

## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

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

<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			

Also on the call were D/Cllrs, N Cutler, A Clear, J Clementson, T Evans and M Read. Also presents were Katie Bone HBC Community Officer, Karen Seear Clerk to the Council and Tony Daniells.

**124/21C Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Fiona Tingle.

**125/21C Declarations of Interest:** Cllr M Read declared an interest as he was the Ward Councillor for Winchester City Council.

**126/21C Minutes**

The minutes from the Council Meeting held on 21 January 2021 were received. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

**127/21C Matters arising and outstanding matters from Previous Minutes.**

- a) Vandalism at Auger Way: The Chairman gave an update. Keys had not yet been sourced for keys to the bollards. There are no padlocks on the bollards at Tamworth Way. Another bollard will be installed at Radnor Way closing the gap. The Clerk was asked to contact Taylor Wimpey and point out these issues. **NOTED.**

**128/21C Public Participation:** There was no requirement for a public session.

**129/21C 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.
- b) D/Cllr A Clear gave a verbal report. She mentioned the local plan, WCC is inviting feedback from all members of the public on all potential strategic issues and priorities for the new local plan 2038. She mentioned the website your place your plan and encouraged all to give views and feedback via the site. Biffa waste collections in the Winchester district will now collect residents waste batteries and small waste electrical items, kettles, toasters etc. The items should be bagged, and left out for collection every week. There have been several cases of fly-tipping reported. WCC have now introduced a new on-site sticker system which will alert the public that the Council is aware of incidents, if anyone notices a case of fly-tipping without a sticker, please could they inform WCC. There has been a request for residents and local businesses to share details of their broadband and mobile service experiences, with particular emphasis on how well performance has been. Especially as this now has become a vital service.

A discussion took place regarding an enforcement case, concerning a breach of planning permission. The property in question lies in phase 10 of the development. Council had received an update explaining that the resident had acted within their rights and the extension to the property was allowed. The Chairman questioned whether or not the MDA should be following the same planning regulations. He asked the Clerk to make Grainger aware of the situation.

Cllr M Read gave a verbal report. There has been an issue with the Winchester green waste collections. Green sacks have not been collected, due to a change of contracts, lorries are now requiring residents to use brown bins for garden waste. These bins are currently being delivered to residents. The Chairman suggested, that the Council inform parish residents via Facebook that if they had a green sack of garden waste it will be collected up until they receive a brown bin, these

should be delivered shortly. The issue will be brought back to the next meeting of full Council to see it had been resolved. **NOTED.**

### **130/21C Parish Matters:**

- i) Development and adoptions: Council had previously received a report from Jenni Upstill from Grainger. The work on the trees at the boundary line had been carried out and was complete. Opening celebrations of both the river restoration project and the new playground area at Elm Green are still planned to go ahead in the summer. An invitation will be sent out to ask both Mayors from the development to the celebrations. Extensive repair work is required to the roof at the temporary community hall building. This work will may go on longer than Council would like, and is expected to be carried out during the summer. The hall is due to be used as a polling station in May, the Chairman asked that reassurance be sought from Grainger with regards to this matter, ensuring there will be no risk to the public. Cllr M Read assured Council that this matter is in hand and WCC are aware of issues. **NOTED.**

There are several on-going matters in Wellington Park. The section 104 agreement awaits signing with Southern Water. This is due to difficulties finding someone in the local office to sign. There continues to be a problem regarding the pumping station adjacent to the HWRC.

Work on the cycle lane in Darnel Road is going well and tarmac is due to be laid shortly. The Chairman hopes that the work and adoption will be complete by the middle of the year, enabling other planned work to follow after it. The section 106 adoption of open space in the Havant part is still outstanding. The Chairman has been chasing this issue, and will mention it at the next West of Waterlooville forum, management of the area is sought after as currently it is being managed by Taylor Wimpey. Work is going ahead for the adoption of the Spine Road.

- ii) Community Plan: Katie Bone gave a verbal report. The team are coming up with ideas to engage the community when current restrictions are lifted. The Winchester Sports department are arranging football sessions and other similar sessions to engage with both children and parents. It is hoped these activities will take place over Easter.

The Chairman mentioned the community plan that the Council has put together. He has passed it on to several individuals, the site office and estate agents. It is proving to be a useful, helpful document, especially for individuals planning to move to the area.

- iii) HBC land: This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

- iv) Trinity: Cllr L Price had passed on correspondence from Trinity management company. There are planning to set up a resident's association. Cllr A Carden commented that reason behind this could be to have some engagement with their residents and it may be in residents' interest to set this up as they may be able to input into matters such as service charges. The Chairman explained that there have been disputes running between Trinity and residents for many years. There are hopes that this may reduce some of the issues.

### **131/21C Communications**

- a) Website: There were no updates to report regarding the website. The Chairman asked if there had been any more updates to add to Parish Online. Tony Daniells stated that he was still waiting for maps from both Taylor Wimpey and WCC. It was asked that D/Cllrs chase this matter up. **NOTED.**
- b) Newsletter: Katie Bone stated that another newsletter will be circulated at the end of March, Councillors input is welcome. Parish newsletters will start to go out again to residents in the future. **NOTED.**
- c) Winchester City Council: The precept appendix was received and had been previously circulated. Cllr A Carden noted that there had been a reduction in the amount of council tax Parish residents pay.
- d) Chamonix estates: A letter had been sent to residents regarding the company merging with another housing management company. Cllr J Parry stated that the letter was vague and did not fully explain what was happening. It was felt that the letter was unclear in communicating exactly what was happening. **NOTED.** The Chairman mentioned with relation to Chamonix, as part of the adoption process, Moorit Place will remain a private street. Questions will need to be asked as to how the housing company plan to manage this.

### **132/21C Outside Bodies**

- a) AQUIND: D/Cllr J Clementson reported that she had attended several meetings. She was pleased to report that Steve Cornwell of WCC had been doing a great job ensuring that all matters regarding AQUIND were being taken care of and encouraged all Councillors to congratulate him on the work

he had done. Various details are in the planning phase, the colour of the site buildings etc. The route AQUIND are now planning to take for the work will affect residents. Plans are now to avoid the Denmead area and direct cables via Soake Road. The Chairman spoke about the jointing bay plans, which have been discussed for building on land at Forest End. After speaking with a representative of the Grainger Trust, it was confirmed that Grainger had been contacted by AQUIND with regards to this matter. The representative stated that the land in question was always going to be left as open space. The Chairman has asked Steve Cornwell for details and clarity regarding how they plan to install fibre optic cables, with particular reference to whereabouts these will connect. Response from AQUIND is that this had not been planned for. Jointing bays are require running every 600 – 2000 metres. This will cause major problems along main roads through Purbrook and Widley as due to the size of these bays, property would have to be purchased in order for installation. D/Cllr J Clementson stated that with there is not enough awareness of the upset and chaos this project could cause should the project go ahead. The Chairman mentioned several other issues regarding the project, in Normandy permission has not been granted for the connection, due to ownerships issues. There are currently no regulations over matters of energy supply due to Brexit. West of Waterlooville forum: The Chairman stated that there is a meeting planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Agenda items for this meeting were discussed with D/Cllr A Clear. D/Cllr A Clear agreed that all items the Chairman had spoken about will be covered at the meeting.

**133/21C Finance**

- a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 14) should be APPROVED in the sum of £1,250.86 including VAT and that further payments of £455.71 including VAT were RAFIFIED and that NIL receipts are noted.** Bank Statements: The January bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements were reviewed and the balances as at 31 January were agreed. The statement would be signed at a later date by the Chairman. **NOTED.**
- b) Accounts: The accounts for January had been prepared and circulated. **NOTED.**
- c) Amenities Budget: The budget for the spend within the Amenities Committee had previously been determined. There were no comments or queries regarding this. **NOTED.**

**134/21C Investment Strategy:** A copy of the investment strategy had been prepared and previously circulated. **It was unanimously agreed to adopt the investment strategy the Chairman thanked the previous Clerk for his work on this.**

**135/21C APA meeting 2021:** The meeting is currently planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021, this will be a virtual meeting and members of the public are invited to attend. Items for inclusions at this meeting were welcomed. Tony Daniells, previous Clerk suggested that the Council reflect over the past year and sell some of the benefits of being part of the Community such as the upcoming allotments and sports facilities. He also mentioned it could be a good chance to promote the community plan. The Clerk was asked to contact Grainger for an update as to when the first phase of allotments (phase 9a) will be available, as plans need to be made regarding allotment management.

**136/21C Deputies:** The proposal of having one or possibly two deputies for meetings were discussed as the requirement for this has become apparent. It was suggested that this matter be returned to as and when the Council's Committees are restructured. **NOTED.**

**137/21C Other reports:** Cllr A Carden mentioned the Parish Council's use of social media. He thought it may be useful to think about strategies going forward related to this. The Chairman thought this should be considered, especially with regards to the current lockdown restrictions. The matter will be discussed at the next full Council meeting. **NOTED.**

**138/21C 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 9.17pm

The next meeting will be held on 18 March 2021 at 7.30pm

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.

## **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL report to Newlands Parish Council – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021**



### **Support for Families in Need**

Following the receipt of £2.89 million funding from the Department of Work & Pensions I have been able to authorise the distribution of funding, across all communities in Hampshire, in order to relieve some of the pressures placed on families as a result of the covid pandemic, eg job loss and difficulties paying for basics like food and fuel. Last December I launched a scheme called “connect4communities” which is designed to enable local organisations to provide practical help in their area.

‘connect4communities’ Community Grants are specifically intended to support vulnerable families and individuals in need with food, energy and water bills. They can also be used for essential items such as warm clothing and bedding, as well to supply slow cookers to households who do not have basic cooking facilities.

To learn more about the ‘connect4communities’ projects and to apply for a grant visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities> Grants are available for communities; holiday activities and meals; food and fuel vouchers and community pantries. Community Pantries are being set up all around the county, locally they are in Wickham and Waterlooville but more are being set up daily. Visit the web site to find out more.

### **National Apprenticeship Week**

As the Cabinet member with responsibility for corporate apprenticeships I recently helped to launch a £3 million Apprenticeship and Skills Hub. The new Hub, partly funded by a grant from the European Social Fund, is a central pillar of the County Council’s Employment and Skills Action Plan. Working with the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership, the Hub will provide an impartial brokerage service to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and will work with businesses to match unemployed people with apprenticeship opportunities and tackle skill shortages.

I am also happy to report that not only have our school and corporate apprenticeships continued despite the pandemic, at the end of 2020 we surpassed the milestone of 1000 County Council apprentices funded by the Apprenticeship Levy. A year ago, most of our apprenticeship training was delivered face to face, but in response to lockdown, we worked with training providers to change to completely online learning. Since then, we have welcomed nearly 200 new starts in 37 different apprenticeships – a fantastic turnaround in a very short time, thanks to the efforts of our staff, managers and services. To learn more about apprenticeship transfer opportunities for employers, visit Hampshire Futures at <https://www.hampshirefutures.co.uk/course/index.php?categoryid=176>

### **Children’s Mental Health Week**

During the first week of February it was Children’s Mental Health week and as the County’s Mental Health Champion I was pleased to highlight the support available to children, young people, their parents and carers. The County Council’s website includes advice for parents/carers/guardians - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus?second=education&third=resources-wellbeing> - and our educational psychology team provides expertise, training and support to schools to enable them to help pupils to maintain good mental health and well-being. The Educational Psychology Team also has a telephone line which parents and carers, as well as teachers and other professionals working with children, can call for advice: ring 02392 441497 on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursday between 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

[Chathealth](#) is a text messaging support service run to help parents, carers and young people with a wide range

of health and wellbeing worries. ChatHealth is a suite of text support services for parents, carers, families and young people in Hampshire. There are three ChatHealth services for:

- Parents and carers of children under 5 years
- Parents and carers of children and young people aged 5-19 years
- Young people aged 11-19 years

Visit - <https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/chathealth>

### **Freephone Crisis Line**

A Freephone Crisis Line is also available for children and young people, across Hampshire, aged from 11 to 17 years old. Operated by [Havant and East Hampshire MIND](https://www.easthantsmind.org/), the line provides access to help, support, and advice for young people experiencing difficulties with their mental health. For more details visit <https://www.easthantsmind.org/cyp-crisis-line/> or ring Freephone 0300 303 1590 between 3.00 pm – 8.30 pm on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays or email them at [cypcrisisline@easthantsmind.org](mailto:cypcrisisline@easthantsmind.org)

### **Improving Energy Efficiency**

Two decarbonisation programmes have been approved for eligible local schools and County Council corporate buildings: a £6.7 million programme for the installation of solar panels (solar photo voltaics (PV)) and a £20.2 million window replacement programme to improve buildings' insulation levels by replacing inefficient single glazed windows and doors with modern, double glazed units. Across the two programmes, in total around 370 Hampshire schools and several County Council corporate buildings are expected to benefit. The programmes are being funded through central Government's [Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme](#), which offers 100% funded grants for public sector organisations to fund energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation projects across their estates.

Together these programmes are expected to save more than 3,600 tonnes of carbon per year and support local schools and the County Council to save on energy bills. The work is expected to commence in the spring, subject to further individual feasibility checks, and be completed in the autumn of 2021.

Find out more about how Hampshire County Council is responding to climate change at [www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange](http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange)

### **Hampshire Local Transport Plan**

We are asking residents to take part in our online survey to give us your views on the principles and vision of the Hampshire Local Transport Plan. We need your thoughts, your expertise and your local knowledge to help us shape a clean, healthy, fair and sustainable transport future for Hampshire.

The new Local Transport Plan will set the objectives, policies and strategy for transport across the county for the next 30 years.

Find out more and get involved:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan> Please submit your feedback by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### **Hampshire's Rights of Way**

The County Council has adopted a new enforcement policy for Rights of Way in the County. Hampshire County Council looks after 4,600km of footpaths, bridleways and other rights of way and has a statutory duty to protect these routes. Although many people support us in this work, by reporting any problems they find on the paths, so that we can look into them, more than a third of the reports we have received this year describe obstructions on the path, such as fences, or use of the path for farming crops. We also hear reports of other activities that may spoil the paths and deter people from using them, such as illegal vehicle use.

The adoption of an Enforcement Policy is designed to support the County Council in taking the appropriate course of action and to make the process publicly available for reference by residents and landowners. The policy will be available

at [www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway](http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway) and can be read in full in the decision reports pack at <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=747&MIId=7559>  
Remember, you can report a problem on a right of way at [www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway](http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway)

### **Major Highways Scheme at M27 Junction 10**

Hampshire County Council has recently clarified that it cannot take on the role of Delivery Body [this is normally the task of Highways England] for the improvement scheme at Junction 10 of the M27, given the current level of risk carried by that role.

Since the County Council was asked to act as the Scheme Promoter by the Government, we have made excellent progress on the development and design of Junction 10 of the M27. However, we have had to continually overcome challenges, including securing funding and approvals which has added time and cost to the development of the scheme. We have been clear from the start that our involvement can only be on the understanding that there is no financial risk to Hampshire County Council and therefore council taxpayers across the County.

As a responsible organisation, we are not in a position to consider taking on delivery of the scheme while all financial risks are not fully underwritten by other parties. We are committed to further discussion to overcome these difficulties so that all parties involved can address and explore ways to mitigate the risks, and hope this can be resolved in good time before current funding expires at end of March. Read the full report considered by the County Council's Cabinet and agreed recommendations at <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=134&MIId=6502>

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