

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021 USING A SCHEDULED ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

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| <u>Members:</u> | Cllr D Crichton (Chair) | (P) | Cllr O Barneveld | (P) |
| | Cllr A Berry | (P) | Cllr A Carden | (P) |
| | Cllr A Kirby | (P) | Cllr J Parry | (P) |
| | Cllr L Price | (P) | Cllr M Read | (P) |
| | Cllr F Tingle | (P) | | |

Also on the call were D/Cllrs, A Clear, T Evans, J Clementson and M Read. Also presents were Katie Bone HBC Community Officer, Jenni Upstill from Grainger PLC and Karen Seear Clerk to the Council.

139/21C Apologies: All Parish Councillors were present.

140/21C Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Read declared an interest as he was the Ward Councillor for Winchester City Council.

141/21C Minutes

The minutes from the Council Meeting held on 18 February 2021 were received. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and will be duly signed by the Chairman at a later date.**

142/21C Matters arising and outstanding matters from Previous Minutes.

- a) Vandalism at Auger Way: There has not been an update from Taylor Wimpey with regards to the installation of an additional bollard and for obtaining padlocks and keys for the current bollards. The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase for an update. **NOTED.**

143/21C Public Participation: There was no requirement for a public session.

144/21C County and District Councillors Reports

a) C/Cllr P Stallard had submitted a written report which had been previously circulated and is appended to these minutes. The Chairman mentioned Hampshire County Council plans have been bought forward for the additional primary school in the Parish. The Chairman mentioned when the planning application is received for the design for this school should allow for adequate parking. **NOTED.**

b) D/Cllr A Clear gave a verbal report. She mentioned the local plan, and encouraged everyone to input their comments as it will help to guide the future of the Parish. Fly-tipping is unfortunately on the increase, if there is a sticker from WCC in place at a site, then please be assured WCC do know about the incident and will deal with it. If you see a site, without a sticker, please inform Winchester City Council, reporting the waste by phone or via the WCC website. **NOTED.** The Chairman mentioned a planning enforcement case in the Parish. The Clerk has written to building control requesting further information, more information is awaited. Further clarification on the matter is required. **NOTED.**

D/Cllr M Read gave a verbal update. There is a new leisure centre opening in Winchester. This is gradually phasing out the old leisure centre, a soft shut down is in progress.

He mentioned that WCC are due to go into Purdah towards the end of March. No decisions will be made by the Winchester City Council other than those under planning. **NOTED.**

Cllr L Price raised several points regarding planning permission rights. There are questions over which rights phases of the development have. The Chairman agreed that this matter needs also needs clarifying as it has major implications for managing the development. A planning committee meeting is planned to take place prior to the next meeting of full Council on 8 April 2021. It was advised to invite the Head of Planning Department from WCC to the meeting to answer queries. **NOTED.**

Cllr L Price mentioned brown bin garden waste collections. There have been a few problems with collections. Some residents are still waiting for their brown bins. Bins are currently taking 2 to 4

weeks for delivery. Residents are asked to continue using garden waste bags while waiting for their brown bin. If they wish for their garden waste service to continue they must order a bin from WCC. If residents continue to have problems, you can report this to either D/Cllr M Read or D/Cllr A Clear. The Clerk will update the Parish Facebook page with this information.

145/21C Parish Matters:

- i) Development and adoptions: Jenni Upstill from Grainger had previously circulated a report. She mentioned that work to the footpath connecting Town Park via Laxton Leaze is now complete. Rubber matting that was previously installed, has been removed. Some residents are still walking over the muddy grass, there will be signs up to let people know the footpath is now in use. The Chairman also wished to thank the residents that assisted in the removal of fallen tree branches over the Christmas period and pointed out that there is great community spirit in the Parish. He also mentioned that via the Berewood residents Facebook page, there has been a discussion on various wildlife in the Parish. Water voles have been spotted. Jenni went on to mention that building works have been very supportive in such a way as to encourage wildlife in the area, numbers have actually increased during works. Raptor boxes are due for installation at Newlands Meadow, in the hopes to encourage more birds of prey, as nesting season is starting. This site will be dedicated in memorial to Andy Bessy, a resident of the Parish. The Chairman suggested that residents may like to note what wildlife they spot in the Parish. This topic could be featured in newsletters, hi-lighting the fact that the development has lots of open space, and is not just a concrete jungle. Cllr F Tingle asked for an update on the planned work to the pond at the site near the recycling centre. Jenni reported that they are currently gaining quotes for the work. Once the next phase of house sales is complete, Grainger will look at carrying out works to the pond in April 2022. Cllr M Read wished to congratulate Jenni/Grainger as he is very impressed with the boardwalk at the site near the bridge, pointing out that it really looks the part. The Chairman gave an update concerning the Taylor Wimpey area of the development. The section 104 Southern Water adoption is almost complete. A condition of the adoption is that Taylor Wimpey will continue to maintain areas like the pumping station for another 6 months. This does not impede the signing of the adoption agreement. The spokesman for Taylor Wimpey has reported that he is confident that the adoption of the Spine Road will happen by the middle of the year. There are a few items that are due to be finished, once this is complete and the road adopted, the Chairman has asked whether the yellow lines that Grainger are working on will continue onto the Spine Road area. Once Highways has adopted the roads, there are questions as to whether restrictions will start to be enforced. **NOTED.** Adoption of the open space in the Havant part of the development is still awaited. A representative of HBC will be chasing this matter. Cllr L Price questioned that once Darnel Road is adopted, what will happen with regards to vehicles being able to access Newlands Walk? The Chairman had previously raised this issue with Taylor Wimpey, and asked for installation of a drop curb to allow for vehicular access. **NOTED.** Closure of Sickle Way is still yet to be determined and work to the road surface completed. This has been mentioned at the West of Waterlooville forum and the matter will be returned to again for discussion. **NOTED.**
- ii) Community Plan: Katie Bone gave a verbal update, Two football and skateboarding coaching events are taking part over Easter at Berewood Town Park. This will be a good opportunity to obtain views about the development from parents whose children will be attending these events. **NOTED.**
- iii) HBC land: This item was covered previously
- iv) Garden waste collections: This item was covered previously.

146/21C Communications

- a) Website: The Clerk reported that the Parish website had been running well since Cllr J Parry was able to remove unwanted malware. The Chairman asked questions regarding when the Parish Online element could be added to the website. The Clerk will find out more information and bring this back to the next meeting. **NOTED.**
- b) Newsletter: Katie Bone asked whether any Councillors wanted to add anything to the next newsletter. Cllr F Tingle suggested that wildlife spotting could be added as an item to the newsletter. **NOTED.**
- c) CPRE: Correspondence had been sent to the Council concerning whether there were any litter picks in the Parish. Currently several residents are picking up litter in the area. Due to current lockdown restrictions it is difficult to organise litter picking events. Katie Bone had tried to arrange two

sessions over Easter as residents had been in touch asking for these to take place. It was decided to write back to the CPRE and explain the current situation. **NOTED.**

147/21C Outside Bodies

- a) **AQUIND:** The Chairman gave a verbal update. The inspectors examination is now complete. WCC have around 12 redline items that need consideration. AQUIND were asked to consider a cross country route, but did not respond. The Chairman is extremely disappointed that HBC who were previously supporting this campaign, now appear to have conceded. Inspectors have 3 months to prepare their recommendations to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then has 3 months to prepare public recommendations. The Chairman outlined the next steps of the proposal and the complexities around them. He stated that there will not be an answer to the recommendations for some months. The matter is on hold until more news becomes available. **NOTED.**
- b) **West of Waterlooville:** The meeting took place on the 9th March 2021. The structure and future of both the forum and the Joint planning committee was discussed. It was agreed that there is a need for the Joint planning Committee to continue in some way. A number of options were considered. There is a requirement for a continuing body which represents both Havant and Winchester to meet until the development is finished.
After discussion with Gary Hughes from HBC the proposed idea of having a footpath between the development and Brambles Farm was dismissed by HBC as the land has been let on 120 year lease. Mr. Hughes felt that it is highly unlikely that the current leaseholder would agree to the request. HBC are not keen on the request as it may hinder their ability to use the land for other purposes. It was suggested to approach the leaseholder with the footpath request, to see if they would support the suggestion and then go back to HBC. There are currently health and safety issues regarding access to the Post Office delivery office in Brambles Farm and The Chairman believes the footpath link is an important part of missing infrastructure for residents of the development. **NOTED.**
The Chairman mentioned that the Grainger website has been updated. It now shows all phases and names.
- c) **Southern Parishes:** The minutes of the meeting were previously circulated. The Chairman gave a update. D/Cllr Hugh Lumby was the speaker at the meeting. The main item of discussion was planning. It was a very useful, helpful session. There were a number of items that require more information. The Chairman stated that if there are any queries with regards to the report from the last meeting, then to contact him. The next meeting of Southern Parishes is on the 17th May 2021 at 2pm. **NOTED.**

148/21C Finance

- a) **Orders for Payment: It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment list 16 should be APPROVED in the sum of £0.00 including VAT and that further payments of £64.78 including VAT were RAFIFIED and that NIL receipts are noted.**
- b) **Bank Statements:** The February bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements were reviewed and the balances as at 21 February 2021 were agreed. The statements would be signed at a later date by the Chairman. **NOTED.**
- c) **Accounts:** The accounts for February had been prepared and circulated. **NOTED.**
- d) **Bank account:** The Bank Account correspondence address will be changed to that of the Parish Office at the Community Hall building. Details around the signing for this were agreed. **NOTED. It was unanimously agreed that the internal auditor which kindly assisted the Council last year will also carry out the this year's internal audit. The Clerk was asked to contact her.**

- 149/21C Social Media:** Strategies around the Parish use of social media were discussed. Cllr A Carden felt that the Council could engage more with residents via of use social media. He noted that C/Cllr P Stallard has been very active and engaged residents using social media platforms. Cllr F Tingle suggested that it would be an idea to post a newsletter via social media, detailing the Council's activities, this would be less formal than the minutes of meetings which are already posted. The newsletter could be circulated every fortnight/monthly. The Chairman thought this sounded effectively like a news bulletin and thought it was a good idea. D/Cllr A Clear has been inputting information into the Wickham Parish magazine and the Knowle Post, she offered her assistance. The Chairman suggested that Councillors speak to the Clerk regarding input and put together a draft, proposed first edition and circulate it to both Parish Council and Ward members. Councillors are to

agree on a template and who will be responsible for the work, this could potentially be shared on a rota basis between Councillors. The bulletin would be available on both the Parish Council Facebook page and the Parish website. The item will be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion. **NOTED.**

150/21C Other reports: The Chairman discussed the upcoming Annual Parish Assembly. The meeting is due to be held on 25th March 2021. Last year there were no electors present. Turnout for this meeting is not yet known. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to publicize the Annual Parish Assembly, stating that this is an opportunity for residents to ask any questions to the Council. **NOTED.**

The Annual Parish Meeting was discussed as there are currently queries over how this will be held. Current legislation allowing remote meetings is due to end on the 7th May. The way in which this meeting will be held will be determined once further information becomes available. **NOTED.**

151/21C It was RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussions regarding personnel matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

The meeting closed at 9.59pm

The next meeting will be held on 22 April 2021

Please note minutes of meetings are published as soon as possible on the website to help residents. However, they do not become the formal record of the meeting until agreed or otherwise at the next meeting. Therefore, you should always check to see whether any amendments have been made.

Children's Food & Activity Schemes



I have recently awarded grants totalling £384,576 to local organisations that are providing free activities and a meal to disadvantaged children during the Easter break [2nd April to 16th April 2021]. The aim of this Holiday and Activity Food Programme is to make free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year. This will cover four weeks in the summer and a week's worth of provision in each of the Easter and Christmas holidays in 2021. Organisations can also offer additional places to fee paying families. Nurseries, schools and sports activity providers are among the [Easter grant recipients](#).

The County Council will be seeking applications for the summer holiday (26th July to 1st September 2021) in the coming months and again, later in the year, for Christmas. Organisations should go to the [connect4communities.org](https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/) website –

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/> for details as well as application forms and guidance. Parents and carers wishing to find out what is on offer locally should search the Family Information and Services Hub –

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>

Choice of Secondary School

Almost 98% of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child at one of their preferred choices for a secondary school in September. The County Council received 14,483 on-time applications this year – an increase of 66 applications compared with the number received for places in September 2020 (14,417).

The admissions team is now busy processing primary school applications with offers due to go out to parents on 16th April 2021.

£2.1 billion Spending on Local Services 2021/2022

At the last full Council meeting budget plans for the forthcoming financial year were agreed, which will see funding focused on the County's ongoing work in tackling COVID-19, support for vulnerable children and adults, and key investments in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation. We will be investing a total of £13 million to maintain the County's 5,500 miles of roads and mend potholes. Furthermore, and building on our commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050, an extra £1.2 million will be invested in carbon reduction measures across the County Council itself, aligned to the aims of our wider Climate Change Strategy.

We have a capital programme worth £418 million over the next three years to help boost jobs and the quality of the environment. This provision for Hampshire's infrastructure brings the County Council's four-year total capital investment in Hampshire, to £744 million – one of the largest capital programmes anywhere in the country.

The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,350.45 – an increase of £1.23 per week, equating to 4.99%, of which 3% is ring-fenced for adults' social care at Government request. For further information on the capital and revenue budget visit

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=163&MIId=6561>

Children and Young People with Disabilities

I have recently agreed grants in excess of £1 million for voluntary groups and charitable organisations across the County, to support them in providing short break activities for children with disabilities and/or additional needs.

In addition, I have awarded £35,000 funding to the Hampshire Parent Carer Network for their continued support for parents and carers of children with disabilities and additional needs and enabling parents' participation in service development and improvement. A further £64,500 has been agreed for The Rose Road Association to continue provision of the Community Buddy Scheme and support for children and young people to access mainstream activities for a further six months, after which time a redesigned service will commence.

Solent Freeport

The County Council has welcomed the news that there is to be a Solent Freeport, which will have the potential to attract £2 billion investment and create 52,000 jobs. The Solent Freeport is one of eight announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his recent budget.

The proposal was submitted by the Solent LEP on behalf of a coalition of businesses, local authorities and other partner organisations in response to a competitive process designed to establish a number of UK Freeports. Successful areas benefit from tax reliefs, simplified customs procedures and streamlined planning processes to promote regeneration and innovation. The area will also be able to retain business rate growth to reinvest locally. The Freeports will begin operations from late 2021.

Retirement of Chief Executive

Hampshire County Council's Chief Executive, John Coughlan CBE has announced his intention to retire this summer, so the process of finding a successor will begin shortly. As Head of the Paid Service, the Chief Executive is responsible for managing the Authority's overall annual budget of £2.1 billion, a workforce of around 37,000 (including staff in over 500 Hampshire schools) and for delivering services to 1.4 million people across the County.

John joined Hampshire in 2005 as its first Director of Children's Services, to oversee the integration of Education and Children's Social Care services into the current Children's Services Department. In 2008, he was awarded a CBE in recognition of his work for children's services, helping to improve outcomes for children both locally and nationally. John was appointed to the post of Chief Executive in 2015.

Wasting Food Feeds Climate Change

Did you know that across the UK, around one fifth of the food bought ends up in the bin, and the average family could save £60 a month by their reducing food waste. The top three foods being thrown away uneaten in British homes are bread, potatoes and milk. In Hampshire, around one quarter of the waste thrown away is food that could have been eaten, most of which because it was not eaten in time. Wasting food is a major cause of climate change – it generates more greenhouse gas emissions than all the commercial flights in the world.

The County Council's Smart Living Initiative –

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/smartliving> -has been helping Hampshire residents make the most of their money and time at home by reducing waste through tips and ideas for the past five years. According to the Waste Research Action Partnership [WRAP], if every person stopped throwing away food for just one day in the UK, it would do the same for climate change as taking 14,000 cars off the road for a whole year. Find out more about food waste and climate change here: <https://outofdate.org.uk/facts/>

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