

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JULY 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 County Councillor Patricia Stallard, District Councillors Therese Evans, Angela Clear and Karen Seear - Clerk to the Council.

033/23C Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Kirby, D/Cllrs Cutler and Clementson.

034/23C Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Read and Cllr C Brook declared an interests as they are Ward Councillors for Winchester City Council.

035/23C Minutes:

The minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 23rd June 2022 were received. A typo error requires correction. **It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

036/23C Matters arising and outstanding matters from Previous Minutes: Cllr Price wished to point out that an item regarding the parish flagpole had not been added to this agenda. It was also mentioned that Christmas 2022 should be discussed during the meeting. **NOTED.**

037/23C Public Participation: There was no requirement for a public session.

038/23C County and District Councillors Reports:

- a) C/Cllr P Stallard had circulated a written report (previously circulated) She wished to urge members and friends, etc.. to complete the online travel consultation, as there are proposing changes which will effect residents, in particular these changes will effect disabled people. She also mention devolution. This may now be cancelled. There had been a proposal drafted, this is currently on hold as Government leadership still requires determination. D/Cllr Read wished to congratulate C/Cllr Stallard on becoming Vice Chair of Hampshire County Council. **NOTED.** D/Cllr Read spoke about the local plan for Winchester. It currently is being formed. There are a growing number of items creeping up. WCC is forming a project committee for the local plan. The station approach project will be holding a consultation shortly. **NOTED.** The Welborne development, south of Wickham are looking to put forward a forum, this will be similar to the West of Waterlooville Forum. They have asked for one member of Winchester to join them. **NOTED.** D/Cllr Brook gave a verbal report. The monitoring officer at WCC has resigned for personal reasons. The recruitment process has opened up. It is hoped that a new officer will be in place by the new year. D/Cllr Brook will be part of the interview panel. D/Cllr Clear gave a verbal report. She mentioned grass cutting. The maintenance contract is experiencing difficulties across the district. This is due to lack of workforce and maintenance of machinery. WCC is working to rectify the problem. This also applies to garden waste collections – staff sickness has meant there have been problems with collections. The Chairman mentioned that within the development works had been carried out. There had been queries regarding wildflower verges. This has caused confusion as some residents do not realize these should not be cut. **NOTED.** D/Cllr Evans gave a verbal report. She mentioned the local plan. She was pleased to hear that Newlands will be providing an additional number of houses within the development. There are

3000 homes required in the area by 2039. The local plan is progressing. Policies are being looked at as well as any additional requirements. The next stage will be public consultation period and Parish Council's this will be 2nd November 2022 to 14th December 2022. **NOTED.**

The Chairman welcomed questions from members. Cllr Berry queried grass cutting. Grass cuttings are being left which then block drains. This is happening in both parts of the development. The grass is usually blown away. D/Cllr Clear stated that WCC are aware of the problem and she will point out that it has been mentioned again. **NOTED.**

The Chairman went on to speak about the additional 100 properties that the Parish are due to site within the development. At some point there is likely to be a small subsidiary planning application. This gave the Chairman the opportunity to mention to Grainger plans regarding the future district centre which is to be developed within the next few years. Smaller starter homes could be added as these are in great demand. Regular meetings between the Parish council and Grainger are now taking place. Items like these will be discussed during these meetings. **NOTED.**

039/23C Parish Matters:

(a) Developments and Adoptions: The Chairman gave an update, he stated that the road adoption is still dragging on this is due to the section 104 agreement. WCC are not signing agreements due to the current on-going street lighting problem. Replacement lamppost heads are required. There is an ongoing battle with Taylor Wimpey in trying to source the replacement lamppost heads. There are several issues surrounding this problem. A new adoption manager has started work with Taylor Wimpey. It is planned that the Parish Council will hold a meeting with the manager and will highlight outstanding issues. **NOTED.**

The first part of the Town Park – which is within HBC has been invaded by Travellers. The piece of land is part of the Town Park and within Havant Borough Council. It was agreed that WCC would take responsibility of the whole of the Town Park would be maintained by WCC, including the HBC. The land will then eventually be passed on to the Parish Council. This is causing difficulties and hold-ups as this means the PC will be taking on land which is owned by HBC and there are on-going confusion surrounding this. Representatives from HBC are due to visit the area and it is hoped that any issues will be mentioned. **NOTED.** D/Cllr Read has asked the Parish Warden to look into ways to prevent future traveller incursions and ways in which to secure land. The land still belongs to Grainger and the Parish Council are limited as to what they can do about the problem at the moment. **NOTED.**

The open space within Wellington Park

The Chairman mentioned that the industrial land within Wellington Park, the representative stated that they are almost ready to submit their section 106 proposal. Once this has gone through work can then start, however they are dependent on road adoption. There has been no further news regarding any planning submission from the Night Searcher application. The purchaser has indicated he is willing to approach Taylor Wimpey with a bid for it.

On the Berewood side, Barratts have committed to having the road works complete on their part of the development by the end of August.

D/Cllr Brook mentioned the land for sale sign at the entrance to Wellington Park. She thought that it should be removed. The Chairman suggested this be raised with the new adoption manager. There is also an advertising sign close by to the other sign and she felt this should also be removed. **NOTED.**

Cllr Carden wished to point out that Bloor have now started work on-site, they do not appear to be following the environmental plan, construction traffic is currently driving down Grainger Street. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Grainger about this matter, pointing out that this is a breach of obligations. **NOTED.** C/Cllr Stallard suggested that a record log be kept of any unauthorized works vehicles and if possible photographs. **NOTED.**

The phase had been approved on delegated powers and the Parish Council has concerns regarding this. The Chairman went on to mention the on-going trouble surrounding the Joint-Planning Committee. The last minutes of the meeting from October last year have just been published. **NOTED.**

Correspondence had recently come in regarding adoption of open space within the development. Cllr Carden mentioned the map which had been provided and stated that it seems unclear what land will come over to Newlands. This item will be dealt with in more detail by both the Amenities committee. The Chairman suggested that clarification be gained from WCC before discussion. Cllr

Berry mentioned that any land that the Council acquire should be checked prior to adoption. **NOTED.**

- (b) Community Plan: The Clerk has asked the Community Officer at WCC for an update regarding the community plan. He stated that he will be asking members of the community plan if they are available for another meeting. It was noted that there is now no longer a community officer from HBC. This is an issue as an officer was agreed as part of the section 106 agreement. A sum of money had also been supplied to HBC from Grainger and Taylor Wimpey, this money will have to be returned. D/Cllr Brook stated that this money is community money. There currently is only 2 years of part time work left in post for the position of community officer. It was questioned whether Havant Borough Council had been asked about this? It had been decided to cover this item at the meeting before taking action. Grainger believe they are able to police the development with their own Community Officer, there is no issue with the Officer, however there is nobody objectively keeping an eye on the development. This used to be the role of an implementation officer. **NOTED.**

As time was of the essence and D/Cllrs had to leave, D/Cllr Clear wished to express her concerns over the lack of participation from HBC officers and other representatives at the last West of Waterlooville Forum. She stated that there are fewer and fewer people attending and this makes it very difficult to collate an agenda. She suggested holding a meeting to discuss this further. D/Cllr Read had spoken with Dawn Adey from WCC. He had mentioned the ongoing problems. The promise had been that both authorities would work together for the benefit of the development. He stated that this is not happening. The Chairman mentioned that there is not always an opportunity to ask questions. D/Cllr Brook thought that as there is no longer an implementation officer to give an update, it could be up to the Parish Council to provide this information. C/Cllr Stallard suggested having an item named, Councillors questions as a way forward. Questions would be submitted in writing before the meeting. **NOTED.** D/Cllr Clear stated that she had been saddened by the issues regarding the forum. HBC representatives seem to have lost interest in the development. He went on to state that some of the future development will be in their land, as well as the proposed health centre which falls in WCC but will benefit HBC residents, therefore it is should be in their interests to maintain a relationship and join in with the West of Waterlooville Forum. **NOTED.** The Waterlooville regeneration project is underway. Flick Drummond MP has held two forums. Funding has been agreed. HBC have set up a committee to deal with this and WCC have also been invited to attend. **NOTED.** Cllr Berry mentioned that residents are not getting information regarding when WoW forum meetings are taking place. WCC publish dates of the meetings. HBC do not publicize the meetings. **NOTED.** D/Cllr's Clear and Evans had to leave. Thanks were given to them for attending.

Further news regarding the community plan will be provided as and when available. **NOTED.**

- (c) HBC Land: This item had previously been covered.
- (d) Bi-monthly Grainger meetings: The Council had been trying for some time to have regular meetings with Grainger, these may now go ahead. The Chairman asked for representatives of the council whom should attend. Cllr Berry stated that it had previously been agreed that The Chairman and himself should attend. Cllr Carden will also join the meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for 26th July 2022. D/Cllr Brook may also wish to attend. D/Cllr Read stated that there may be a problem of planning items come up. It was suggested that the first meeting go ahead and to suggest to Grainger that D/Cllrs may like to attend. **NOTED.** D/Cllr Brook asked for Arts to be discussed at the meeting. **NOTED.**

040/23C **Communications:**

Website: The Clerk had confirmed that all Councillors could have individual email addresses should they wish to. Members were asked to pass details on to the Clerk should they wish to have a councillor email address. **NOTED.**

Correspondence: An email had been received regarding a review of members allowances, previously circulated. Members were asked to have a look at the email and the Parish Council will compose a response to the suggestions. **NOTED.**

041/23C Outside Bodies:

- a) Southern Parishes: Cllr Berry gave an update regarding the recent meeting of Southern Parishes. They had spoken about the response to the housing allocations. Lack of social housing was also mentioned as well as the self-build property developments. Cllr Berry had also mentioned the signage to members, it has previously been suggested that current Berewood signage may be changed to Newlands.
- West of Waterlooville Forum: This item had previously been spoken about. The Chairman wished to echo D/Cllr Clears concerns, mentioning that a newly appointed officer at HBC had also failed to attend. **NOTED.**
- Joint Planning Committee: The Chairman stated that he felt the committee is in danger of withering away. It was suggested that both authorities need some encouragement to hold the meetings. It was suggested that the Clerk write to both Chief Executives, explaining their obligations and to request that a meeting of the JPC take place at the earliest opportunity to discuss outstanding items, so as to avoid further delays. Dawn Adey should also be copied in. **NOTED.** The Chairman will also speak to a HBC representative regarding this. **NOTED.**
- WACA: In the absence of Cllr Kirby (WACA representative) there was nothing to report.

042/23C Finance:

- a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the orders for payment list 03 should be APPROVED in the sum of £ 231.82 including VAT and that further payments of £2,109.77 including VAT were RATIFIED and that £225.98 in receipts are noted.** The receipts from Amazon were queried. The Clerk explained that it had been an Amazon glitch, goods had been received and refunded in error. **NOTED.**
- b) Bank Statements: The bank statements had been previously circulated. Cllr Parry queried payments to LCN. The Clerk was asked to check which payments are going over to LCN and if current payments are correct. **NOTED. The statements were reviewed and the balances as of 30th June 2022 were agreed. The statements were signed by the Chairman. NOTED.**
- c) Accounts: The accounts for June 2022 had been prepared and circulated. **NOTED.**
- d) Additional bank user: As part of the banking mandate and as a formality the council approved the third party bank user. **NOTED.**
- e) Warden Tool-kit: Items had been purchased. **NOTED.**
- f) Audio-visual equipment: Cllr Price pointed out the correct type of projector to be purchased. This will then be purchased and will be available for use. **NOTED.**

043/23C Speeding: This matter had previously been spoken about. 3 quotes had been provided by Cllr Parry. He suggested that Council purchase the speed camera from Elan city. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that permission should be sought from Grainger and if this is approved to purchase the battery powered device camera and mount and which should be of a sum not exceeding £2,500.**

044/23C Parish Council Signage: This item had previously been covered and thanks were given to Cllr Berry for raising this at the Southern Parishes meeting. Welcome to Newlands Parish signage which had also previously been discussed will be dealt with by the Highways and General purpose committee. **NOTED.**

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 9.35pm

The next meeting of Full Council will be held on 25th August 2022.

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