

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2022 AT NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, NEWLANDS AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 3BX 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		Cllr J Parry	(P)
	Cllr L Price	(P)	Cllr M Read	(P)
	Cllr C Brook	(P)		

Also present was one member of the public and Karen Seear Clerk to the Council.

**114/22C Apologies:** Apologies were received from C/Cllr Patricia Stallard, D/Cllr A Clear and Cllr A Kirby.

**115/22C Declarations of Interest:** Cllr M Read and Cllr C Brook declared an interests as they are Ward Councillors for Winchester City Council.

**116/22C Minutes:**

The minutes from the Council Meeting held on 16 December 2021 were received. Cllr Brook wished to clarify a point mentioned in the minutes. The points she had mentioned regarding examples of housing developments were only spoken about during the workshop. **NOTED.** The Clerk will amend the minutes to reflect this. **It was then unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

**117/22C Matters arising and outstanding matters from Previous Minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

**118/22C Public Participation:** There was one member of the public present.

**119/22C County and District Councillors Reports:**

a) C/Cllr P Stallard and D/Cllr A Clear had both circulated written reports prior to the meeting, Thanks were given to both for their reports. **NOTED.**

D/Cllr Neil Cutler gave a verbal report. He mentioned that the work load had not been any quieter with the lead up to Christmas. A re-generation meeting had taken up a huge amount of time, lasting approximately 4 to 5 hours of scrutiny. A cabinet meeting was then held two days before Christmas. Items discussed were the city of Winchester becoming a city of sanctuary, help for refugees, this will lead on to the inclusion of more diversity and equality within the city. D/Cllr Cutler went on to mention the that there will be changes in waste collections. Food waste will be collected in the future. There is a requirement for more recycling facilities. Hampshire is currently the worst performing county in the country for recycling, but Winchester is one of the best performing in Hampshire. More kerb side wasting will be introduced. A trial of food waste collections will be implemented in the future.

There had been an increase in the number of prosecutions related to fly-tipping. Since the introduction of cameras to hot-spot fly-tip areas there has been a slight reduction in the amount of incidents.

D/Cllr Cutler mentioned a recent newspaper article whereby a Denmead Park homes operator had been prosecuted over a long standing harassment case. **NOTED.**

There had been a meeting to reinvigorate the Arts Council. The Parish Council will be approached for input shortly.

D/Cllr Cutler had also made attempts to try and get Councillors from Havant Borough Council working together with WCC. This has so far not been very successful.

He mentioned that applications to support businesses effected by the Omicron variant had now closed. WCC will be setting the budget in February.

D/Cllr Cutler went on to ask if there were any questions. With regards to waste collections, Cllr Price suggested that WCC look at how Bristol Council have successfully introduced food waste collections. **NOTED.** Cllr Brook also felt that there is a requirement to educate residents on recycling matters and felt this should be included in the project. **NOTED.** Cllr Price mentioned that the Parish Council are not being notified of any works being carried out to Newlands Walk. He felt it would be useful to be informed of any work. The Chairman stated that the area will shortly be adopted by the Parish Council and if there were any updates, D/Cllr Read would provide an update. He also pointed out the delay that Dicentra have requested, whereby the Newlands adoption is delayed until the section 106 agreement has been finalized. This will ensure there is no delay in the process, as otherwise NPC will become a legal party. **NOTED.**

D/Cllr Caroline Brook gave a brief verbal report. She did not have a huge amount to report as things were just starting to move forward, D/Cllr Cutler had covered most items. There will be more to report at the next meeting. **NOTED.**

D/Cllr Mike Read gave a verbal report. He mentioned that he had attending two meetings, the Licensing and regulation meeting and planning. Due to covid there has been quite a backlog of planning cases, he understands that WCC is virtually on top of the backlog. There are some larger applications coming through, including the applications for Newlands for the two new phases, sports pavilion etc.. He went on to mention that an area that WCC is still struggling with is planning enforcement. D/Cllr Read also wished to hi-light potential problems with bin collections. He pointed out that it may be difficult for some residents to house their bins due to lack of storage space. If more collections are implemented this may pose a problem for some. **NOTED.**

#### **125/22C Parish Matters:**

a) Developments and Adoptions: The Chairman gave an update. Two new phases in the areas beyond the school are due to be released by Grainger for applications. These are Daubenton Glen and Kentidge Coppice. News is awaited as to who the successful developer will be. **NOTED.** The Chairman then went on to mention that there had been an on-going issue regarding the adoption of Havant Borough Council's open land, there has been complications regarding this due to the dissolved partnership between HBC and East Hants. The Chairman had spoken to Cllr Tim Pike who will be chasing the matter. **NOTED.** The road adoption process is still on-going and there are hopes progress is being made. **NOTED.** D/Cllr Read stated that he would be chasing the outstanding planning applications within the development. **NOTED.**

b) Community Plan: There had been some movement regarding the plan. A small number of residents have joined the group and community plan meetings are due to be held. The Parish Council support their work. **NOTED.** There had also been a request which originally came from the local football group. The Berewood Panthers, for a 5G football pitch. A community officer was keen for this to be provided and he has asked the Parish Council and Grainger to considering offering this to the community. At the present time, it does not look like this will be possible due to the fact that the cricket pitch, which will overlay the football pitch needs to be turf. The Community Officer suggested that other areas be looked at with the possibility of providing a 5G pitch. There are several factors which will need to be considered regarding the matter. It will be referred to the Amenities Committee for further consideration. **NOTED.** The Chairman went on to officially thank the previous Committee Officer, Katie Bone for all her work towards to community plan. **NOTED.**

c) HBC Land: This item was previously covered.

#### **120/22C Communications:**

Website: The Parish Warden had been working hard on the website and had provided the Council with a written update. The website was almost ready to go. He had gained most of the information required and it should be ready to view shortly. The Chairman thanked the Parish Warden in recognition of all his work to the website on behalf of the Council. **NOTED.** The Clerk went on to mention that the website will be handled by the company Netwise, but due to storage requirements the email provider will remain as LCN whom provide a better storage capacity. The number of

email ID's can be extended. Cllrs may all be provided with individual email ID's. The Council should receive a small refund due to the change. **NOTED.** The Chairman also wished to record his thanks to Tony Daniells the previous Clerk, for his work on setting up the initial website. **NOTED.** Correspondence: The Clerk mentioned that Grainger had requested comments on the planning application regarding bollards which they were planning to install within the development. **NOTED.** The Chairman had also been chasing maps in the hopes to define areas of responsibility, from a representative from one of the management companies. Once he receives the maps he will circulate them to the Parish Council. **NOTED.** He had also been looking at the provision of a dog bin from one of the management companies, it is felt that the bin is not required and residents should not be being charged for it in their management fees. Grainger have provided the Council with details of the bins they use, if the Council wishes to install a similar type of bin within the development. **NOTED.**

Cllr Carden queried whether the maps that the management companies provide could be electronic GIS copies. This would enable the Parish Council to upload them and use them with Parish Online. The Chairman will request this. **NOTED.**

#### **121/22C Outside Bodies:**

a) Southern Parishes: Cllr Berry provided an update. Talks had taken place regarding average speed cameras and incidents of speeding at West Meon hut. There are plans to ask Donna Jones – Police and crime Commissioner to attend a SP meeting. He also mentioned that Councillors will be given the opportunity to take part in training sessions regarding planning. Denmead Parish Council are taking part in the sessions and Cllr Berry encouraged NPC Councillors to take part. **NOTED.**

The requirement for up to date training was mentioned. Councillors are also being encouraged to make sure all councillor training is up to date. **NOTED.**

Complaints had also been made about NALC as some feel the organization may not be performing as it should be. **NOTED.**

It was mentioned that the next meeting of the Southern Parishes will be held at the Community Hall. **NOTED.**

The Chairman stated that he had spoken to an Inspector from the Police regarding the current policing boundaries, a query which he had previously raised with Donna Jones. He explained that non-urgent policing matters are continuing to be handled by Bishops Waltham Police, but if anything urgent arises, there is a county-wide scheme whereby the nearest officer or car will respond to the incident, regardless of which area they serve. The Chairman wished to ensure all Councillors were aware of this system. The Police Inspector will also ask both Bishops Waltham and Waterlooville Police to send on lists of the current officers to the Clerk so that the Council has an up to date contact list back. **NOTED.**

b) Parish Update Meeting: The Chairman gave an update. The meeting covered the problem of speeding at the West Meon hut where the A325 and A32 meet. Funding had been made available to try and tackle the problem. Unmarked motorbikes are now also in use throughout the area, in the hopes to tackle the problem of speeding motorbikes. **NOTED.** The Chairman plans to raise the on-going issue of E-scooters at the next meeting. **NOTED.**

c) AQUIND: The secretary of state has refused permission for the AQUIND project. It is unsure whether the company will apply for an appeal for a judicial review. The appeal period is around 6 weeks. More information is awaited. **NOTED.**

#### **122/22C Finance:**

a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the orders for payment list 13 should be APPROVED in the sum of £108.36 including VAT and that further payments of £0.00 including VAT were RATIFIED and that 44 pence in receipts are noted.**

b) AGAR: The 2021/22 AGAR report and certificate of completion had been received. No extra charge had been issued. **The Parish Council unanimously RESOLVED to display the report on the new Parish Website once the website is finalized.**

The Clerk was asked to contact Denmead Parish Council for information regarding the cost they charge their residents if they require a copy of the AGAR. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to charge the same amount as Denmead Parish Council.**

**123/22C Committee Structure:** A discussion had previously taken place regarding re-structuring the Finance and Personnel committee in line with Denmead Parish Council. Timing of this decision will require consideration. The Chairman asked Councillors to give some thought to the proposal and to consider it in time for a formal decision at the next meeting of Full Council. **NOTED.**

**124/22C Other Reports:**

Cllr Berry asked the Clerk to contact Southern Parishes and request the contact name be changed to hers. **NOTED.**

D/Cllr Brook requested that on the next agenda, Jubilee celebrations be added. Would residents like a organized event or are they happy to carry out their own individual celebrations? **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 9:58pm  
The next meeting will be held on 10 March 2022

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## **Public participation Full Council meeting 27 January 2022**

A resident wished to attend the meeting of Full Council to hi-light his concerns regarding management companies within the development. After recently moving to Wellington Park, he informed the Council that estate agents had informed him last minute, that he was due to pay fees to a management company. He feels that the management company are not carrying out required work. He has been living in the property for 7 months and the work that the management company should be doing is non-existent.

He attended the meeting to express his frustration and dissatisfaction. He is intending to take this issue up with the local MP. Recently pressure has been put on the Government to regulate management companies. This issue has been hi-lighted in the media.

The Chairman pointed out that the PC has no legal power to interfere with the management companies. The PC does however have a legal duty of care to look after the welfare of residents and a mandated duty of care for Havant residents.

The areas of responsibility are currently trying to be defined. There are 3 or 4 management companies within the development. The Chairman wishes to identify what management companies are contractually obliged to do.

D/Cllr Brook went on to explain her experience of management companies. She explained that rather than carrying out weeding, they throw weedkiller onto shrub beds, this has meant that not only weeds have been killed but two trees.

She had decided not to pay her fee to the management company. They then threatened her and her family with eviction, under the 1927 housing act. She went on to explain what had been happening in parliament, but most of the discussion has been centred around people with leasehold properties and not leasehold.

The price of the management fee has doubled in 10 years.

D/Cllr Brook and the Chairman stated that the Parish Council had been looking into trying to take over the maintenance of the management companies. Management of the open space would be fairly easy to take over. There are areas which may be more difficult, court yards etc..

The Chairman appreciated the visit from the resident and explained that we recognise the difficulties surrounding the situation.

D/Cllr Read pointed out that as residents, they have the opportunity to choose who they use to manage their space. He then went on to explain that a meeting will shortly be arranged with the local MP, Flick Drummond within Newlands Parish. This will be an opportunity for residents/members of the public to raise any issues. He asked the member of the public to leave his contact details with the Clerk, who will then pass on more information when it becomes available.

The Chairman asked that due to the importance of this issue, public participation be extended.

He mentioned that there were issues that the Parish Council are working with Taylor Wimpey to put right, this includes the streetlights which are not working.

The Chairman explained that if residents would like to consider that the Parish Council take over areas of responsibility there are many factors which will require consideration.

D/Cllr Cutler mentioned that this is a national problem and he stated that talking to the local MP will be worthwhile. If the Parish Council does take over responsibility it will take time. Cllr Carden had read about a Council in Cornwall that had managed to do this, he will circulate details of this to members.

The Chairman passed on the residents phone number to the Clerk. The Clerk will keep the resident informed of further information. He went on to thank the resident for attending the meeting and thanked him for covering issues which have been of concern to many residents.