

## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

<u>Members:</u>	Cllr D Crichton (Chair)	(P)	Cllr O Barneveld	
	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			

Also present were C/Cllr Patricia Stallard, D/Cllr Neil Cutler and Karen Seear Clerk to the Council.

#### 018/22C Election of Chairman

Cllr D Crichton invited nominations for the Chairman of the Council.

Cllrs Crichton and Berry were proposed.

A vote was taken by a show of hands.

**It was RESOLVED by a majority that Cllr Crichton be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, for the municipal year 2021/2022.**

Declaration of Acceptance of Office:-

Cllr Crichton read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman which was also signed by the Clerk to the Council.

#### 019/22C Election of Vice-Chairman

Nominations were invited for Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Cllr A Carden was proposed and seconded. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr A Carden be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, for the municipal year 2021/2022.**

#### 020/22C Structure and membership of Committees and Sub-Committees for the ensuing municipal year (2021/22):

- a) Confirmation of Committee Structure: It had previously been determined to set up a Highways and general purposes committee and the name of the Finance committee would change to the Finance and Personnel Committee. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Parish Council would setup the Committee for Highways and General purposes.**
- b) Councillors for each Committee were determined. It was noted that two councillors were not present. Cllr F Tingle had informed the Council of her intention to stand down and Cllr O Barneveld was absent.
- c) The Chairman for each Committee was determined. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor L Price is Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee.**  
**It was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor A Carden is Chair of the Planning Committee.**  
**It was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor M Read is Chair of the Amenities Committee.**  
**It was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor A Berry is Chair of the Highways and General Purposes Committee.**  
Committee membership was determined as follows:  
**Amenities Committee** – Cllr M Read, Cllr A Kirby, Cllr Jason Parry and Cllr Lewes Price.  
**Finance and Personnel Committee** – Cllr L Price, Cllr A Carden, Cllr D Crichton (now Cllr O Barneveld) and Cllr A Kirby.  
**Highways and General Purpose Committee** – Cllr A Berry, Cllr D Crichton, Cllr A Carden and Cllr L Price.  
**Planning Committee** – All Councillors.
- d) The terms of reference for the Highways and General Purposes Committee were previously circulated. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the terms of reference for the Highways and General Purposes Committee.**

#### 021/22C Appointment of Parish Councillors

- i) West of Waterlooville – It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr A Berry and Cllr D Crichton would represent Newlands Parish Council at meetings.
- ii) HALC – It was **RESOLVED** to reappoint Cllr D Crichton as the Council’s representative for HALC.
- iii) Southern Parishes – It was **RESOLVED** to reappoint Cllrs Crichton and Berry to represent the Council at the Southern Parishes meetings.
- iv) WACA – It was **RESOLVED** to reappoint Cllr A Kirby as the Council’s representative for WACA.

**022/22C Councillors** Guidance from the Governance officer had previously been circulated. It was asked at what point would membership of the Parish Council will increase. Grainger had also provided an idea of how many households are expected within the next two years. Using the figures provided an additional Councillor will not be given within the next two years. At the next Annual Parish meeting this item will be returned to. The Council is likely to continue with 9 members throughout this term and into the next elected term. **NOTED.**

**023/22C Schedule of Council meetings for 2021/22** The schedule of meetings had been drawn up by the previous clerk. It was agreed to review the schedule and re-circulate after the review. **NOTED.**

**024/22C Apologies** Apologies were received from Cllr F Tingle and Cllr O Barneveld. Cllr F Tingle had also given notice of her intention to stand down as Councillor and Chair of the Finance Committee. The Chairman is sorry to see her leave and appreciates her work over the last two years. **NOTED.**

**025/22C Parish Matters**  
Public Participation: There was no requirement for a public session.

**026/22C County and District Councillors Reports**

a) C/Cllr P Stallard gave her verbal report. She had previously sent a written report to the Council which had been circulated. C/Cllr P Stallard is very pleased to be back after the election which took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. She updated the Council, reporting the changes at Hampshire County Council and spoke about there being a cabinet reshuffle. C/Cllr P Stallard will not be taking up a seat this year. After the previous Council meeting C/Cllr P Stallard had looked into the query raised regarding the bollards in the Wellington Park area of the development. She had not been able to gain an answer to this query. The Chairman suggested that this matter be looked at again at the point of adoption with Hampshire Highways. There are many queries regarding the bollards, access for emergency vehicles is still a cause for concern. The Chairman stated he would be contacting Kevin Mitchell with regards to these issues. Cllr M Read reported that there are retractable bollards in situ in an area in Knowle. These have been working well. The management of which is carried out by the developer. Cllr A Berry had talked to the fire service with regards to the matters raised, he reported that there are implications of both the bollards being in place and the planned closure of Sickie Way, he suggested that a walk around be planned with Hampshire Highways now that the Council has a Highways Committee in place. Cllr A Berry was asked to arrange this. **NOTED.**

D/Cllr N Cutler gave a verbal report. He summarized what had happened after the election and reported that things remain very much as they were before. He remains Deputy leader and he has the responsibility for Finance and service quality. D/Cllr A Clear is a member of the cabinet, with responsibility for Communities. She will continue to Chair the West of Waterlooville forum on that basis. They are looking once again at how the forum can develop, probably being more community than planning based. Emphasis was given to the importance of both Havant and Winchester working together to develop this. D/Cllr N Cutler reported that there had been a virtual Mayor making ceremony. The Annual meeting of Council had been held. He mentioned that there had been a lot of work and extra cost in trying to accommodate 45 Councillors for this in person event, this could have been avoided had the law regarding virtual meetings been allowed to continue. The Chairman would like to invite both new Mayors to two events currently being planned by Grainger within the Parish, he would also like to offer them both a tour. He hopes that both Mayors also attend future Parish events. **NOTED.**

D/Cllr M Read gave a verbal report, he confirmed D/Cllr N Cutler’s views. A 15 minute Council meeting was held face to face, which would have been much easier had meetings been allowed to

continue virtually. He updated the Council, regarding Ward Councillors in Denmead, Cllr Brook is once again Chair of the Scrutiny Committee. Cllr M Read is a member of the Licensing and Regulation Committee and the Planning committee. He noted that the joint planning Committee was not agreed at the last meeting. He hi-lighted the importance of this. He understands this will be confirmed in June. The Chairman then asked District Councillors to unlock the 3 applications submitted by Grainger as these have been delayed. Cllr M Read stated that these applications should be considered by the joint planning committee and will be considered once the meeting is set up. **NOTED.**

**027/22C Outside Bodies**

- a) AQUIND: The planning proposal by Aquind has been completed by the planning inspectorate. There is a degree of uncertainty regarding the next steps. The French equivalent of the National grid has not yet offered support for the project. The Chairman has suggested that residents who oppose the project should lobby MP's to use the same process that was used by the Stonehenge project, where the enquiry was opened up again. Cllr L Price mentioned the carbon emissions initiative which may affect the decision. The matter will be returned to as and when updates become available. **NOTED.**

**028/22C Communications**

- a) Website: The website was running well and there were no updates to report.
- b) Resident Communication: A resident had been in touch with the Council regarding the painting of yellow lines on Grainger Street. The Council had previously advised the resident on this matter. He had made a formal complaint against the Council. The Chairman had written a letter in response. The resident was advised that if he wished to make a complaint against any Councillor, he should contact Winchester City Council. **NOTED.**
- c) Social Media: As there were no outstanding items regarding this, the Chairman wished to take this matter to the next full council meeting for consideration. Cllr A Berry asked if Parish noticeboards can be used? The Chairman stated that they are currently being used and it was asked to look at places where additional noticeboards are required. **NOTED.**

**029/22C Outside bodies:**

Southern Parishes. A meeting had taken place. The Chairman had nothing to report back at this meeting. **NOTED.**

**030/22C Financial Matters**

Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment list 02 should be APPROVED in the sum of £14.39 including VAT and that further payments of £ 1,087.24 including VAT were RAFIFIED and that NIL receipts are noted.**

- 031/22C Other reports: Cllr A Berry questioned whether guidelines had been given to hall users regarding the safe use of the hall in line with Covid 19 regulations. It was suggested that Cllr A Kirby (WACA representative) and the Chairman will contact WACA to ensure that users have all information required. **NOTED.**

- 032/22C **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 8.44pm

The next meeting is the Annual Council Meeting this will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

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