

Liss Parish Council Action Plan for 2021/2022

During the Council year 2021/22 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 and Liss Pavilion, 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 parish of Liss, particularly in relation to East Hampshire District Council, the South Downs National Park and Hampshire County Council.
- Engage with the community, including parishioners, local businesses, community groups and organisations in Liss by maintaining an up-to-date website and social media presence in the village in line with the Community Engagement Policy.
- Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parish of Liss and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person/ organisation for resolution/ further progression.
- Work with key local groups for the benefit of residents, including the Liss Forest Residents Association.
- 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 and induction and ongoing support for members of staff and councillors.
- Maintain good governance, including adhering to relevant benchmarks to achieve Quality Status of the Local Council Award Scheme.

Key projects for 2021/2022 include:

- Covid-19: helping the village recover and learn from the experience of Covid-19, in consultation with the community, using our services and funding and through support to and from other organisations, such as the district and county councils and local voluntary groups.
- Identifying priorities for the use of CIL funds allocated directly to Liss Parish Council, using extensive community engagement.
- Making use of new accounting software to manage finances and provide enhanced reporting data to support decision making.
- Highways priorities:
 - Delivering the village gateways project;
 - Developing the school zone proposals, including reviewing options for the crossing point on Hill Brow Road; and
 - Exploring the opportunity and costs of improvement work on Forest Road, including traffic calming.
- Facilities priorities:
 - Creating a new sports and leisure hub at West Liss Recreation Ground to complement the new Pavilion (subject to the availability of funding);
 - Delivery of the planned Community Garden on Mill Road;
 - Working with partners to further develop a village wide strategy for recreational facilities;
 - Exploring options for restoration of the Millennium Mosaic,
- Developing proposals for enhancement of the village centre.
- Exploring opportunities with supporting organisations for enhancing the social welfare of the village.
- Liss Neighbourhood Plan: working with the SDNPA to set up arrangements for the implementation and monitoring.