

## PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

### MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022 AT NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, NEWLANDS AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE, HAMPSHIRE, PO7 3BX COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

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

Also present Cllr David Crichton – Chairman of the Parish Council and Karen Seear, Clerk to the Council.

038/23H Apologies: No apologies received.

039/23H Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

040/23H Minutes: The minutes from the Highways and General Purposes meeting held on 4 August 2022 were received. **It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

041/23H Public Session: There was no requirement for a public session.

042/23H Outstanding Matters and Matters Arising: None.

043/23H Correspondence: Correspondence had been received from WCC regarding grants to help prevent waste. The clerk had forwarded this to the community plan group, who well may be making an application. **NOTED.**

Correspondence had been received from the Chair of the Community Plan group. They had asked if storage may be available for their use. The Chairman thought this may happen when the sports pavilion is ready, as space is very much limited at the present time. Cllr Crichton questioned how security and access would be ensured if the group were to have a dedicated area. It was then suggested that the clerk contact the group and explain that in the future this may be a possibility. Any storage would be chargeable and the appropriate insurance would have to be in place. The Chairman suggested the CP group inform the Warden when they require access. **NOTED.**

The last piece of correspondence was from a resident confirming the amount requested for the tree planting event. This had previously been approved. **NOTED.**

044/23H Highways Adoption: Cllr Crichton gave a verbal update. The previous Taylor Wimpey representative had retired, a new representative has now been appointed. The problems with the Spine Road should now hopefully be addressed. On the Grainger side of the development feedback had been passed on to a resident from Redrow regarding the current state of the roads. Work is being carried out in conjunction with Hampshire Highways and there are hopes this work will be completed early next year. **NOTED.** There are still a lot of complaints from residents regarding the state of the roads within the development. Raised manholes are causing damage to cars etc.. There are also problems with works lorries using parts of the development which they have been told to avoid. This has been raised with Grainger and it is hoped they will contact the contractors responsible. **NOTED.**

Cllr Crichton mentioned that a dropped curb has not yet been made available for use by the sub-station. This could be raised at the West of Waterlooville forum. It is believed that it is a legal requirement for a dropped curb to be made available. The Chairman also has health and safety concerns. The Chairman wished that the clerk write to Hampshire Highways stating the legal position. **NOTED.** No further progress had been made regarding the replacement heads which are required for the lampposts in the Taylor Wimpey side. Cllr Crichton will continue to chase this. **NOTED.**

There continues to be ongoing issues regarding the closure of Sickie Way. Cllr Crichton asked members whether they were happy for him to continue to pursue the issues on behalf of the council. All were happy. **NOTED.**

045/23H Street names for Phase 5A: WCC had been made aware of the correspondence which the clerk had sent regarding the street naming policy which had been sourced by Cllr Price. The policy states that the choice of naming streets is the responsibility of the parish council and or District Councillors. A request has been made for the previously chosen names to be used and the names WCC had picked, disregarded. District Councillors will continue to pursue this. **NOTED.**

There is an outstanding matter which concerns naming of the side road within the business park. The suggested name had been passed on to WCC, so far there has been no action taken resulting in problems which are arising for the business park owners as they are unable to allocate addresses for utility bills etc.. the clerk was asked to write to WCC again explaining the need for the street name and to also copy in Dawn Adey and D/Cllr Neil Cutler and the 3 Denmead Ward Councillors. **NOTED.**

046/23H Speed monitor device: The Amenities Parish Warden gave an update. He is unable to provide a risk assessment for the installation of the speed monitor device, as it is currently unknown who will be installing it. He had been in contact with Grainger regarding the installation. A response is awaited. If they are unable to help, a risk assessment will be required. Hire equipment was considered for use as well as the cost involved. If Grainger are able to help the council with the installation they will need to provide a copy of their risk assessment to the council. **NOTED.** It was suggested that approval be made in principle for the funds required to hire equipment, this proposal will then go to Full Council should it be required. A figure of £150 was suggested. **NOTED.**

047/23H Snagging items in Wellington Park and Newlands Walk: The snagging items within the Wellington Park have been discussed with the Amenities committee. A meeting is required to discuss this further. WCC have got back to say this will happen nearer the time of the land transfer. The flower beds within the area are also in bad condition and require work. Cllr Parry noted that the bird mouth fencing is also in a bad way. Some areas are the responsibility of management companies and it is their responsibility to maintain these. Cllr Crichton offered to continue to pursue these issues. **NOTED.** The Chairman suggested that a meeting date with WCC be set. The Amenities committee are chasing the matter. **NOTED.**

048/23H Other Reports:

The West of Waterloo Forum is due to take place shortly. A drive around the development with Cllr Martin Tod – leader of WCC is planned too. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 8:27pm.

The next meeting of the Highways and General purpose Committee is scheduled for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 starting at 7.30pm.