled by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and will ensure continued free access for Hampshire residents to any of Hampshire’s 24 HWRCs to dispose of household waste, while access for non-Hampshire residents will be for a fee of £5 per visit. Charges for non-household waste, including soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos remain.

Hampshire residents can register up to three vehicles via the Hampshire County Council website. The system will quickly check the registration of the cars coming into the site against the number plates that have been registered so that Hampshire residents can freely enter the sites as many times as they wish, without any further checks.

The introduction of this system will allow those living outside Hampshire to continue to use Hampshire HWRCs while making a contribution towards the costs of disposal of their household waste in Hampshire.

Hampshire residents should register for free access to any Hampshire HWRC at [www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc)

Hampshire residents who already hold a van or trailer permit do not need to re-register that particular vehicle. For residents without internet access, please call 0300 555 1389 to register.

### 3. Positive results from fly-tipping campaign

Newly released national figures show that the amount of fly-tipped waste on public land in Hampshire fell by 25 per cent between 2017/18 and 2018/19 and the number of reported incidents on public land fell by 4 per cent in the same time.

These positive results demonstrate that our collaborative approach with our partner organisations is working. Together, we're sending out a clear message that fly-tipping will not be tolerated in Hampshire. Our focus has been on ensuring that those committing fly-tipping crimes are vigorously pursued, while at the same time running a campaign to highlight how everyone has a part to play by checking their household or business waste is being taken away by a waste carrier legally licenced to do so.

We have also been working on ways to make it easier for people to report fly-tipping incidences. HCC has recently been involved with the design of a new app – ClearWaste, which does just that. ClearWaste has been set up by a local Hampshire business and directs reports of fly-tipping to the district council that covers that area - ensuring the report goes to the right place. It also promotes licenced waste carriers and those who are accredited by Hampshire County Council's "Buy With Confidence" scheme - directing residents and businesses to trusted traders they can employ for house or office clearances.

Everyone has a legal duty of care to ensure that any waste from their household or business is disposed of correctly, reducing the risk of rubbish being dumped illegally. Failure to do this could result in an unlimited fine, if waste ends up fly tipped.

### 4. Hampshire Futures: "Inspiring ambition, supporting success"

I would like to raise awareness of an important service provided by HCC called Hampshire Futures.

Hampshire Futures is part of Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department and provides help for young people aged 16-24 who are not in education, employment or training. It has a range of programmes introducing learners to different vocational areas. In addition to achieving a recognised qualification, learners have the opportunity to gain confidence, build self-esteem and develop personal skills.

The programmes are delivered by a team of experienced tutors and pastoral staff, and learners are supported throughout. Each individual has their learning needs assessed and is supported with English, maths, ICT and employability skills as appropriate.

The Hampshire Futures team can then help young people to look and apply for jobs and apprenticeships and support them with application forms and CV's. The team will keep in touch once participants have found something to make sure everything is OK. Young people in Hampshire who may wish to know more can contact Hampshire Futures by phoning 01962 846193.

Finally, it is also worth mentioning that a £900,000 pilot scheme was launched by HCC on 23 December 2019 to create more apprenticeship opportunities in the County. The funding – a transfer from the County Council’s Apprenticeship levy - is being made available to help fund new apprenticeships until 31 March 2021. It will be targeted at small and medium enterprises, public bodies such as local councils and the emergency services, academy schools, health and social care providers and construction companies. To find out more and apply for a Levy Transfer, you can email [apprenticeships@hants.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@hants.gov.uk)

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