

## PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

### MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, NEWLANDS AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE, HAMPSHIRE, PO7 3BX COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

Members: Cllr M Read (Chairman) (P) Cllr A Kirby (P)  
Cllr L Price (P) Cllr C Brook (P)

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

086/23A Apologies: All councillors were present.

087/23A Declarations of Interest: D/Cllr Read and D/Cllr Brook both declared interests as they are Ward members for Winchester City Council.

088/23A Previous Minutes and matters arising: The minutes from the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were received. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

089/23A Public Session: No members of the public were present.

090/23A Correspondence: Correspondence had been received from the Chair of the Community Plan Group requesting a grant for an Easter Scavenger Hunt. At the present time there is some confusion as to how the group are currently financing themselves. It was suggested to hold off on paying a grant to the group. It was queried whether the group have asked for financial assistance from HBC or WCC. Council policy states that only one payment to organizations can be paid in a financial year. The group may wish to consider making one application to cover everything for the year and resubmitting their request. **NOTED.** The matter will be considered further at Full Council and further information regarding the grant awarding process supplied. **NOTED.**

Cllr Kirby suggested that he become a key-holder for the community building as there have been several occasions where the fire alarm has been going off and he has had to attend to it. As Cllr Kirby doesn't have a key it would be an idea for him to become an official key-holder. A process needs to be put in place with Grainger to identify procedures for out of hours emergencies should they arise at the building. This will be raised at the next meeting with Grainger. **NOTED.**

091/23A Warden's Report: The Warden gave a verbal report. He mentioned that the noticeboards in Wellington Park are in a very bad state. It would appear that they are also beyond repair. Cllr Crichton suggested that the council look at replacing both noticeboards. The boards were donated by Denmead Parish Council. It was suggested that DPC be contacted regarding the spare noticeboard which is in storage somewhere. HBC may also be holding it, so it was asked that they be contacted too. Cllr Kirby thought that the council may wish to identify a standard type of noticeboard to be used throughout the development. The Chairman asked the Warden to research noticeboards and bring back findings to the next Amenities meeting. **NOTED.** He went on to speak about the amount of litter in Wellington Park. A lot of rubbish had been dumped in various places. He queried whether litter bins could be installed prior to the council adopting the land in an attempt to curb the problem. The Chairman suggested making a list of the community areas and asking WCC to install litter bins. **NOTED.** The Warden queried how these would be emptied? The bin collection would have to be added to the general collection if possible. **NOTED.** The Warden went on to discuss the three quotes which he had obtained for

office/depot accommodation. Cllr Brook asked if any of the companies were local? The Warden stated that they were not and not particularly easy to find. He will circulate all details of the quotes he had found to members. **NOTED.** The Chairman thanked the Warden for his report.

092/23A Adoption of Open Space:

The Chairman gave a verbal update. He had been waiting for the new Director to start with WCC. A meeting is planned to discuss the situation regarding the 16 months that the council has been waiting for the handover of the open space. District Councillors will be in attendance at the meeting. The chief executive of WCC had suggested that a senior member of the Finance department be assigned to cover the element of the transfer. It is hoped an update can be provided at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee. **NOTED.**

093/23A Open Space Maintenance Contracts: Cllr Brook and the Warden had met with a representative of WCC to discuss contracts. A procurement process needs identifying. It was suggested that Cllr Brook liaise with Vice-Chair Cllr Carden to discuss this further. **NOTED.** The items which previously had been in storage in the Warden's garage are now being held within the office at the community building. The Chairman wished to record his thanks to the Warden for holding them previously. **NOTED.**

094/23A Amenities Storage/Office Facility: This item had been previously covered.

095/23A Events: Events had been covered at the last Full Council meeting.

Coronation event: The community plan group had circulated some suggestions. The Chairman suggested putting some ideas together and bringing them back to the March Amenities meeting. Cllr Kirby suggested using the community hall car park for a street party type of event. The CP group had suggested use of screens to project the coronation. It was felt this may be unnecessary. **NOTED.** The event will be aimed at families. A budget and/or grant request will need to be determined. A total budget of £7k for community events has previously been determined. **NOTED.**

096/23A Community Hall: Cllr Kirby stated that the hall is very heavily used for children's parties and the hall has been gaining a decent reputation. A request for hand dispensers in the toilets is currently in hand. **NOTED.**

099/23A Other reports: Cllr Crichton is due to attend a meeting with the new Headteacher at Berewood School. He asked if anyone had any questions for her, to let him know. Cllr Kirby suggested asking whether the school is planning to hold a coronation event. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 8:17pm.

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 starting at 7.30pm.