

PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd JUNE 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
Cllr L Price (P) Cllr P Bennett (P)

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

013/24A Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Kirby.

014/24A Appointment of Vice-Chairman: Nominations for the appointment of Vice- Chair of the committee were received. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Cllr Kirby is elected as Vice Chair.**

015/24A Declarations of Interest: The Chairman declared an interest as he is a Ward member for Winchester City Council.

016/24A Previous Minutes and matters arising: The minutes from the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 6th April 2023 were received. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

017/24A Public Session: No members of the public were present.

018/24A Correspondence: One of the tables at the community hall had been damaged. It was queried as to whether WACA check the condition of the tables and chairs. The clerk is to ask WACA if this is possible. Any damage should then be passed on to the clerk. It was also asked whether it may be possible to identify which group was responsible for the damage. A new table will be ordered. **NOTED.**

019/24A Warden's Report: The Warden gave a verbal report. He reported that he had received the new van and was taking it to have the signage added shortly. Regarding the compound he received 3 quotes for the work required. It had previously been agreed to accept work totally, £3,100.00 + VAT. The quotes will be signed and sent back to their respective companies this week. A rough timeline had been determined; the units will be the last thing to go site. It was **NOTED** that Grainger had been particularly helpful with regards to this matter and thanks were given. Cllr Bennett queried whether disabled access will be required, at this moment in time, it is thought not as the council will still have use of the small office in the community building for visits from members of the public. **NOTED.**

020/24A Allotment Training: The clerk had identified a suitable training course for the Warden which he may wish to attend in preparation for the forthcoming allotments. Another member of staff will also be required, it is asked that they have horticultural experience. It was agreed that the Warden should attend the training course. **NOTED.**

021/24A Adoption of Open Space: The Chairman gave a verbal report. Adoption was still no further forward. He was in contact with WCC regarding the outstanding issues. A walkaround site visit is still required to identify and remedy the outstanding issues. It is hoped the Chairman will have more to report at the next meeting. **NOTED.**

022/24A Community Hall Lease: A copy of the lease had previously been circulated. The suggested amendments had been hi-lighted. Some extra amendments had been proposed. These will be added and the lease circulated to all members prior to approval at Full council, before sending to Grainger's legal department. **NOTED.**

023/24A Noticeboards: Some of the parish noticeboards had fallen into disrepair. It was decided that these require replacing. Some suggested replacement boards require sourcing. Cllr Bennett felt that the boards aren't being updated regularly. The Warden reported that he does update them as and when necessary. **NOTED.**

024/24A Community Hall: There were no items to report other than the required renovation work had been approved by Grainger. WACA have been asked to quote for the work. The blinds in the hall had also been replaced and the leak in the gents' toilets had been fixed. **NOTED.**

025/24A Events: The community group are planning to hold a charity coffee morning with Macmillan. It was suggested that the event become a join event and will mean that free use of the hall will be given to the group. It was requested that the details be passed on to the clerk.

It was also reported that Wellington Vale care home are planning a summer fete on the 12th August. The council may like a stall there. The clerk was asked to speak to the care home to arrange this, pending approval/discussion at Full Council.

026/24A Other reports:

There were no other reports.

The meeting closed at 7:23pm.

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee is scheduled for Thursday 17th August 2023 starting at 7.30pm. (TBC).