

## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021 USING A SCHEDULED ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL 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 on the call were C/Cllr Patricia Stallard and Karen Seear Clerk to the Council.

**001/22C Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr O Barneveld and Cllr F Tingle.

**002/22C Declarations of Interest:** Cllr M Read declared an interest as he was the Ward Councillor for Winchester City Council.

**003/22C Minutes**

The minutes from the Council Meeting held on 18 March 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.**

**004/22C Matters arising and outstanding matters from Previous Minutes.**

- a) Vandalism at Auger Way: The Council has been chasing this item for quite some time. The Chairman noted that there is also a bollard at Ayrshire Road that is missing a padlock. He suggested contacting Taylor Wimpey again for more clarification. Questions have arisen as to whether these bollards should be locked. Cllr A Berry stated this could be due to required access by emergency services. A discussion took place regarding this issue, two situations are apparent. 1. Bollards are lockable, but this would mean emergency services are unable to gain access if required. 2. That they remain unlocked, this allows access for any vehicle. The Chairman is unsure whether this is a parish matter at present as Taylor Wimpey still have ownership of this part of the development. He then went on to add, that once the area is adopted by the Council, will this matter be a Parish matter or a matter for Hampshire Highways? C/Cllr P Stallard likened the area with the bollards to Knowle, the management company is responsible for this. C/Cllr P Stallard offered her help and will find out more with regards to this matter. Cllr J Parry mentioned that he had spoken to a workman who explained that plastic bollards are removable with a tool and may be an option. D/Cllr M Read stated that if the area in question is a footpath, no vehicular access is allowed. There will be a road route for emergency vehicles. It was agreed to put this matter on hold and update the Council with more information once it becomes available.  
**NOTED.**

**005/22C Public Participation:** There was no requirement for a public session.

**006/22C County and District Councillors Reports**

- a) C/Cllr P Stallard gave a verbal report. The number of children in custody and care continues to rise steadily. There are over 1000 referrals a week. The need to recruit more foster carers remains as critical as ever. It is of great importance that children are looked after in Hampshire, so that not only are they close to their families, the cost to taxpayers is minimized, paying outside authorities to look after the County's children is extortionate. The Chief Executive of Winchester City Council, John Coughlan is retiring. He has had a tough time seeing the Council through Co-vid. It is sad to see him go and he will be missed. There have been a great number of applicants for the nationally advertised role. The Chairman wished to pass on the Council's best wishes to John Coughlan. Thanks were given to C/Cllr P Stallard.  
D/Cllr M Read gave a brief update, due to Purdah only a limited amount of business is allowed to take place. A planning meeting had taken place, and it was noted that a County Highways Officer

was in attendance which was very beneficial. Dates have been received for meetings next year. The West of Waterlooville Forum has been allotted 3 meeting slots. The joint planning element now also requires consideration. Thanks were given to D/Cllr M Read.

#### **007/22C Parish Matters:**

- i) Development and adoptions: The Chairman gave an update regarding the Taylor Wimpey part of the development. He mentioned several items of correspondence which concern buyers solicitors searches regarding road adoption. The Chairman was able to provide more information regarding this matter and he will circulate this via the Parish Facebook page. The TP1 transfer document for every property in Wellington Park Schedule 4, item 1 explains that there is a commitment from TW for road adoption with an indemnity in place should there be any problems. Road adoption, there is a section 38 agreement already in place for the Spine road and phase 1 and 2. There is normally a 12 month period from proposal to adoption. Hampshire highways have agreed that once remedial items are complete, the spine road will be adopted. There is a section 37 in place which states there is a deed of dedication between the two parties. This dedication means that the developer will commit to handing over all the roads, lighting, footpaths etc. within Wellington Park, except one road - Moorit Place, upon adoption. Details regarding the management of this area are yet to be determined. Work to the entrance of Sickle Way is due to commence shortly. There are several surveys required, and there are works along Hambleton Road which also need completing at the same time. The Chairman mentioned that some of the lighting in Wellington Park was installed before the PFI lighting project. New lampposts are low energy and self-reporting, as part of the adoption replacement lighting may need consideration. This may be carried out by Hampshire highways, confirmation is awaited. Planning applications have been submitted by Dicentra for the business parks. The remaining portion of land, next to Wellington Vale is being treated separately, and Taylor Wimpey is in the process of completing the sale, as yet the Council is unaware of what the land will be used for. Grainger has an agreement in place with Hampshire highways. Road markings will be placed over the initial parts of the Berewood site and once the roads adopted, markings will be carried on. The access road to the development from the Ladybridge roundabout looks like a 2 to 3 year project.
- ii) Community Plan: Katie Bone gave a written report which had previously been circulated. She reported back detailing that the skateboarding sessions over Easter had been a success. The Chairman thanked Katie Bone and Mark Maitland for their work on the community plan. **NOTED.**
- iii) HBC land: The Chairman wished to formally record that the Havant part of the development due to be adopted had been agreed upon following a meeting which he had attended. The agreement also extends to Yew Gardens and an area in Phase 8, along the London Road. There is movement towards competition. The section 104 agreement requires a signature to complete and two pumps at the pumping station have been replaced.

#### **008/22C Communications**

- a) Website: The Clerk suggested that the footpath maps that Grainger have produced could be added to the parish website. **NOTED.**
- b) Newsletter: The idea of producing a Parish newsletter/bulletin had previously been suggested. Several other publications have been produced and circulated recently. The Chairman suggested to putting this matter on hold for the time being and will return to it at a later date. **NOTED.**
- c) Stonewater: An email had been received in response to the Clerks letter. It was suggested to gain feedback from residents with regards to this matter to see if issues had been rectified and to continue to monitor the situation. **NOTED.**
- d) Resident communication: Communication from a resident had been received regarding yellow lines on Grainger Street. Grainger Street will be one of the first roads to be painted with yellow lines. The resident has written explaining he was unaware that when he purchased his property that yellow lines would be placed on the street. Cllr A Carden mentioned that all residents would have received the same legal contract, stating that residents should not be parked on roads. Each property has dedicated parking spaces. The Chairman stated that this is not a Parish matter, as it is outside of Council's authority and jurisdiction and can only be dealt with by the parties involved. The resident's communication is **NOTED.**

**009/22C 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, the PTE, have 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 as and when updates become available. **NOTED.**

**010/22C Finance**

- a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment list 17 should be APPROVED in the sum of £961.91 including VAT and that further payments of £188.38 including VAT were RAFIFIED and that NIL receipts are noted.**
- b) Bank Statements: The March bank statements had been previously circulated. **The statements were reviewed and the balances as of 31 March 2021 were agreed. The statements would be signed at a later date by the Chairman. NOTED.**
- c) Accounts: The accounts for March had been prepared and circulated. **NOTED.**

**011/22C** Equality and diversity policy: Cllr A Carden explained the need for the policy to be in place. The draft policy had previously been circulated. He then went on to propose the policy. Cllr L Price seconded. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the policy.**

**012/22C** Social Media: This item had previously been discussed. It was decided to put this item on hold whilst various options are considered. **NOTED.**

**013/22C** Parish Online: The previous Clerk has provided guidelines regarding the use of the application and he is continuing to work on it for the Council. The Chairman would like to get it up and running as soon as possible but feels the Council is not yet ready to make it available to the public. There are several additional features which have recently been added. The Clerk will liaise with the former Clerk with regards to this matter. **NOTED.**

**014/22C** Shopping trolleys: It has been noted by residents that within the development hopping trolleys are often discarded. A query was raised as to whether a company called, Trolleywise still exists. Cllr A Carden reported that he had recently seen a Trolleywise van and the Chairman said he had reported a trolley using the Trolleywise app. He waits to see if his report is successful and the trolley picked up and returned. He suggested encouraging residents to use the app to report trolleys which will be publicized on the Parish website and Facebook page. **NOTED.**

**015/22C** Annual Council meeting: A Government hearing is expected with regards to the law surrounding an extension of allowing virtual Council meetings. The current legislation is due to expire on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. As yet no updates have been received. If the law is not extended, Parish Council meetings will return face to face. The Annual Council meeting is due to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021. At present roofing works are being carried out to the community building and this may mean the hall is unavailable. An option available is to consider bringing forward the meeting until the 6<sup>th</sup> May. This date was un-favourable for some Councillors. The Clerk was asked to contact Grainger to find out whether they anticipate the works to be complete by the set date. This item is on hold until more information becomes available. **NOTED.**

**016/22C** Other reports: Cllr A Berry wished to report that there had been drug use materials left at the parks. The Chairman said that at present this can only be reported to the person with responsibility until such time the areas of open space concerned are adopted. Cllr A Berry asked D/Cllr M Read to pass on the incident to Winchester City Council.

**017/22C** **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 9.27pm

The next meeting is the Annual Council Meeting this will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 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.



