

PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023 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 (from 8:40) (P) Cllr L Price (P)

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

060/23H Apologies: No apologies were received, all councillors present.

061/23H Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

062/23H Minutes: The minutes from the Highways and General Purposes meeting held on 8th December 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.**

063/23H Public Session: There was no requirement for a public session.

064/23H Outstanding Matters and Matters Arising: Cllr Crichton gave an update. He had contacted HBC estates department regarding the play area which had been removed from the Wellington Park side of the development. Taylor Wimpey had supplied the play equipment as part of the section 106 agreement. Cllr Crichton is querying whether the equipment will be replaced. He continues to chase the matter.

Correspondence had been received from Coopers Fire and circulated after the clerk had contacted them regarding employees speeding into the factory car park. They have promised to look into the matter. **NOTED.** Cllr Parry wished to raise several community issues; firstly, dangerous dogs have been a cause for concern at the skate park. He had tried contacting several people about the issue and had not been able to get anywhere. Cllr Crichton stated that, currently this is a matter for Grainger. **NOTED.** The Warden had placed several signs around the development but these are not effective. Cllr Parry queried how the problem could be enforceable? He stated that the general consensus is that people are getting fed up with people being allowed to do what they like attitude. The Chairman stated that HBC may sub-contract the work to the Parish Council but the area will remain un-enforceable.

Cllr Parry went on to mention that the management company at phase 5 have are no longer speaking to residents. Cllr Crichton gave a brief update, explaining the work residents are doing with regards to this matter. The clerk had been asked to contact the management company, an answer is awaited. **NOTED.**

Cllr Price queried the recent issue regarding street naming, it was reported that the issue has now been escalated. **NOTED.**

065/23H Correspondence: Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding works and vehicles in the development which are causing a number of problems. The clerk was asked make Grainger aware of the problems hi-lighted as they are potential health and safety problems. It was also asked if the clerk could gain an update on the works and to also forward the residents comments on to Barratts, with the force of the local authority. It was thought WCC and HCC should also be notified of the problem. **NOTED.**

Cllr Parry mentioned the problems of parking at the primary school. After speaking with Grainger with regards to the issue lies with the school. They do not have the manpower to enforce problems. The Chairman suggested that the route to the school be turned into a one-way system. A representative of Grainger is also a member of the school's governing body. It was suggested that she be contacted regarding this to make her aware that sufficient action has not been taken and to suggest that a team of volunteers may be able to help assist with parking enforcement. **NOTED.** Cllr Parry stated that parking was mentioned as a bad issue in the latest OSTFED report. **NOTED.**

- Cllr Parry mentioned that two vans had been spotted driving down the pavement, towards children. Cllr Crichton suggested Donna Jones the Police and Crime commissioner be contacted via the Southern Parishes meeting about these issues. **NOTED.**
- 066/23H Highways Adoption: Cllr Crichton gave a verbal update, the first phase of adoption on the Grainger side of the development will happen in March 2023/24. On the Taylor Wimpey side the section 104 agreement is nearly complete. The issue with the streetlights is still holding matters up for adoption of the spine road. An online meeting with HCC is planned to discuss the closure of Sickle Way. There were other highways issues such as marking out disabled parking bays, following a request from a resident. Taylor Wimpey refuse to mark any lines. **NOTED.** Cllr Price has asked C/Cllr Patricia Stallard about the matter and she thinks the parking bays will be marked out upon road adoption from HCC. **NOTED.**
- 067/23H Allotment Adoption: The clerk gave an update regarding allotments. Dates had been provided from Grainger as to when they are expected to be ready. The clerk has a long list of interested allotment holders. A process of allocation is required. The Northern allotments should be ready October 2023 and the southern allotments ready in 2025. Staffing for allotment management requires determination. The Chairman suggested that the process be started soon. Cllr Crichton suggested a proposal be made to Full Council as to how to allocate the plots. The clerk mentioned that the council may join the allotment society who may be able to offer advice. Cllr Price queried how the allotments will be financed? Matters appertaining to the financial element of the allotments will be considered further at the next Full Council. **NOTED.** Toilets at the northern allotments will be provided. It was asked whether the clerk could find out if these toilets will be mains water or composting toilets so that their management be handled appropriate. **NOTED.**
- 068/23H CCTV cameras to deter fly-tipping: The clerk had circulated details about the use of CCTV cameras to deter fly-tipping. The Chairman thought this may be a good idea. He asked the clerk to contact the company to ask for details about the free trial that was offer. It currently uncertain whether the 4g signal required would be strong enough to send images. A trial of the cameras may help determine this. The clerk was asked to look into signage for CCTV warning signs. **NOTED. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to agree in principle to the free trial and subsequent purchase of the cameras pending approval at Full Council.**
- 069/23H Other Reports: The matter of dog fouling was spoken about. As several residents are concerned about the matter, Cllr Price had suggested holding a meeting in his capacity as a resident about the problem. The Chairman queried whether the council could introduce a bye-law which would be enforceable. It was asked whether the Warden would be happy to issue fines? Cllr Crichton suggested trying to implement a shared community officer. The costs associated with it would be reduced. A process will need to be agreed concerning the drafting of a bye-law to control and enforce dog enforcement. Cllr Crichton suggested asking Cllr Carden about the matter to discuss further at the next meeting of Full Council. **NOTED.** Cllr Kirby queried whether WCC could give the council the authority to issue fixed penalty notices? Cllr Crichton thought that the parish council could ask the question through the District Councillors, this may negate the need for a bye-law. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 9:22pm.

The next meeting of the Highways and General-purpose Committee is scheduled for Thursday 9th March 2023 starting at 7.30pm.