

## PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

### MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2022 AT NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, NEWLANDS AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE, HAMPSHIRE, PO7 3BX COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

Members: Cllr M Read (Chairman) (P) Cllr A Kirby  
Cllr L Price (P) Cllr J Parry (P)

Also, present Cllr D Crichton – Chairman of the Council, Karen Seear, Clerk to the Council and Luke Hayter, Amenities Parish Warden.

064/22A Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor Kirby.

065/22A Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Read declared an interest as he was a Ward Member for Winchester City Council.

066/22A Minutes: The minutes from the Amenities Committee Meeting's held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were received. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.**

067/22A Public Session: No members of the public were present. The Chairman invited Cllr D Crichton to speak during the course of the meeting. **NOTED.**

068/22A Amenities Parish Warden Report: The Parish Warden gave a verbal update. He had been working on the Parish website. Work should be completed shortly and the website will be available for Councillors to view in the next week or two. He briefly mentioned the delay to the youth shelter installation. This matter is discussed further as item 8 on the agenda. Graffiti at the Town Park continues to be a problem, he had taken photos and passed them onto Grainger. They have a contractor that is working on the issue. The Warden went on to mention that bin emptying still remains a problem. There have been many complaints received regarding the issue. Grainger are currently looking at taking on a new contractor as this has been an on-going. The Parish Warden had passed on details of one of his contacts from Mitie. He went on to mention that following a discussion from the previous meeting he had made contact with Warner, Goodman and Street who had offered their assistance with Parish Council work. They are keen to get involved in community projects. He had spoken with a representative and a few ideas had been mentioned. Work to identify areas where litter bins are required continues. The emptying of these bins requires consideration and it was suggested that emptying could also become part of the new contract with Grainger. Cllr Crichton had spoken with Grainger and had been given supplier details for the bins they have installed, should the Parish Council wish to use the same design. In the Wellington Park area of the development, there are various companies responsible for bin emptying. The best way of arranging bin emptying and where to dispose of contents also requires consideration. **NOTED.** The Parish Warden mentioned that the dogs on leads signs that Grainger have placed within the development keep getting removed. He requested that more of these signs are placed around the development in harder to reach places. **NOTED.** There has also been lots of cases of dog mess. It was suggested that perhaps a bye-law could be introduced to try and tackle the problem. Enforcement of the bye-law may be a problem, the issue will be discussed further at the next meeting once further information has been obtained. **NOTED.**

- 069/22A Waste Disposal: The Parish Council had received a reply back from Cllr Rob Humby regarding allowing the Parish Council to dispose of waste as foot customers to the Waterlooville waste and recycling centre. Cllr Humby had told the Parish Council that this would not be allowed. Newlands Parish Council is classed as a commercial body and would be also charged. Cllr Crichton suggested that other ways of waste disposal be looked into. The Warden will liaise with Grainger to ask what happens with their waste contract. **NOTED.**
- 070/22A Adoption of Open Space: The Chairman gave an update. 7 March 2022 was the date WCC had set for the Cabinet Member decision day meeting. Current maintenance contract details are required and hoped to be sourced. The Chairman suggested continuing with the current maintenance contractors for another year. An online meeting was suggested to discuss outstanding issues related to the adoption process. The Chairman, Cllr Crichton and the Warden will attend once arranged. **NOTED.**
- 071/22A Youth Shelter installation: The youth shelter installation was set to go ahead but unfortunately the shelter had been manufactured incorrectly. This meant the shelter had to go back to HAGS the supplier. The warden had not been very impressed with the lack of communication and delay regarding the shelter. He recommended finding another supplier for the shelter. Previous quotes and designs had been circulated. These will be passed onto the Warden and the matter brought back to the next Amenities committee meeting for discussion. **NOTED.**
- 072/22A Request for a 4G Football Pitch: Cllr Crichton gave an update regarding the request for the 4G pitch. It does not appear that the area at the Town Park will be suitable for the 4G pitch. It has been suggested that consideration is given to an area within Newlands Walk or to look at alternative possibilities. An application for funding from an organization such as Sports England could be a possibility as it is likely to be costly. Drainage could be an issue and changing facilities would also need to be provided. The Chairman suggested raising this as an item for the next West of Waterlooville forum. **NOTED.**
- 073/22A Community Events 2022: The Chairman stated that he believed taking over the fireworks event which Grainger have previously been in charge of could be a non-starter due to the cost and health and safety implications. Cllr Price stated that it can cost £1000 a minute to hold a fireworks event. If the event were to last 15 minutes it would cost £15,000 and it is felt that this cost is not worth it. Cllr Crichton suggested that alternative fireworks with low noise could be considered if an event was to ahead. The Chairman suggested that the focus should be on the next up-coming events, such as the Queen's Platinum jubilee. A group of residents have requested use of the tables from the community hall for use during their celebrations. It was agreed that the Parish Council would lend the tables to the residents. **NOTED.** If any other residents would like assistance for jubilee celebrations it was felt this should be encouraged. A post on social media was suggested. As the roads are at present still privately owned an application for road closures will not be needed. **NOTED.**
- A discussion took place regarding planning for Christmas 2022. The Chairman suggested installing a flag pole. The flag pole could then also be used for a Christmas tree display. The Chairman suggested this be powered by running a cable from the community hall. Grainger would need to be contacted regarding the matter. **NOTED.** Denmead Parish Council have installed a similar tree which has been very successful. **NOTED.**
- Cllr Crichton mentioned that there has been a split between two Waterlooville events teams. He suggested that the Parish Council should offer their support with the Waterlooville action group, led by Cllr Gwen Robinson and could advertise the Annual Summer fete which will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. There may be a possibility to work with the group to organise events within the development. **NOTED.**

Cllr Price queried whether the Town Park could be ready by Christmas. Cllr Crichton answered that it will not be ready as the planning application is still awaiting approval. Once the area is complete it will be an ideal venue for events. **NOTED.**

074/22A Other reports: The line dancing group currently using the hall for their classes will require a music license if they wish to play music. This should be arranged with WACA and Grainger should also be consulted. Cllr Crichton suggested contacting a representative at the Springwood Community centre for further information. The Clerk was asked to contact WACA with regards to the query and agreement is required from Grainger. **NOTED.**

The Chairman suggested that a noticeboard be placed outside the community building with Parish information. There currently is a spare triangular noticeboard in storage but a more traditional style board would be more favourable. Permission from Grainger for the board has already been approved but will need to be confirmed. The Warden was asked to gain quotes and specs for noticeboards to bring back to Full Council for approval. **NOTED.** It was also suggested that the Arts Council be contacted as there is money which is still available in the Arts fund and it is believed WCC would like to transfer it to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to contact D/Cllr Cutler or D/Cllr Brook for more information. **NOTED.**

The Chairman went on to speak about the requirement for a parish depo. The possibility of leasing a unit in Proxima Park will be looked at. Other options include purchasing land and building a unit and area suitable for use. Cllr Crichton will make enquires and bring back further information. **NOTED.**

Cllr Price spoke about the possibility of installing a projector into the community hall. It was asked if this could be researched. The projector could pick up the signal from a laptop. This will be useful for planning meetings etc.. as well as being useful for hall users. **NOTED.**

The issue regarding bins was spoken about further. The Chairman stated he would talk to a representative at Winchester about the requirement for more bins in the Wellington Park area of the development and how they could be emptied. **NOTED.**

The Clerk wished to ask for clarification regarding correspondence from the Council's solicitor. Were searches required? It was felt that searches would not be necessary. The Clerk will inform the solicitor. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is scheduled for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 starting at 7.30pm