



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Facilities Committee held on 1st July 2024, 7:30pm,
Village Hall

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

C.Olley, *K. Budden (temporary Chair), R Smith
A. Smith, *C. Williams, P.Payne, *S Stratford-Tuke

*Present

Also present:

Sarah Smith (Clerk to Liss Parish Council)

Katrina Burns (Projects and Funding Officer – Clerk to Facilities Committee).

24/F24 Election of Chair

Resolved: It was resolved that Cllr Olley be appointed to Chair of the Facilities Committee (proposed by Cllr C. Williams and seconded by Cllr Stratford-Tuke, with all in favour).

It was agreed that Cllr K.Budden would chair this meeting in Cllr Olley's absence.

25/F24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs C.Olley, A.Smith and P.Payne

26/F25 Declarations of interest

The following non-pecuniary interests were declared:

Cllr Williams as a Newman Collard Playing Fields Trustee.

27/F24 Adjournment for public participation

No members of the public were present.

28/F24 Minutes and matters arising of the Facilities Committee 29th April 2024

There were no matters arising.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Facilities meeting of 29th April 2024 be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr C. Williams and seconded by Cllr S.Stratford-Tuke, with all in favour).

29/F24 Mill Road Community Garden update

The Clerk reported that the information board sign is now up and tree guards have been installed in the orchard. Communications will go out this week asking the community to donate watering cans for the site. Cllr K.Budden commented on how great the site was looking.

30/F24 Liss Forest Recreation Ground

Play and leisure enhancements - update

The Clerk reported that all play area work had now been completed and the excess earth removed from site. In addition, the Groundsman had made the smaller of the two main entrances more accessible.

The LFRA had advised that residents were keen to keep the original goalposts in place (following the installation of the moveable goals) as they allowed for more than one game to be played at the

same time.

Nature Reserve/Drainage update

The Projects and Funding Officer reported that Cllr C.Olley has written to the Chair of the Liss Forest Residents Association about agreeing a way forward for the nature reserve, but has yet to hear back. He has looked at the outfall of drainage works done last year and the silt has not built up to stop the flow. It will be inspected on an annual basis and dug out if required. The drainage appears to be working well and a decision needs to be made as to whether a swale is necessary.

31/F24 Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust (NCPFT)

Repairs to play equipment – update

It was noted that the repairs to the swing and zip wire and resurfacing of the picnic table had been carried out. Some repairs had also been undertaken to the low rail next to the tennis courts.

The Clerk reported that the hammock had been cordoned off as the supports from the old track ride were coming through the surfacing. This had been reported to the installer who would arrange for remedial works to be undertaken.

32/F24 Environmental project group

Green toolkit matrix

The Projects and Funding Officer reported that Cllr C.Olley was trying to organise a meeting with HCC and SDNPA about green corridors and would report back to the Committee in the Autumn once this had taken place.

Cllr C. Williams reported that more trees would be planted in Inwood Road and Vinson Road. A section of undergrowth would be cut down at Newman Collard in the Winter, in addition to daffodil bulbs being planted around the mosaic area and behind the tennis courts.

Preliminary Ecological Appraisal

The Projects and Funding Officer reported that the contractor doing the preliminary ecological appraisal for Liss had been sent plans of the sites, and a walkabout has been planned for 31st July with herself and Cllr C.Williams to show them the areas concerned.

32/F24 Riverside Walk

General Management

The Clerk advised that, following the post-storm tree work which had been completed, the key issue at the Riverside Walk was the removal and control of Himalayan Balsam. LPC and EHDC were working together on a management programme. The Clerk added that she and Cllr Payne were also working to encourage neighbouring land owners to address Himalayan Balsam on their land and that the SDNPA Rangers were also keen to assist in the wider management issue.

The Clerk stated that she was still awaiting a quote to remove surface mud but noted it may be difficult to undertake this work in the dryer months.

33/F24 Tree survey

The Clerk reported that 3 quotes had been sought for the rest of the tree work (other than the Riverside Walk works).

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

Date of next meeting – 7/10/24

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