



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of Liss Parish Council took place at 7pm on 15th June 2026 in Liss Village Hall

Members

*Mr K. Budden (Chair), Ms S. Baldwin, *Ms R. Crane, *Mr I. James, *Mr D. Jerrard, *Mr C. Olley,
*Mr C. Mort, *Mr P. Payne, *Mr A. Smith, Mr R. Smith, *Mrs S. Stratford-Tuke,
*Dr D. Turner and *Ms C. Williams

* Present

In addition to S. Smith (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer) and County Councillor Nick Drew.

80/26 Apologies

Members accepted apologies from Cllr Baldwin. Members also noted that District Councillor Roger Mullenger had sent apologies. It was subsequently established that Cllr R. Smith had also sent apologies.

81/26 Declarations of Interests

Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest they may have in any item of business, no later than when that item is reached.

82/26 Chair's announcements

The Chair advised the following:

- a) That the 'Down by the Rother' event at the Riverside Walk the previous Saturday had gone well and thanked those involved;
- b) That the EHAPTC Annual General Meeting would take place on 24 June at 7.30pm in Grayshott Village Hall with a focus on local government reorganisation - all councillors were welcome to attend;
- c) That the 'Brass on the Grass' Liss Band open air concert would take place on Wednesday 8th July at 7pm in the Memorial Gardens.

83/26 Adjournment for public participation

There were no members of the public present.

84/26 Update from the County Councillor

Cllr Drew had provided a written monthly update (see **Annex A**).

He added that:

- a) there would be a judicial review by HCC over Local Government Reorganisation; and
- b) he had been dealing with some local issues relating to Andlers Ash Road, including a possible streetlight too many, drainage around the crossing, a raised manhole cover following recent gas works and a possible engine off sign to try to address noise and pollution from cars spending longer at the crossing.

85/26 Update from District Councillors

Cllr Mullenger had provided a written report as at **Annex B**.

Cllr James added that he felt that under the unitaries there might be better representation for the voters, although Cllr Drew noted the number of councillors had not yet been agreed and also that the proposals could make it more difficult to make representation in planning applications. It was also noted that the councillor term for current District Councillors would be extended to April 2028.

The Chair noted that parish council elections would take place in May 2027 and councillors elected at those elections would serve for a five-year term.

86/26 Minutes of the meeting of Council of 18th May 2026

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of 18th May 2026 be approved as an accurate record (proposed by Cllr Mort and seconded by Cllr Stratford-Tuke with all in favour).

87/26 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

88/26 Payments and receipts for the period 1st to 31st May 2026

Cllr Williams noted her position as a trustee of the Triangle Community centre as the payments included a payment for LED lights for the Triangle as per the previously approved grant.

Resolved: That the receipts and payments set out in **Annex C** for the period 1st to 31st May 2026, for the Liss Parish Council accounts, be approved (proposed by Cllr Olley and seconded by Cllr A. Smith with all in favour).

89/26 Report of the Finance Committee of 1st June 2026

Members noted the report of the Finance Committee of 1st June 2026.

90/26 Approval of EMR Movements as recommended by Finance Committee

Resolved: That the following EMR movements be approved:

- a) That the sum of £2,748 net income over expenditure for 'Village Planting' be transferred to earmarked reserves.
- b) That the unspent sum of £5,000 for 'Play Equipment and Safety Surfacing' be transferred to earmarked reserves.
- c) That the unspent sum of £5,000 for 'Grounds Equipment Replacement' be transferred to earmarked reserves.
- d) That the unspent sum of £7,000 for 'Feasibility Studies' be transferred to earmarked reserves.
- e) That the underspend of £4,066 in 'Community Grants' be transferred to earmarked reserves.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr A. Smith with all in favour.

91/26 Report of the Planning Committee of 8th June 2026

The Chair highlighted that an extraordinary meeting of the Planning Committee had just been held earlier in the evening to finalise the LPC response to the Regulation 19 consultation.

Members noted the report of the Planning Committee of 8th June 2026.

92/26 End of year financial arrangements

It was resolved as follows:

- a) That Liss Parish Council approved the audited Liss Parish Council accounts for the FY 2025/26.
- b) That Liss Parish Council note the Internal Audit Report from Lightatouch covering March 2026 and Year End procedures.
- c) That Liss Parish Council approve the Annual Governance Statement for the FY 2025/26, having considered the responses to the statements to ensure there is a sound system of internal control, and authorise the Chair and Clerk to sign the document accordingly (page 4 refers).

- d) That Liss Parish Council approve the Accounting Statement for the FY 2025/26 and authorise the Chair to sign the document accordingly (page 5 refers).
- e) That Liss Parish Council approve the dates for the exercise of public rights (18th June to 29th July 2026).
- f) That Liss Parish Council confirm that it has no conflict of interest with external auditors BDO LLP.
- g) That Liss Parish Council is satisfied with the effectiveness of the Internal Audit 2025/26.

The motions were proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Mort with all in favour.

The Clerk noted that a new internal auditor (Mulberry) had already been appointed by Council as the current internal auditor was due to retire.

93/26 Internal Control Statement 2026

Resolved: That the Internal Control Statement 2026 as drafted be approved (proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Mort with all in favour).

94/26 Matters to report

Cllr Payne raised the issue of the speed of bikes cycling along the Riverside Walk, it was felt that this occurred as the walk formed part of cycle routes such as the Shipwrights Way and Route 22 and requested that appropriate signage be considered.

The Clerk noted that it would be wise to join up with EHDC on any signage initiative as EHDC owned the majority of the Riverside Walk and proposed that the matter be considered with a view to a proposal being put to the Facilities Committee on 13th July.

The Chair noted that he had attended a parish council forum on local government reorganisation. He highlighted the issue of community asset transfers where he had highlighted that LPC would consider any requests for asset transfers should the accompanying budget be provided.

The Chair highlighted that there were varying positions across the county where in some cases the body taking on the asset was required to cover legal costs and in other cases a dowry was being paid. The Chair proposed LPC consider the two EHDC car parks in Liss as this could help secure the continued provision of free parking in Liss.

Cllr Drew invited LPC to submit any expressions of interest for possible community asset transfers.

Cllr Payne enquired about the future standard of maintenance for community assets such as the Liss Riverside Walk; the Chair responded that such information was not yet known.

Cllr Drew concluded that by the end of the summer there should be more clarity on the way forward.

The Chair closed the meeting at 19hrs 43.

Date of next scheduled meeting: Monday 20th July 2026, 7pm

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

Hampshire County Councillor Update June 2026 – Nick Drew**Highways Information****Hampshire County Council unveils plan for 17,000 community electric vehicle charging points**

Hampshire County Council has announced plans for a major expansion of electric vehicle charging across the county.

Around 17,000 new community EV charging sockets are planned, focused particularly on areas where residents do not have access to off-street parking, such as a driveway or garage.

That matters because, for many people, the biggest barrier to switching to an electric vehicle is not the vehicle itself — it is having somewhere practical and reliable to charge it.

The scheme is being supported by £6.662 million of Government funding, which has helped unlock up to £90 million of private investment from charge point operator Believ. Importantly, this means the programme can be delivered at no cost to Hampshire County Council.

Installations are expected to begin later this year, with around 500 charge points planned in the first year.

Residents are also being asked to suggest locations where charge points would be useful, so the rollout can be targeted where demand and need are greatest.

This is a practical step towards making EV charging more accessible across Hampshire, particularly for those who cannot charge at home.

You can read more and suggest a location here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260506EVChargingScheme>

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>

Broken or missing signs: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>

Faulty street lights: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>

Faded or missing road markings: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

The Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority has now been formally established.

This is an important milestone for our region and, if we get it right, devolution can bring real benefits for residents across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

For too long, too many decisions about transport, skills, housing, investment, public safety, health and economic growth have been taken too far away from the communities they affect. Devolution should mean more decisions being made locally, by people who understand the needs, challenges and opportunities of our area.

The new Combined County Authority gives us the opportunity to work together across council boundaries, attract investment, improve infrastructure, support better skills and employment opportunities, and strengthen long-term economic growth.

But it must also be about fairness.

The benefits of devolution cannot simply flow to the places that are already doing well. The new Authority must have a clear focus on the most deprived communities across Hampshire and the Solent — including those areas where residents face poorer health outcomes, lower skills levels, weaker transport links, fewer opportunities and greater barriers to employment.

Growth matters, but it must be growth that reaches people and places that have too often been left behind.

That means using the new powers and funding to improve opportunity, support regeneration, tackle inequality, strengthen local transport, and help people access the skills and jobs they need to build better futures.

Hampshire has enormous strengths — strong businesses, world-class universities, major ports, rural communities, market towns, cities, coastline and countryside. Devolution gives us the chance to bring those strengths together more effectively.



Now the formal structure is in place, the real work begins: making sure this new Authority delivers practical, visible and lasting benefits for residents, businesses and communities across the whole region.

Boost for passengers as Hampshire County Council confirms funding for 100+ bus shelter upgrades

Good news for bus passengers across rural Hampshire.

Hampshire County Council has confirmed more than £554,000 of funding to help parish councils improve local bus shelters, with 41 parish councils awarded grants to refurbish or replace 137 shelters across the county.

This funding comes through Hampshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan, supported by Government bus grant funding. It will help with practical improvements such as replacing ageing shelters, upgrading structures, and adding features such as better seating and lighting.

These may seem like small improvements, but they matter. Clean, safe and welcoming shelters help make buses a more realistic and attractive option for everyday journeys — particularly in rural communities where public transport links are so important.

This sits alongside wider work to improve bus services in Hampshire, including better stops and interchanges, real-time passenger information, bus priority measures, community transport support and fare initiatives.

Bus use in Hampshire is moving in the right direction, with 26.6 million journeys made in 2024/25 — up 1.7 million on the previous year. There is still much more to do, but investment like this is part of making public transport more reliable, accessible and attractive for residents.

Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted Report

I'm really pleased to share some positive news about Hampshire's support for young people leaving care.

Following a recent inspection, Ofsted has praised Hampshire County Council for providing "high-quality, responsive support" to care leavers, recognising the strong and trusted relationships built between young people and their Personal Advisers, and the tailored help available as they move into adulthood.

Leaving care can be one of the most challenging periods in a young person's life. Support with housing, education, employment, wellbeing and independence can make an enormous difference, and it is encouraging to see inspectors recognise the dedication of the staff working alongside some of Hampshire's most vulnerable young people. Ofsted particularly highlighted the way young people's voices and aspirations help shape the support they receive.

A huge thank you to everyone across Hampshire Children's Services and our partners who work so hard to support care leavers to build stable, independent and fulfilling lives. This is important work, often carried out quietly and away from the spotlight, but it changes lives.

You can read the full OfSTED report here:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80472>

Hundreds of illicit vapes and cigarettes seized from premises in Ringwood and Totton

Good work by Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards team and Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, who have seized more than 500 illicit vapes, cigarettes and hand-rolled tobacco products from premises in Ringwood and Totton.

The products had a total street value of more than £3,000 and were found during a covert operation on 27 May — including items hidden in an armchair and an oven.

This follows a similar operation in New Milton last month, where almost £9,000 of illicit vapes, cigarettes and tobacco products were seized.

This work matters. Illegal and counterfeit products can pose serious health risks, undermine legitimate local businesses, and too often are linked to sales to underage people. Trading Standards do an important job in tackling rogue traders and keeping unsafe products off our streets.

Residents can help too. Information about counterfeit vapes or tobacco — or shops selling these products to underage people — can be reported in confidence to the Stop Illegal Tobacco hotline on 0300 999 6 999 or via the Stop Illegal Tobacco website.

General Updates from HCC:

Applications closing soon for school and post-16 transport

Hampshire parents and carers are being advised to apply now for school and post-16 transport for September 2026, as application deadlines are approaching quickly

[Applications closing soon for school and post-16 transport | Hampshire County Council](#)

County Council Election Results Declared

Votes cast in the County Council election held on Thursday 7 May have now been counted, with no single party achieving overall control

[County Council Election Results Declared | Hampshire County Council](#)

Supported internships: a step towards work for young people with SEND in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council is highlighting supported internships as a practical way to help young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) move from education into paid employment – with the right support in place

[Supported internships: a step towards work for young people with SEND in Hampshire | Hampshire County Council](#)

Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted report

Care leavers in Hampshire receive ‘consistent and responsive support from practitioners who know them well’ and are ‘supported effectively towards independence’. Those are the key findings in an Ofsted report published today, following a recent inspection focusing on Hampshire County Council’s specific support for care leavers

[Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted report | Hampshire County Council](#)

Hampshire County Council Announces Leader and Cabinet Team

Hampshire County Council has confirmed its new Administration, re-elected Leader and new-look Cabinet, following the 7 May local elections which resulted in no political party gaining overall control. Since the election result was declared, political parties have been in discussion on how the Authority will be governed

[Hampshire County Council Announces Leader and Cabinet Team | Hampshire County Council](#)

Report to Liss Parish Council - Monday 15th June 2026

Apologies: I am away on holiday.

Councillor grants

- Allowing for grants given and after discussions with potential applicants I have about £1,000 remaining.

Casework, Including

- A resident in Abri flats in Inwood Road asked about cycle storage. I did discuss this with Abri more than one year ago, but will have another go.

Planning

- I have met with Paddy Payne, Sue Halstead, Roger Hargreaves, Keith Budden and Margaret Paren to discuss the SDNP plan, and have submitted my own comments.

Other

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EHDC business

- The draft report on the procurement of software (or anything else really) in response to the very problematic implementation of the new planning system for the non-SDNP area has not yet been released. Hopefully it will be published this month.
- The audit committee, which I am on, had the year end report from the internal auditors presented which although did not quite finish everything, found no significant problems except in the area of parking controls. EY, the external auditor, presented their plan for auditing last year's accounts. I am pleased that the council has taken on some extra accounting resource so that the problems with the last two year's audits can be resolved.

Local Government Reorganisation

- The final parliamentary bill is yet to be published but work is going ahead at all levels assuming that it will proceed. Appointments have been made to different working groups to achieve good coordination, which is especially important in East Hants because of being split into two parts.

Questions?

- By email please

Roger Mullenger, 15th June 2026
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Nominal Ledger Analysis							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>£ Total</u>	<u>£ Creditors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>£ Amount</u> <u>Transaction</u>
01/05/2026	Treasurers Acc. 00110939	1/5/26	20,000.00			200	20,000.00 Top Up
01/05/2026	Charities	BACS	56.38			106	56.38 Debt
01/05/2026	Charities	BACS	-56.38			106	-56.38 Correction
01/05/2026	Treasurers Acc. 00110939	Top up	61,796.00			200	61,796.00 Top up for grant payments
26/05/2026	Treasurers Acc. 00110939	Top Up	20,000.00			200	20,000.00 Top Up
Total Payments:			101,796.00	0.00	0.00		101,796.00

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Receipts received between 01/05/2026 and 31/05/2026

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
	Banked 01/05/2026	112.76						
	Charities	112.76			106		112.76	posting correction
	Banked 01/05/2026	17,620.00						
	Charities	17,620.00			135		17,620.00	Repay Pavilion solar grant
	Banked 01/05/2026	56.38						
	Charities	56.38			106		56.38	Debt payment
	Banked 05/05/2026	1,545.03						
	CCLA	1,545.03			1081	100	1,545.03	Dividends - April
	Banked 07/05/2026	33,143.18						
	Charities	33,143.18			135		33,143.18	Debt payment
	Banked 07/05/2026	-112.76						
	Charities	-112.76			106		-112.76	Correction
	Banked 11/05/2026	53.79						
	Lloyds Bank	53.79			1080	100	53.79	Interest
	Banked 26/05/2026	50.00						
	On All Floors	50.00			1205	210	50.00	Village Planting Donation
	Banked 26/05/2026	20.00						
	Liss Yarns	20.00			1205	210	20.00	Village Planting Donation
	Total Receipts:	52,488.38	0.00	0.00			52,488.38	

Treasurers Acc. 00110939

Payments made between 01/05/2026 and 31/05/2026

Nominal Ledger Analysis

Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	£ Amount	Transaction
01/05/2026	Village Hall Charity	BACS	22,937.00			5000 500	22,937.00	LPC Grant 26-27
01/05/2026	Wst Liss Rec. Ground Charity	BACS	24,876.00			5010 500	24,876.00	LPC Grant 26-27
01/05/2026	Allotment Charity	BACS	5,533.00			5015 500	5,533.00	LPC Grant 26-27
01/05/2026	Community Groups	BACS	8,450.00			5050 500	8,450.00	LPC Grant 26-27
07/05/2026	Village Hall Charity	BACS	4,000.00			4150 150	4,000.00	Hall Hire for 26-27
07/05/2026	Cloudy IT	DD	72.00		12.00	4080 150	60.00	Rialtas Cloud License - May
08/05/2026	Premier Conv. Store	DEBIT CARD	3.30			4091 150	3.30	Hand Soap
11/05/2026	BT	DD	360.89		60.15	4075 150	300.74	Phone & Internet
14/05/2026	K & R Power	BACS	2,217.00			6150 700	2,217.00	Triangle LEDs - CIL
						386	-2,217.00	Triangle LEDs - CIL
						6000 700	2,217.00	Triangle LEDs - CIL
14/05/2026	HALC	BACS	252.00		42.00	4120 150	210.00	LCPD Membership 26-27
14/05/2026	Hampshire Grounds Limited	BACS	888.00		148.00	4235 200	740.00	Grass Cutting LF/NC/MR - April
14/05/2026	Streetmaster	BACS	324.00		54.00	4245 200	270.00	Metal Bin Liners
14/05/2026	Coomers	BACS	29.18		4.86	6150 700	24.32	Allotment Gate Post
						363	-24.32	Allotment Gate Post
						6000 700	24.32	Allotment Gate Post
14/05/2026	Disking	BACS	40.00		6.67	4106 150	33.33	Laptop Charger
14/05/2026	Beaver Tool Hire	BACS	22.74		3.79	6150 700	18.95	Fuel for RW Volunteer Tools
						335	-18.95	Fuel for RW Volunteer Tools
						6000 700	18.95	Fuel for RW Volunteer Tools
15/05/2026	Landall	DD	47.92		7.99	4100 150	39.93	Copier & Printer
18/05/2026	Lloyds Bank	DD	8.50			4009 150	8.50	Bank Charges
18/05/2026	Sage	DD	20.40		3.40	4080 150	17.00	Payroll Software
21/05/2026	JRB Enterprise Ltd.	BACS	578.40		96.40	4245 200	482.00	Dog Waste Bags
21/05/2026	Sarah Smith	BACS	43.73			4055 150	43.73	Expenses
21/05/2026	Amazon	DEBIT CARD	47.60		7.94	4245 200	39.66	Refuse Sacks
27/05/2026	Salaries	BACS	8,574.88			4000 150	8,574.88	May Salaries
27/05/2026	HMRC	BACS	2,801.78			4000 150	2,801.78	May Salaries
27/05/2026	Salaries	BACS	2,816.97			4005 150	2,816.97	May Pension Contribution
28/05/2026	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	DD	175.26		29.21	4250 200	146.05	Waste - NC
28/05/2026	Amazon	DEBIT CARD	13.97		2.33	4245 200	11.64	Hose Reel Cart
28/05/2026	ARB Microtech Ltd.	DEBIT CARD	-13.97		-2.33	4245 200	-11.64	Reverse payment
Total Payments:			85,120.55	0.00	476.41		84,644.14	

Nominal Ledger Analysis								
Receipt Ref	Name of	£ Amnt Received	£ Debtors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
	Banked 01/05/2026	20,000.00						
1/5/26	BUS Instant 07410075	20,000.00			205		20,000.00	Top Up
	Banked 01/05/2026	61,796.00						
Top up	BUS Instant 07410075	61,796.00			205		61,796.00	Top up for grant payments
	Banked 26/05/2026	20,000.00						
Top Up	BUS Instant 07410075	20,000.00			205		20,000.00	Top Up
Total Receipts:		101,796.00	0.00	0.00			101,796.00	