



Liss Parish Council Action Plan for 2026/2027

During the Council year 2026/27 Liss Parish Council (LPC) will undertake the following actions:

- Maintain, improve and promote the use of recreation grounds, open spaces, the Village Hall and Liss Pavilion.
- Maximise income through increased rental from hirers, In Post and food vans.
- Comment on all planning applications which fall within, or impact on the Parish.
- Represent the views and promote the interests of the parish of Liss, particularly in relation to East Hampshire District Council, the South Downs National Park Authority, Hampshire County Council and local government reorganisation.
- Engage with the community (parishioners, local businesses, community groups and organisations in Liss), and maintain an up-to-date website and social media presence in the village, in line with the Liss Parish Council Community Engagement Policy.
- Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parish of Liss and, if appropriate, signpost to the correct person/organisation for resolution/further progression.
- Work with and support local groups to improve facilities, the local environment, and the social and economic wellbeing of the community.
- Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through full meetings of the Council, supported by appropriate committees and working groups.
- Maintain good financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money.
- Identify and secure sources of funding to advance LPC priorities.
- Promote training, induction and ongoing support for staff and councillors.
- Maintain good governance, including adhering to relevant Silver (previously Quality) benchmarks and striving towards Gold Status of the Local Council Award Scheme.
- Fulfil responsibilities as sole trustee to three Charities: (West) Liss Recreation Ground (Charity number 301871), Village Hall (Charity number 301872) and Parish Allotments (Charity number 237190).
- Compile, review and update LPC policies as and when necessary, in line with legislative requirements.
- Decide priorities for the use of CIL funds allocated directly to LPC, drawing on previous and future community engagement, and accessing other sources of investment, including SDNPA CIL.

Key projects for 2026/2027 include:

Highways priorities

- Explore options for highways improvements with HCC, in particular on Andlers Ash Road and Forest Road.
- Secure a replacement speed indicator device and implement a deployment schedule.

Facilities priorities

Recreation

- Install a table tennis table at Newman Collard Park and Liss Forest Recreation Ground.

Environmental

- Contribute to nature recovery through green space projects to enhance biodiversity and protect the environment, including:
 - the installation of 27 bird and 15 bat boxes across LPC managed sites.
 - clearance works to the woodland to the rear of Liss Forest Recreation Ground.
 - working with EHDC, other partners and the Riverside Walk volunteer group to assist with the general management and conservation of the Riverside Walk and River Rother.

Charities priorities

Governance

- Agree supplementary governing documents for (West) Liss Recreation Ground, Village Hall and Parish Allotments with the Charity Commission.
- Administration and running of the Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust prior to formal transfer of the management responsibility.

Buildings

- Complete all ‘immediate’ and ‘urgent’ works to the Village Hall and Pavilion in line with the Building Condition surveys carried out in September 2025. Start work on ‘necessary’ areas.
- Carry out the re-decoration of the interior of the Pavilion.
- Consider further actions to work towards achieving Net Zero in the Village Hall and Liss Pavilion improving the quality and performance of the buildings by making them more environmentally friendly, e.g. through glazing improvements at Liss Village Hall.

Allotments

- Continue the improvement programme to enhance the allotment sites by re-marking plots at Kelseys and Lower Green.

Environmental

- Contribute to nature recovery through green space projects to enhance bio-diversity and protect the environment, including:
 - the move towards rewilding Fernhills East allotment site and returning Princes Bridge allotment site to wetland.

Village Centre Enhancement

- Engage with partners (e.g. Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council, the South Downs National Park Authority and Network Rail) and residents regarding the enhancement of the village centre.
- Pursue funding for the railway platform extension.

