

## PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 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

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

049/23H Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Price.

050/23H Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

051/23H Minutes: The minutes from the Highways and General Purposes meeting held on 27 October 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.**

052/23H Public Session: There was no requirement for a public session.

053/23H Outstanding Matters and Matters Arising: An update on street names was requested. The clerk reported that Cllr Price had contacted D/Cllr Neil Cutler who is still chasing the matter. Cllr Berry suggested looking through the list of street names in readiness for choosing street names for the next phase. **NOTED.** Cllr Crichton suggested contacting Bryony Stalla for clarification on how many street names will be required. **NOTED.**

Cllr Parry wished to note the amount of work trucks which were parking on Houghton Avenue. They had been parked on double yellow lines, before working hours. They seem to have since disappeared. The trucks had been causing obstructions. The Chairman suggested keeping an eye on the matter should the trucks return. **NOTED.** Cllr Parry also wished to raise as a point of concern the amount of cars which are speeding into Coopers. It is of particular concern that this happens during school traveling hours. The electricity sub-station also currently obstructs the view for crossing. It was decided to write to Coopers and point out the concerns. **NOTED.**

Cllr Crichton also wished to raise another matter, residents on Plant Farm Crescent are complaining once again about the current road conditions. Work to the roads has still not been completed and will not happen whilst work vehicles still use the highway. This is not acceptable to some residents. The road condition is unacceptable, damage has been caused to vehicles. Redrow and Barratts have spoken to residents about the issues and are working with them. It is felt the situation should continue to be monitored as it is causing trouble. **NOTED.**

054/23H Correspondence: Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding the amount of litter in the development. She wondered whether anything could be done with regards to enforcement. Currently the Parish Council cannot do anything regarding enforcement until highways have been adopted. Members thought that the issue could be dealt with by management companies. This item is dealt with further, later on in the minutes. **NOTED.**

055/23H Highways Adoption: Cllr Crichton gave a verbal update. He mentioned the planned closure of Sickle Way which may cause problems if it goes ahead. An online meeting has taken place with Hampshire Highways to discuss the matter further. Timing of the closure is far from ideal, works traffic is still present within the development plus no road adoption has taken place. The Parish Council would rather the closure does not go ahead until all the internal roads have been adopted. The road will be closed for 3 weeks whilst the works are carried out. This will be an opportunity to monitor the affect this has, although this is taking place over Christmas and traffic may be reduced. The situation will be monitored. **NOTED.**

056/23H Highways and General Purpose Committee budget 2023/24: The various costs to come under the committee were discussed. The Chairman stated the following items will fall under this committee:

- Grass cutting
- Traffic management
- Weed control
- Footpath management
- Litter bin provision and emptying
- Litter picking
- Maintenance of bus shelters
- Lights and trees
- Border maintenance
- Allotment maintenance – (may be dealt with by Amenities)

It is thought that one major cost could be bus stops as well as a secondary speed monitor device. The matter of providing bus shelters was discussed further with emphasis on the fact that a new health centre will be built in the future as well as a second primary school meaning that the needs for a bus shelters increase. It was suggested that the matter be raised with Grainger to see what plans they have as well as speaking to Hampshire Highways to enquire whether they have any plans to extend the bus service. **NOTED.**

It was also thought that some road crossings should be provided, either zebra or pelican crossings. The Chairman stated that the council will need to apply to HCC for this. **NOTED.**

Cllr Parry thought it may be an idea to look into providing electric vehicle charging points for residents as another local council have already provided this facility. Once the district centre has been built, it was thought that this should be a consideration. **NOTED.**

The budget request was then considered further. **A budget of £15k was proposed and seconded. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to request that the allocation of £15k be considered by the Finance and Personnel Committee for the 2023/24 budget.**

057/23H Weeds within Wellington Park: The Chairman reported that the site is still looking, “like a tip”. The open space areas that currently belong to WCC are not being maintained and roads are not being swept. Complaints have been received. It was suggested that the clerk write to the various management companies to remind them of their responsibilities. **NOTED.** Cllr Kirby wondered whether Newlands Parish Council staff may be able to carry out the required work as new staff may be employed in the future. **NOTED.**

It was suggested that ID Verde be contacted as no litter is being picked up in Newlands Walk. The question of how to handle litter still needs determination. **NOTED.** Cllr Parry pointed out that the park on the Grainger side, the smaller park off the footpath which leads to the open space was full of thistles. Cllr Crichton had already raised this matter with Grainger. It was asked that this be checked and if it still looks like a problem to raise the issue with the clerk. **NOTED.** Some of the bird mouth fencing is also broken, this matter should be raised with Taylor Wimpey and WCC. This item is on the snagging list of items which need to be rectified prior to the Parish Council adopting these areas. **NOTED.** It was suggested to keep an eye on these issues as it is lowering the tone of the area. The Chairman went on to point out that houses will be harder to sell when the area is not looking like it’s being maintained. **NOTED.**

058/23H Speed monitor device: The speed monitor device had been received. The replacement battery issue is in hand. Grainger have agreed to install the device. **NOTED.**

059/23H Other Reports: The Chairman queried whether anything had happened regarding the broken fencing by the tip. Cllr Crichton stated that an outstanding agreement is holding up the work. As soon as the agreement has taken place he stated that all of the fencing will be replaced. The Chairman feels that the problem is now becoming an issue on health and safety grounds. He also queried whether the meeting had taken place with the fly-tipping officer from WCC? The clerk reported that a meeting still had not taken place. The clerk was asked to remind the Warden to rearrange a meeting. **NOTED.** The

Chairman mentioned that there is a requirement for salt gritting boxes. This issue should be raised with Grainger as to who is responsible for road safety within the development. It was thought that WCC should also be contacted about the issue. Cllr Crichton mentioned that it is possible for residents to arrange for a gritting box to be installed as had happened locally in previous years. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 8:52pm.

The next meeting of the Highways and General purpose Committee is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 starting at 7.30pm.