



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

A Meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7pm on 16th January 2023 in the Village Hall

Members:

*Mr K. Budden (Chair), *Mr R Baker, *Ms S. Baldwin, *Mr P. Deacon,
*Mr R. Hargreaves, *Mr D. Jerrard, *Mr H. Linsley, *Ms L McDonald,
*Mr C. Olley, *Mr A. Smith, *Ms K. Tordoff, *Ms C. Williams and *Mr N. Wilson

* Present

Clerk: S. Smith, in addition to three Trustees from the Coryton Almshouses Charity

01/23 Apologies

None received.

02/23 Declarations of interests and Role as Charity Trustee

Councillors were reminded of the following:

- i. Their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest they may have in any item of business no later than when that item is reached.
- ii. That when discussing Charity business, any decision must be made in accordance with the Charities' governing documents, rather than for the benefit of LPC as a whole.

03/23 Chair's announcements

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year, hoping for a successful year in the village, and noted the following:

- i. That flooding in Liss had largely been avoided even though 151mm of rain had fallen in the village since 1st January 2023.
- ii. That a consultation event would take place on a pump track facility in Liss on Saturday 21st January 2023, 10.30am to 1.30pm at the Pavilion, West Liss Recreation Ground. This would mark the start of a period of consultation which would run until 5th February. All details could be found on a dedicated page on the LPC website. The Chair encouraged Members to attend the drop in event.
Cllr Wilson added that the Members of the West Liss Working Group would act as facilitators, non-Working Group Members should primarily encourage people to respond to the survey and direct queries to a facilitator if required. A representative of the supplier, Dirt Factory, and The Crossover would also be present to assist with technical queries or queries relating to young people. Cllr Wilson highlighted that this would be an opportunity for Members to listen to the feedback and also encouraged Members to read the FAQ document which had been circulated.
- iii. That the Villager of the Year Award 2023 was open for nominations by the end of February with the addition of two junior categories this year. Cllr Budden requested that Members encourage nominations from the various groups and organisations in the village.

04/23 Exempt business and order of the agenda

Resolved: That the item on the Coryton Almshouses should not be taken in exempt session as it was not felt that this would be in the public interest (proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr Jerrard with 4 votes in favour, 8 votes against and one abstention).

Members agreed to move the item of business forward to be taken immediately after the period of adjournment for public participation.

The Chair advised that he would monitor the discussion with a view to seeking a further vote on the matter should it become apparent that the item was moving into confidential areas.

05/23 Adjournment for public participation

The meeting was adjourned for public participation.

Andrew Crick, the Chair of the Coryton Almshouses charity, highlighted that the priority of the charity should be the care of its residents. He also advised that Liss Parish Council was a consultee only on the proposed changes to the governing document.

Peter Humphrey, co-opted member to the charity, advised that the changes were needed to ensure that Trustees had the time and experience to offer for more effective management of the four properties and to raise the standards.

The meeting was reconvened.

06/23 LPC position on changes to the Coryton Almshouses Governing Document

Members discussed the following motion (submitted by Cllrs Budden, Jerrard and Linsley):

“With regard to the trustees of The Coryton Alms Trust, to which we currently appoint 3 Councillors, Liss Parish Council would not support any change which would reduce our proportion of the trustees body” (proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr Jerrard).

In discussion, some Members felt that the charity was independent and should govern itself in line with its Governing Document. The benefit to the charity of having 3 LPC appointed councillors was questioned as was LPC’s role being involved in the issue, as the only LPC role was to appoint trustees as requested. Some Members also felt that the motion was unclear. Other Members felt the issue was one of democracy, including a suggestion - strongly disputed by a number of Members - that LPC should be able to exercise some control over the charity. There was greater consensus that representation on the Trust should be reasonably proportionate to the size of the village as compared with the other two smaller villages.

It was resolved that: “With regard to the trustees of The Coryton Almshouses Trust, to which we currently appoint 3 Councillors, Liss Parish Council would not support any change which would reduce the proportion of the trustees body who live in Liss.”

The motion was proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Budden and carried with 7 Members in favour (Cllrs Baldwin, Linsley, Jerrard, Deacon, Tordoff, Wilson and Budden) and 6 Members against (Cllrs Smith, Williams, Baker, Hargreaves, McDonald and Olley).

07/23 Update from the County Councillor

Cllr Oppenheimer was not present but had submitted a written report (ANNEX A).

The Chair requested that any queries arising from the report be highlighted to the Clerk so that she could pursue with Cllr Oppenheimer.

08/23 Update from the District Councillors

Cllr Budden advised the following:

- i) That the EHDC move to the new premises at New Barn, Bedford Road, was moving ahead by one department at a time with a view to the move being complete by the end of March. There would not be a room big enough to serve as a Chamber for Full Council and so, in the interim, these meetings would continue to be held at Penns Place so long as it was in EHDC ownership. After that, it would be for the new administration to decide, but it was thought that meetings of Full Council would rotate around the district between Petersfield Festival Hall, Horndean Merchistoun Hall and Alton Assembly

Rooms. Committee meetings would, however, be held at the new premises. There would be a front desk for planning enquiries but the plan for other services was to provide customer hubs at various locations throughout East Hampshire.

- ii) That a publicity campaign was underway to let people know that ID would be required for in-person voting at the General Elections on 4th May 2023. A suitable form of ID could be applied for on the easthants.gov.uk website. Cllr Budden highlighted the anomaly that no ID would be required for postal voting and that an elderly person's bus pass was deemed appropriate ID but a disabled person's bus pass was not.
- iii) That the Full Council meeting of EHDC last week approved the Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24. The main changes for working age claimants was an increase in the earnings threshold and an increase in the savings limit from £6,000 to £10,000. In addition, remaining Covid funding from Central Government would be used to provide a £30 grocery voucher to those who were eligible for the council tax support scheme. This replaced the previous idea to reduce all council tax bills by £30 as there was less money still available than previously thought.

09/23 Minutes of the meeting of Council of 19th December 2022

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings of Council of 19th December 2022 be approved as an accurate record, subject to a couple of minor amendments (proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Smith and with all in favour).

10/23 Matters arising

301/22 & 280/22: The Clerk advised that EHDC were preparing a draft Lease based on the agreed Heads of Terms. Permission was being sought in advance of the Lease being agreed for planting of a community orchard due to the planting window.

301/22, 278/22 & 266/22: Cllr Smith advised that a presentation of village centre proposals by Hampshire Services to LPC was being arranged. The date would be confirmed shortly.

11/23 RFO's reports on payments and receipts for the period 14th December 2022 to 10th January 2023

Resolved: That the receipts and payments reported in the Responsible Finance Officer's Report for the period 14th December 2022 to 10th January 2023, for both the Liss Parish Council and the charities' accounts, be approved (proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Wilson with all Members in favour) as at ANNEX B.

12/23 Report of the Charities Working Group meeting of 19th December 2022

Cllr Williams advised that the Charities Working Group had met and considered Charities related business. Aside from routine business, the Group had agreed that the Governing Documents should be reviewed.

13/23 Report of the Planning Committee meeting of 9th January 2023

Cllr Budden advised that the Planning Committee had received a presentation by the owners of the Inwood Road development site on their proposals, although there were no designs as yet. The development was still in the early stages and a planning application would likely be forthcoming in around 6-8 months. He noted that a previous planning application for the site had been rejected. Cllr Budden highlighted that the site was designated a development site in the Liss Neighbourhood Plan and was a site of key interest to LPC given its location directly bordering Newman Collard Recreation Ground.

Cllr Budden advised that the housing association Abri, who own the Inwood Road estate didn't object to the development in principle, but would be key in securing access arrangements to the development site.

14/23 Update on CIL

The Clerk advised that the updated CIL paper reflected the recommendations from the Facilities Committee for allocation of sums for Liss Forest Recreation Ground enhancements and green

spaces projects. The meeting of the Finance Committee on 30th January 2023 would consider the recommendations for agreement by Council in due course.

15/23 Movement of unspent funds

Cllr Williams proposed that unspent funds from the Queen's Jubilee budget would be better allocated to the 'Ceremonial Costs' budget rather than going into General Reserves at the end of the Financial Year. This could cover expenditure such as village bunting, repairs to the Beacon and any costs arising from the King's Coronation.

Resolved: That LPC vires £1,000 of unspent budget for the Queen's Jubilee to Ceremonial Costs (proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Wilson with all in favour).

16/23 Matters to report and appointments

Cllr Williams advised that she and Cllrs Baker and Olley had held the first Councillor Surgery at The Triangle earlier in the day. The Clerk proposed that Councillors take turns to cover the sessions. Cllr Williams confirmed that the next Councillor Surgery would take place on 20th February, 10-11am.

Cllr Baker advised that he had worked with Rake Village Hall to support an application for the Village Hall Improvement Fund for which the deadline for applications was 20th January 2023.

Cllr Baldwin noted the need for Councillors to raise their hand to speak in discussion to allow all Members a turn to speak.

Cllr Deacon noted that the development in the Whistle Stop Car Park had commenced and the need to ensure commitments under the Party Wall Act were met by the developers, specifically in serving notice on LPC for any trench digging within 6m of the Village Hall, as well as the need to ensure the fire escape remained usable during construction and met LPC needs in the longer-term. The Clerk agreed that an officer would monitor the situation with advice from Cllr Deacon.

Cllr McDonald highlighted the positive feedback she had received both on the improvement works to the Village Hall and on the installation of the Liss village gateways.

Cllr Wilson advised that an LPC pre-meeting had taken place on a revised agreement/Memorandum Of Understanding with the NCPFT in advance of an LPC/Trust meeting which would likely take place end of February/early March.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.50 hrs.

Next meeting: Monday 20th February 2023, 7pm

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

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT
TO
ALL PARISH COUNCILS
IN PETERSFIELD HANGERS
9 JANUARY 2023**

1. Happy New Year

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break! With 2022 and all it brought now firmly behind us, let's hope for a more successful year ahead.

2. Schools news

The deadline for school place applications is 15 January 2023. Hampshire County Council is urging parents of children due to start school in reception year in September 2023 to indicate three school preferences on their application.

Over the last six years, 98 per cent of parents secured a school place for their child at one of their three preferred schools, with between 90 and 93 per cent being offered a place at their first preference school.

3. Consultation on revised Minerals and Waste Plan

An updated Minerals and Waste Plan for Hampshire will put climate change and biodiversity at the heart of decision-making. The emphasis on the Waste Hierarchy should lead to the emergence of a more resilient and reliable waste management system across Hampshire.

There are site allocations which form part of the consultation. Parish Councillors may have views on the proposed site for sand extraction at Goleigh Farm. This site is next to the Ham Barn roundabout between Greatham and Liss. I thought I should flag this up for Councillors.

The deadline for responses is 31 January 2023. The proposed updated plan and the response form can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update.

4. Potential boost to the status of Neighbourhood Plans

On 22 December 2022 the Government launched a consultation into proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

As has been widely reported, the Government is proposing to remove the strict requirement for planning authorities to have a 5-year supply of housing, with additional buffers for contingency. This is good news for East Hampshire – it will reduce the planning tension between the 57% of the district which is within the National Park and the 43% which is outside the National Park.

Less widely reported has been the proposal to enhance the status of Neighbourhood Plans such as those which exist in Petersfield and Liss.

The Government is proposing additional protections for neighbourhood plans in circumstances where a local planning authority's policies for the area covered by the neighbourhood plan are out-of-date. First, the Government is proposing to extend protection to neighbourhood plans that are up to 5 years old instead of the current 2 years. Second, they are proposing to remove tests which currently mean local planning authorities need to demonstrate a minimum housing land supply and have delivered a minimum amount in the Housing Delivery Test for Neighbourhood Plans to benefit from the protection afforded by the Framework.

These changes would give local communities more control over planning and I think this would be welcome news for East Hampshire. This is not yet firm policy but it would certainly help if the government were to receive a balance of favourable comments in the consultation.

Should you wish to, you can read and respond to the consultation at this link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy>

5. Local Government Finance Settlement

On 19 December 2022 the Government published the Local Government Finance Settlement for the coming financial year 2023/2024.

On the positive side, there was an additional £2bn of funding for social care in recognition of the unprecedented pressures which County Councils are facing. There is also an additional £100m to help support the most vulnerable households. The referendum threshold for Council Tax increases will be 3% for April 2023 with an additional 2% for social care.

This extra funding is certainly helpful. However there is still a projected gap of around £50m in the budget for the coming financial year at HCC. Looking two years ahead to 2025/2026 we face a projected annual shortfall of around £180m.

Inflation and increased demand in the post-pandemic period have combined to create a highly challenging financial environment for all County Councils in England. Hampshire County Council is in a better position than most County Councils and we continue to have the capability to invest in vital new infrastructure. Despite our relative strength, HCC still faces difficult decisions later in 2023 unless there are major changes to the way local government is funded in England.

6. East Hampshire projects benefit from National Park CIL funding

You may recall that Steep, Greatham and Froxfield & Privett Parishes received £10,000 each in the 2021 CIL round towards village highway improvement schemes.

I am pleased to report that many Parishes in the Petersfield Hangers did well from the 2022 round of SDNPA Community Infrastructure Levy funding. Beyond the Hangers there are also welcome awards elsewhere in East Hampshire. It is noticeable that EHDC has done better than Winchester City Council! The full list of projects receiving funding in Hampshire is as follows:

Liss – Newman Collard Recreation Improvements – outdoor fitness equipment and Multi-use Games Area. £118,000

Marwell to Winchester Bridleways – upgrade network of Bridleways in and around Marwell Zoo and Hotel – up to 1.5km of surfacing and drainage works (linked to future project to deliver off-road link from Marwell to Winchester) £100,000

Greatham Village Hall Recreation Ground – creation of all-inclusive accessible playground to replace existing playground. £90,000

Buriton Village Hall Enhancements – energy efficiency improvements – potential for 12kw solar PV and provision of two fast-charge EV charging points. £50,000

Queen Elizabeth Country Park, near Clanfield – Changing Places Toilet. £40,000

Selborne – Traffic calming scheme – improve entrances to Selborne and widen footways £40,000

The Petersfield School – installation of Climbing Wall that will also be open to community groups £29,000

Access Improvements to the Watercress Way, Winchester (such as re-profiling of land, installation of hand rails and changes to existing ramps) – £20,000

Meonstoke C of E Infant School – To improve a wooded area and bark pathways within the school grounds. £18,000

East Tisted – Highway improvements including review and reduction of existing highway signs, bespoke village gateway signs and new fingerposts) £15,000

East Meon – Highway improvements including review and reduction of existing highway signs, bespoke village gateway signs and new fingerposts. £15,000

Sheet – Highway improvements including reduction of junction with Village Green, various measures on London Road – improved crossing points, and decluttering of signage. £15,000

Twyford – Flood Alleviation Scheme (to fund Phase 1 – construct 115m length ditch to replace 90m section of pipe on Hazeley Road). £8,748.26

I look forward to seeing many of you later this month.

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER
County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers

RFO REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 14TH DECEMBER 2022 TO 10TH JANUARY 2023
MAIN ACCOUNTS (LISS PARISH COUNCIL)

Liss Parish Council Current Year

Cashbook 1

Treasurers Acc. 00110939

Payments made between 14/12/2022 and 10/01/2023

Date	Payee Name	£ Total Amount	
16/12/2022	Sage UK	14.40	Sage payroll software
19/12/2022	Public Works Loan	5943.88	PWLB Loan Dec
22/12/2022	Liss Electrical Services	4279.06	Install audio system VH
22/12/2022	Hampshire Grounds Ltd	168.00	Grass cut LF x 2
22/12/2022	TM Clothing Ltd	29.22	Hi Viz jacket
22/12/2022	Travis Perkins	82.08	Black Bitumen
22/12/2022	Sarah Smith	311.45	Christmas tree
			Xmas tree lights
			Xmas gift vouchers
			Expenses claim mileage
			Christmas lunch
			Office tea bags & coffee
22/12/2022	Liss Mens Shed	80.00	Repair fence NC play area
28/12/2022	Hampshire Pension	2016.19	Pension Dec month 9
28/12/2022	HMRC	839.40	HMRC Tax Dec month 9
28/12/2022	HMRC	764.05	HMRC NI Dec month 9
28/12/2022	Veolia ES UK Ltd	261.54	Waste collection
28/12/2022	Sodexo Motivation Sol.	10.00	Salary Dec month 9
28/12/2022	Salaries	6426.78	Salaries Dec month 9
06/01/2023	Cloudy IT	72.00	Server hosting
06/01/2023	Sodexo	0.72	Salaries Dec month 9
	Total		
	Payments:	21298.77	

Liss Parish Council Current Year

Cashbook 2

BUS Instant 07410075

Receipts received between 14/12/2022 and 10/01/2023

04/01/2023	Interest on COIF Acct	1291.26
09/01/2023	Interest	117.35

Total Receipts: 1408.61

RFO notes

No unusual expenses to report, usual monthly outgoings.

RFO REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 14TH DECEMBER 2022 to 10th JANUARY 2023
CHARITY ACCOUNTS (LISS PARISH COUNCIL)

Liss Parish Council - Charities Current Year

Cashbook 1

Treasurer Account 00257581

Payments made between 14/12/2022 and 10/01/2023

Date	Payee Name	£ Total Amount
19/12/2022	British Gas Village Hall	236.48 Gas VH 2/10-31/10/22
19/12/2022	British Gas Electric	304.47 Electric VH 2/10-1/11/22
21/12/2022	British Gas Electric	367.30 Electric VH 2/11-1/12/22
22/12/2022	Aegis Alarms Ltd	71.26 Panel batteries fire system
22/12/2022	U-Do DIY	115.87 DIY and maintenance
22/12/2022	Salaries paid	922.73 Salaries VH Dec month 9
		444.11 Salaries Pav Dec month 9
23/12/2022	SSE Energy Supply	295.09 Gas Pav 1/11-30/11/22
23/12/2022	British Gas Village Hall	694.93 Gas VH 1/11-1/12/22
28/12/2022	HMRC	28.81 HMRC VH NI Dec month 9
28/12/2022	Castle Water Allotments Hill Brow	9.85 Mitchells allotments 1/4-30/9/22
28/12/2022	Business Stream	22.00 Waste water Pav 8/3-16/6/22
28/12/2022	Castle Water	117.94 Lower Green Allotments
28/12/2022	Salaries paid	444.11 Salary Dec month 9
28/12/2022	Pension Services	262.97 Pension VH Dec month 9
28/12/2022	HMRC	2.80 HMRC VH tax Dec month
05/01/2023	Castle Water	7.81 Fernhills allotments
05/01/2023	Castle Water	20.84 Kelseys allotments
09/01/2023	BT	134.86 Phone Bill
10/01/2023	Bus Stream	50.72 Waste water
	Total Payments:	4554.95

Liss Parish Council - Charities Current Year

Cashbook 1

Treasurer Account 00257581

Receipts received between 14/12/2022 and 10/01/2023

Date	Payee Name	
Banked:	14/12/2022	29.40
	Total Receipts	29.40

Liss Parish Council - Charities Current Year**Cashbook 2****Bus Bank Account 00270588****Receipts received between 14/12/2022 and 10/01/2023**

Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	£ Amount Received
Banked:	28/12/2022	765.35
Sales Receipts Page 112		
Banked:	30/12/2022	2861.67
Sales Receipts Page 102		
Banked:	10/01/2023	1263.44
Sales Receipts		

Total Receipts: 4890.46

Liss Parish Council - Charities Current Year**Cashbook 3****Pavilion Fund 19371968****Payments made between 14/12/2022 and 10/01/2023**

03/01/2023	EHDC	Rates Pav	43
Total Receipts:			43

Liss Parish Council - Charities Current Year**Cashbook 3****Pavilion Fund 19371968****Receipts received between 14/12/2022 and 10/01/2023**

Receipt Ref	Name of Payer	£ Amount Received
Banked	23/12/2022	90.00

RFO notes

No unusual expenses to report, usual monthly outgoings