

PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JULY 2020 VIA A SCHEDULED ZOOM VIDEO CALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

Members: Cllr M Read (Chairman) (P) Cllr A Kirby (P)
Cllr L Price (P) Cllr F Tingle (P)

Also present Cllrs D Crichton and J Parry, Jenni Upstill Grainger Development Manager and Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

009/21A Apologies: All Councillors were present.

010/21A Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Read declared an interest as he was a Ward Member for Winchester City Council.

011/21A Minutes: The minutes from the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2020 were received. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting be accepted as an accurate record and would be signed at a later date by the Chairman.**

012/21A Public Session: The meeting was adjourned at 7.34 pm to allow comments from Councillors in the Public Session. The meeting reconvened at 7.36 pm.

013/21A Adoption of Open Space: The Chair referred to a meeting with WCC Officers and the Clerk had circulated his notes to all Councillors. A presentation was to be given by the architect for the Pavilion and Nature Reserve when allowed. The Chair was aware that if the Parish Council did not adopt the open spaces, then WCC could appoint a management company to manage it and pass on the costs to the Parish without the Parish have any influence in the matter. The Chair was concerned with finances related to adoption of open spaces and would like to negotiate a tripartite agreement so that there was no delay in payment of commuted sums. Any open spaces would need to be to a standard acceptable to the Parish such that they could undertake maintenance and the commuted sums should be paid at the same time as adoption.

If open space land was adopted by the Parish, it would require support from WCC Officers as the Parish Council was new and inexperienced. WCC recognized this and agree support.

The Clerk also reminded the Committee of outstanding queries raised at the meeting with WCC Officers.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact WCC to confirm if WCC had adopted the open spaces and received the commuted sums. Cllr Crichton would also ask the same of Taylor Wimpey. It was further AGREED that subject to clarification on the current position on adoption, that this Committee recommend to Council that it agrees to adopt open space land owned by WCC and to progress this.

014/21A Sports Pavilion: Drawings of the proposed Pavilion had been previously circulated. A question was raised regarding the provision of public toilets at the Pavilion as this was included in the S106 agreement. Management and maintenance of this facility would need to be considered. The Chair suggested that the full Council was invited to attend the presentation by the architect and management of the facility could be considered after that including potential users of the Pavilion. The use of the car park also needed to be addressed. **It was AGREED that the Clerk would arrange the meeting with the architect as a first step.**

015/21A Youth Shelter: The Committee further considered the location for a second youth shelter. In the discussion on this item, Councillors considered

- Newlands Walk as a possible location, although it was recognised that this was close to the Care Home and was also in the Denmead Gap.
- Who would be attracted to the shelter, local youths or those from outside of the development
- Asking youth groups for input as to what they might want and use, and to also get input from the Community Workers.
- The reason for a second shelter
- The condition of other youth shelters in the vicinity

It was AGREED that the Committee would meet to walk a possible location at 10.00am on Saturday 1 August.

016/21A Hire of the Community Hall: The Chair reminded the Committee of the agreement in principle for a Councillors Surgery on the first Saturday morning of each month. The Clerk summarised the booking request which was for Friday 1000-1200 and Saturday 1000-1300 for dance classes. The Committee considered the request and how this would restrict the use of the Hall to other parties. The Chair stated that the Councillor Surgery could start earlier and be finished by 1100. **It was AGREED to respond to the booking request to check if the dance classes could work with the first Saturday being available after 1100.**

017/20A Other reports: The Chairman asked for a position on allotments. These were in the plan and would be available at a later date. There was no need for any further consideration at this time.

Cllr Price asked about renaming areas of open space to names of Councils choosing. Jenni Upstill asked that any name changes were made sooner rather than later as she was preparing information boards for these areas.

The meeting closed at 8.39pm

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is scheduled for Thursday 1 October starting at 7.30pm

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Jenni Upstill, Grainger's Development Manager for the development introduced herself and outlined her role. This was to support the community and make them aware of what was on offer and to market the development on behalf of Grainger.

Cllr Crichton, speaking during the public sessions raised the following point

- i. There would be two areas for allotments on the development. One of these could be a 'growing space' for use by the community. There would also be bee hives on the development.