

LISS PARISH
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
20th March 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 20th March 2019 when 9 members of the Parish Council, County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, District Councillor Mike Kendall and 17 parishioners attended.

Mr Roger Hargreaves, Chairman of the Parish Council, presided.

Also in attendance was the Parish Clerk Mrs Sarah Smith.

Apologies were received from Councillors Dodds, Jerrard, Linsley, Mayo, Smith District Councillor Laetitia Pienaar and it was noted that Cllr O'Malley was due to arrive later in the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF THE GOOD VILLAGER AWARD 2020

The Chairman had great pleasure in presenting the Good Villager Award to Mrs Ros Humphreys who received the trophy for all of her work in the community.

Ros Humphreys was nominated as Villager of the Year in recognition of the numerous and varied voluntary roles that she has undertaken in and for the community of Liss.

- Ros is a willing and active Volunteer and Friend of the Triangle Centre – including fund raising activities such as quiz nights, firms and afternoon teas as well as serving in the coffee bar;
- She volunteers regularly for the RVS Luncheon Club – cooking, serving, clearing up;
- She helps at Rother House games afternoon – organising, baking, taking part;
- She has helped decorate the village Christmas trees for many years;
- Ros has also worked to keep Liss Forest looking vibrant by replanting and tidying the Liss Forest flower beds and also on the social side by helping with the very successful Liss Forest Fun Day.

It is with great pleasure that Liss Parish Council has decided to award this trophy to Ros to recognise her varied and valuable contributed to village life.

Ros accepted the award and acknowledged the contribution of all the volunteers who work with her in Liss and do so much.

The Chairman took the opportunity to make a special acknowledgement of the contribution of Ray Betwsorth to Liss who sadly passed away on 13th March. Ray Betwsorth was a respected member of the community. He undertook the role of Village Agent on behalf of Age Concern Hampshire and his contributions to Liss were enduring and varied in their nature. Members agreed he would be missed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 21ST MARCH 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 15th March 2017 had been circulated. Proposed by Mr Neasom and seconded by Mr Kendall, they were agreed and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

THE LISS PAVILION PROJECT

The Chairman provided the following report:

The Pavilion has been the biggest single project undertaken by this Council in many years. As I am sure you know, we are building it on the West Liss Recreation ground, replacing an older pavilion and a scout hut which had come to the end of their useful life. The Pavilion will provide changing facilities for the recreation ground, and room for the Liss Scouts, but also a hall, kitchen, a smaller room and toilets to provide much needed facilities for community uses as the village expands

The construction is nearly complete, and current work is on decoration and fitting out, and on the car park. The whole project should be complete by around the middle of April, and we hope to have an Open Day on 26 and 27 April for everyone to come and see. We would like a formal opening of the Pavilion to follow shortly and are trying to agree a date for someone to take on the opening.

We have been publicising the Pavilion through notices, our web site and social media, but we will be shortly distributing a new edition of Village Voice which will tell everyone about the Pavilion and will be emailing organisations and individuals who might be interested in using the Pavilion. If there is anyone here at this meeting who is interested please contact Sarah Smith, the Parish Clerk, in the Parish Office behind this Village Hall.

The Budget

The project is costing just under £750,000, including construction costs, services, architects' fees, and the costs of fitting out the building. We had money from grants, developer contributions and our own reserves, covering about a third of the cost, but borrowed £500,000 from the public works loan board.

That is a big commitment, which has to be paid back over 25 years from our Council Tax precept. So, in March last year we held a consultation with Council Tax payers through a leaflet distributed throughout the village. 68% of those responding supported taking out a loan, and paying for it through the Council Tax. The public works loan board was satisfied that that was a reasonable consultation.

Costs on the project so far have kept within 1% of the original estimate. Additional costs have come from costs on providing services, and particularly from the costs of fitting out. Some of these are costs which we had not planned for, such as the sound system and monitor, but also we have increased the specification on the kitchen, by, for example providing a range for cooking, and better tables and chairs. We feel these facilities will make the Pavilion more attractive for some potential users and the cost will be recovered over time.

Use of the Pavilion

We are very pleased with the final design and the facilities which are being provided, and believe that the Pavilion will be a significant asset to the Village. Of course, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and we will wait to see how it is used before judging its success and whether it is value for money. Nevertheless, even though we still have further publicity to do, we are already receiving firm enquiries and have some bookings. Interest includes groups wanting to use the Pavilion for regular sessions, but others wanting to use it for parties and social gatherings, including a firm enquiry about using it for a wedding.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been another successful year for the Parish Council but not without difficulties. Each year the Council commits itself to delivering an Action Plan and we stand to be judged by that. The plan for 2018/19 is attached to this report.

The Liss Pavilion

I have outlined earlier the work on building the Liss Pavilion. Next month it will be completed. It has been a significant achievement, and planning, building and paying for it has required a huge effort by the Council, particularly the members of the Pavilion Development Committee. Of course, the question is, has it been worth it? Soon, everyone can take a look and judge for themselves, but what encourages me most is the number of enquiries and firm bookings we are already receiving for use of the building.

Planning and the Neighbourhood Plan

Development proposals in Liss now have to be determined in the light of the Liss Neighbourhood Development Plan which the Parish Council prepared and was approved through a referendum at the end of 2017. The Planning Committee of the Parish Council has an important role in commenting to the planning authority on the implications of planning applications in Liss, and particularly to ensure that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is taken into account.

One of the largest planning proposals in Liss for many years is the current proposal by Cala Homes for 80 houses at Andlers Ash Road. The neighbourhood development plan decided on the location and much of the proposal reflects the plan, but the Parish Council also has significant concerns about other aspects which do not conform to the plan and is raising objection. On many smaller developments the Parish Council finds itself frequently pushing for better design, adequate parking, and resisting development in the wrong places.

We are also working with the South Downs National Park Authority on setting up a proper monitoring system for the plan to ensure that over time it delivers what we want.

Improving facilities in the Village

The Council has been able to obtain money from developer contributions (S.106 money) and is working with Hampshire County Council on proposals for courtesy crossings on Station Road, and various measures to help with traffic calming. We hope to implement these proposals later in 2019.

The Council has also developed proposals for improving the play equipment and leisure facilities at West Liss playing field. We have applied to the South Downs National Park Authority for money from the Community Infrastructure Levy which developers now have to pay on housing developments. If we are successful, we will consult the community on our detailed proposals, including an exhibition.

We have also applied for money from the Community Infrastructure Levy to pay for new toilets in the Village Hall which badly need updating.

Problems with the drainage of the Newman Collard playing fields continue. We are working with Southern Water to find a solution. The situation is complex since there are a number of drains on the site owned by both the Newman Collard Trust as well as Southern Water all of which were installed some years ago. There is the possibility of new pipe work being required, for which we could apply for developer contributions from S.106 money of the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Money from the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is a relatively new way of getting developers to pay for infrastructure and community facilities, could soon become important to the village. Most of the levy in this area goes to the South Downs National Park Authority and we are asking for some of it for highways proposals and the Village Hall toilets. However, 25% of the levy from developments within Liss will come directly to the Parish Council. We are therefore looking at developments in Liss, such as the Cala Homes proposals in Andlers Ash Road, which will eventually produce CIL money of several hundred thousand pounds. We have given a public commitment to use a significant amount of that money to offset the costs of the loan on the Pavilion.

Cleaning and Grass Cutting

With the retirement of the Village Hall caretaker and cleaner, and our head groundsman moving to a new job elsewhere we took the opportunity to review how we provided these services to ensure we were getting value for money. The new arrangements, using outside contractors for cleaning of the hall and the major part of our grass cutting, have proved very successful, both in terms of costs, greater flexibility, and the quality of the work, and we are likely to contract out the cleaning for the Liss Pavilion.

The website

We committed ourselves to updating our website. The work on that is almost finished and we are about to test the proposed new format with councillors and a selection of users, with the intention of launching the new website within the next few months. We are also making more use of social media and are pleased by the increased communication with the community.

Planting of a commemorative tree

Fifty three men from Liss died in the First World War, a significant contribution from what was then a small village. The Parish Council were pleased to join with others in commemorating the 100 years since the ending of the First World War by planting a tree donated by Hilliers in the Newman Collard gardens

Running the Council

The business of the Council is conducted through committees and I particularly extend thanks to all committee chairman, including Angela Wright for Finance, Sue Halstead for Planning, Keith Budden for Buildings, David Dodds for Grounds, Howard Linsley for Highways and Liane McDonald for our Review Advisory Committee. I also chair the Pavilion Development Committee. During the year we were pleased to be joined by Nick Wilson who brings a wealth of experience to the Council.

We have also been lucky with the considerable support given by the East Hants District Councillors representing Liss: Keith Budden, who is also one of our Parish Councillors, Laetitia Pienaar and Mike Kendall. Our County Councillor is Russell Oppenheimer who has proved assiduous in working for Liss and supporting the Parish Council.

In 2nd May elections will be held for the whole of the Parish Council. We are expecting a number of our most experienced councillors to stand down at that time, after many years of service, and they will be greatly missed by the Council and the Village. It is, however, an opportunity for others to come forward and make a contribution, and anyone interested can find out more about the council from myself or the Parish Clerk. The Notice of Election will be published on 22 March and nomination papers can be obtained from the electoral services team at East Hants District Council, including on line. It is an easy process but papers` must be submitted by 3 April.

At the same time elections are being held for the East Hants District Council. Due to boundary changes there will be only two district councillors for Liss instead of the three that currently cover Liss and some of the adjoining area. This, however, is reverting to the position we previously had for many years and worked well for Liss. The work of the Parish Council is totally dependent on our Parish Clerk and the support within the Parish office. Sarah Smith took over as sole Parish Clerk at the beginning of 2018, on the retirement of our long-standing clerk, Dick Bowery. At the same time, we appointed a Finance Officer. Unfortunately, due to illness, she was not able to fully take on the role and had to stand down later in the year. This imposed a huge strain on the office and slowed down work on some of our projects. In particular, we

have not been able to make progress on our commitment to update our accounting system.

We have been able to get by through the efforts of Sarah Smith, and the support of Frances Cook as the Assistant Clerk and I cannot express too highly how much we owe to them for keeping things going. Of course, those of you who have been in the Parish Office will know they had some help. Like a bad penny somehow Dick Bowery has continued to turn up, and fill in the gaps on our financial work, and I am so grateful for his contribution. We have now been able to appoint an experienced finance officer, Elizabeth Ford, who starts at the beginning of April. I look forward to the next year with some optimism.

LISS PARISH COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2018/19: OUTCOMES AT MARCH 2019

During the Council year 2018/19 Liss Parish Council undertake the following actions. The Chairman's assessment of progress is indicated in italics:

- Maintain the open spaces for which the council is responsible, including the three recreation grounds, and facilities such as the Village Hall, to the required standard;
- Comment on all planning applications which fall within, and/or impact on the Parish of Liss;
- Represent the views and promote the interests of the parishioners of Liss, particularly in relation to East Hants District Council, the South Downs National Park and Hampshire County Council;
- Communicate with parishioners of Liss by maintaining an up-to-date website (www.lissparishcouncil.gov.uk), providing a Twitter feed (@LissCouncil), Facebook page, representation at village events and regular publication of Village Voice newsletters;
- Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parishioners of Liss and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person/ organisation for resolution/ further progression;
- Encourage and work with the Liss Forest Residents Association
- Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through 11 meetings of the Council per year, supported by appropriate committees;
- Maintain good financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money.

All actions completed to a satisfactory standard, despite significant staffing problems in the Parish Office.

Key projects for 2018/19 include:

- Completion of the Pavilion project including securing agreements with users, public approval for an application to the Public Works Loans Board, selection and signing of contracts with contractors, and construction; *Successfully completed.*
- Setting up arrangements for the implementation and monitoring of the Liss Neighbourhood Plan; *An outline monitoring scheme has been produced, but now needs to be integrated with the SDNPA monitoring scheme.*
- Improvement of highway safety, including additional courtesy crossings, village gates and additional road signs using identified funding streams under the

Highways Community Funded Initiative; *Proposals have been produced and funding identified, and now working on delivery.*

- Identifying and promoting key priorities with the aim of securing CIL funds from SDNPA; Infrastructure Delivery Plan; *Priorities defined (the provision of leisure facilities at West Liss Recreation Ground and provision of new toilets in the Village Hall), and bids submitted to the SDNPA.*
- Commencing a project to improve leisure facilities at West Liss Recreation Ground; *Project defined and an application made for CIL funding.*
- Working towards attainment of the Quality Level of the Local Council Award Scheme; *Further actions have been undertaken to progress towards Quality status level.*
- Upgrading the Liss Parish Council website; *New website drafted and consultation underway.*
- Managing staff changes through good succession planning *Difficulties experienced with new staff. New recruitment process now completed.*
- Completing the transition to the SAGE accounting system. *Delayed due to staff difficulties.*
- Implementation of the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation. *Successfully completed.*

LISS PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED ACTION PLAN FOR 2019/20

During the Council year 2019/20 Liss Parish Council will undertake the following actions:

- Maintain the open spaces for which the council is responsible, including the three recreation grounds, and facilities such as the Village Hall, to the required standard;
- Comment on all planning applications which fall within or impact on the Parish,
- Represent the views and promote the interests of the parishioners of Liss, particularly in relation to East Hants District Council, the South Downs National Park and Hampshire County Council,
- Communicate with parishioners of Liss by maintaining an up-to-date website, (www.lissparishcouncil.gov.uk), providing a Twitter feed (@LissCouncil), Facebook page, representation at village events and regular publication of Village Voice newsletters,
- Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parishioners of Liss and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person/ organisation for resolution/ further progression,
- Encourage and work with the Liss Forest Residents Association,
- Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through 11 meetings of the Council per year, supported by appropriate committees,
- Maintain good financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money.

Key projects for 2019/20 include:

- Promoting and managing the use of the new Liss Pavilion,

- Working with the SDNPA to set up arrangements for the implementation and monitoring of the Liss Neighbourhood Plan,
- Providing additional courtesy crossings, village gates and additional road signs using S106 funding under the Highways Community Funded Initiative,
- Providing new toilets in the Village Hall, subject to the availability of funding,
- Improving leisure facilities at West Liss Recreation Ground, subject to the availability of funding,
- Promoting greater engagement of the council with other community groups and organisations in the village in line with the Community Engagement policy,
- Identifying key priorities for the use of CIL funds,
- Contributing to the Flood Action Group Emergency Plan and Flood Prevention Strategy; particularly through the promotion of community resilience,
- Working towards attaining the Quality Level of the Local Council Award Scheme,
- Completing the upgrade of the Liss Parish Council website,
- Promoting training and induction and ongoing support for new councillors,
- Training and induction of new members of staff,
- Completing the transition to a more effective and transparent accounting system for the Council.

The Chairman welcomed comments on the action plan and advised that it would be open for consultation until the meeting of Council in May 2019 at which the plan would be considered for adoption.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Wright, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the following financial report.

The precept for 2018/19 was £202690. Contributions were made to the Village Hall, West Liss Recreation Ground and Pavilion and the parish allotments. These are all registered charities, which, because of financial regulations, have to be accounted for separately. A decision to outsource grass cutting was implemented during the year. Estimated expenditure for the year is anticipated as being largely in line with budget. Looking ahead, staff costs for 2019/20 are reduced by 9.15% largely due to operating with one less groundsman; this saving is partly offset by the outsourcing of the grass cutting which gives a 40.21% rise to grounds maintenance costs, but the net effect of the change provides a saving overall.

Included in the budget for 2019/20 is an amount of £27478 for costs of servicing a public works loan for construction costs of the Liss Pavilion at West Liss recreation ground. An amount of £3000 has been included in the general administration budget, on the advice of EHDC, to meet possible election costs. The new Liss Pavilion is expected to commence operations from the beginning of May.

The Council has set a precept of £212900 for 2019/20 and the charge per band D dwelling will therefore be £81.75 compared to £79.80 in 2018/19 an increase of £1.95 or 2.443%.

A broad analysis of total budgeted costs and revenue, including the Charities accounts is as follows:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Increase/-decrease	
	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>	<u>%</u>
Staff costs	107.6	107.1	97.3	-9.8	-9.15

Insurance	8.7	10.0	7.2	-2.8	-28.00
General administration	10.5	13.4	15.6	2.2	16.42
Grounds maintenance	16.8	19.4	27.2	7.8	40.21
Village hall running costs	8.1	7.6	12.4	4.8	63.16
New Liss Pavilion running costs	0.0	5.0	13.1	8.1	162.00
Grants to local associations	12.8	12.8	13.0	0.2	1.56
Liss pavilion loan servicing	5.5	20.5	27.5	7.0	34.15
Capital projects & provisions	47.7	20.5	19.7	-0.8	-3.90
	<u>217.7</u>	<u>216.3</u>	<u>233.0</u>	<u>16.7</u>	<u>7.72</u>
Funded by:					
Interest & other receipts	0.6	0.6	1.5	0.9	150.00
Rental incomes	14.5	14.8	21.8	7.0	47.30
Grant Funding	10.0	0.0	0.0		
From/to reserves	-1.9	-1.8	-3.2	-1.4	77.78
	<u>23.2</u>	<u>13.6</u>	<u>20.1</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>47.79</u>
Precept	182.8	202.7	212.9	10.2	5.03
Council Tax support grant	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	<u>217.7</u>	<u>216.3</u>	<u>233.0</u>	<u>16.7</u>	<u>7.72</u>
No. of band D dwellings	2510.13	2540.00	2604.18	64.18	2.53
Band D tax	£72.81	£79.80	£81.75	£1.95	2.44

The audit of all 2017/18 accounts was carried out in April 2018 by Lightatouch, the independent internal auditor and approved at the Council meeting on 21st May; PFK Littlejohn Legal Law Practitioners, the Council's appointed external auditor signed the final clearance of the accounts, without any changes or comments on 25th September 2018.

Cllr A Wright
Chairman of LPC Finance Committee

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS

The Clerk reported Since the last Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council had met 14 times. Mrs Halstead and Mrs McDonald attended all 14 meetings. Mr Dodds, Mr Hargreaves, Mr Linsley and Mrs Wright attended 13 meetings. Mr Budden and Mr Mayo attended 10 meetings. Mr Smith attended 9 meetings. Mr MacNamara and Mrs O'Malley attended 8 meetings. Mr Jerrard attended 7 meetings. Mr Wilson attended 7 of a possible 9 meetings following his co-option in June.

UPDATE ON HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer provided the following report:

Implementation of new speed limits

Despite some delays and hiccups with the implementation, the new speed limits did finally come into force in Liss in November 2018.

To recap those new speed limits, on Hill Brow Road the 30mph limit was extended up the hill (previously it was a 40mph limit). The B3006 was reduced to a 40mph limit (from National Speed limit). And Rake Road now has a 30mph limit (previously it was National Speed limit).

Speed limits alone cannot tackle the scourge of speeding, and we must continue to find ways to slow down the traffic as it passes through Liss. More prominent crossing points may be a part of the solution.

Federation of Liss Junior and Infant Schools

The governing bodies of Liss Infant and Liss Junior schools successfully merged to form a federation on 1 September 2018. This is good news for all children in Liss and the news coincided with a favourable Ofsted inspection report, which showed that the school is raising standards.

The Governor Services team at Hampshire County Council continue to provide training and support to the new unified governing body.

Transfer of Triangle Community Centre

The process to transfer the Triangle Community Centre from Hampshire County Council to the Liss Community Association is nearing its completion.

An historical anomaly was identified whereby the Educational Charitable Trust associated with Liss Junior School had not been moved to the new location. This issue was rectified last October and the lawyers are now working on the details of the Deed of Transfer. I am continuing to liaise with the Property Services Team on this.

New era for Hampshire County Council

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Roy Perry, announced on 14 February that he will stand down as Leader at the County's AGM in May. A leadership election process is now underway within the Conservative Group.

The new leader will face challenges from the ongoing financial environment. Demand pressures and cost inflation continue to put pressure on budgets. The new leader will need to press the case for fair funding with central Government. The 2019 Comprehensive Spending Review and the forthcoming Green Paper on Adult Social Care are crucial to establishing a sustainable platform for Hampshire County Council for the coming years.

County Councillor Grants

This year I have supported five projects in Liss as follows:

Project	Amount (£)
Rebuilding of wall at Triangle Centre car park	890
Purchase of new communal television at Rother House	250
Promethean Interactive Panels for Liss Infants School	600
Home Start Butser - support for troubled families in Liss	1,000
Liss Luncheon Club	335
Total:	3,075

UPDATE ON EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following report had been submitted by District Councillor Laetitia Pienaar:

1. Councillor Devolved Grant Fund

I am pleased to report that in the year which ended 8th March 2019, I have spent the allocated fund in the following way: -

Liss Infant School – Interactive panels	£ 400.00
Crossover – furniture	£ 200.00
Triangle – various	£1000.00
Triangle – new sound system	£ 900.66
Liss Lunch Club – coach hire for a members’ outing	£ 365.00
Liss Parish Council – plaque for WW1 memorial	£ 244.34
Liss Parish Council – internal fitting out of Pavilion	£ 690.00
Rosemary Trust – computers for new premises	£ 500.00
Rother House – Television	£ 200.00
TOTAL	£4,500.00

2. Charity Walk for Peace on 4th May 2019

I have served on the Joint Committee of this initiative right from the start – it is a partnership between the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association and EHDC, for the benefit of the East Hants Community. Two walks have taken place in past years and this year the walk will take place on the 4th May, starting and ending at Penns Place. Two charities from Liss have applied and have been accepted as beneficiaries of the Walk, namely RVS Liss Luncheon Club for the Elderly and the Crossover. I hope that the people of Liss – including the members of the Parish Council – will come along on the day and support the walk. The Walk itself will take a gentle route around the Heath pond and through the town centre.

3. Liz Panton is no longer the Community Development Officer for Liss, but has been replaced by DEAN MAHOMMED, formerly a PCSO, so knows our community well. Also, abandoned vehicles should be reported at parking.office@easthants.gov.uk.

PARISHIONERS’ QUESTIONS

The following queries were raised:

- Allocation of Pavilion income – The Chairman advised that the aim would be to cover running costs as far as possible, although the income could not be fully assessed until after a full year of operation;
- Pavilion running costs – It was acknowledged that the running costs might increase further down the line. The Chairman noted that a new building would always be cheaper to maintain in the early years and recognised that maintenance would likely increase in later years;
- Pavilion construction costs – Although praised for the delivery of the Pavilion and the commitment to reduce the PWLB loan where possible, LPC was asked about an apparent increase in construction costs. The Chairman advised that the figure quoted did not include the fit-out costs and noted that LPC had always been very open about the costs, included an upgrade in the kitchen specification which it was felt would provide a higher income stream;
- Query regarding reduced staff costs and increase in grounds costs – Cllr Wright advised that that this was due to the departure of the full time Groundsman and the use of external contractors for grass cutting instead;
- LPC position on speeding within Liss – The Chairman acknowledged the issues and advised that, although HCC was the main player, LPC would continue to

work with HCC to tackle the issue. Cllr Wright added that funds had been sought for a black box to measure speeds accurately in Liss Forest as HCC required evidence in order to take action;

- f) LPC position on inappropriate parking within Liss – The Chairman advised that illegal parking is an enforcement issue which falls to EHDC. Cllr Bidden added that the EHDC traffic wardens do spend a reasonable amount of time in Liss and advised that members of the public could take a photo of any offending vehicle and e-mail it to EHDC enforcement (parking.office@easthants.gov.uk) who might be in a position to be able to respond, as detailed in Village Voice Issue 41;
- g) Parish Council responsibility for village resilience faced with issues such as flooding – The Chairman of the Flood Action Group praised LPC for the annual action plan against which LPC assesses itself in an open and transparent manner and requested a wider focus on community resilience as opposed to flooding alone. The Chairman advised that, although happy to consider broadening the commitment to wider community resilience, he had some concerns about delivery;
- h) Committee structure – LPC was asked whether it was thought appropriate to review the committee structure to free up more time for time to be spent on delivering objectives. The Chairman advised that he was very receptive making improvements on committee structure, an issue which would be revisited after the May elections.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman thanked residents for attending & the meeting was closed at 21.18hrs.