

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th AUGUST 2023 AT NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, NEWLANDS AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 3BX COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm.

<u>Members:</u>	Cllr D Crichton (Chair)	(P)	Cllr O Barneveld	(P)
	Cllr A Berry	(P)	Cllr A Carden	
	Cllr A Kirby		Cllr P Bennett	(P)
	Cllr L Price	(P)	Cllr M Read	(P)
	Cllr C Brook	(P)		

Also present, C/Cllr P Stallard, D/Cllr's Neil Cutler and Chris Chamberlain and Karen Seear - Clerk to the Council.

033/24C Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Kirby, District Cllrs Clear and Langford-Smith.

034/24C Declarations of Interest: Cllr M Read and Cllr C Brook declared an interests as they are Ward Councillor for Winchester City Council.

035/24C Minutes:
The minutes from the previous Full Council meeting held on 22nd June 2023 had previously been circulated. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that they were a true and accurate record of business that was transacted and were duly signed.**

036/24C Matters arising and outstanding matters from Previous Minutes: Any matters arising will be dealt with throughout the meeting.

037/24C Public Participation: 2 members of the public were in attendance. Neither made comments during the public session.

038/24C County and District Councillors Reports:

- a) C/Cllr Stallard had issued a written report, (previously circulated) She had nothing to add to her report and welcomed any questions. The Chairman asked whether she may have heard anything regarding cut-backs to the recycling centre? Cllr Stallard reported she hadn't.
- b) D/Cllr Langford- Smith submitted a written report. (Circulated to the Chair.) Thanks were given for her report.
- c) D/Cllr Cutler gave a verbal report. A local plan meeting had recently taken place, a range of factors have affected the current local plan meaning its necessary to come up with a new scheme/timetable. There had been a big response by the public to the local plan. A new local development scheme needs to be agreed, factors such as land supply effect this. It is hoped that the local plan will be ready at the end of 2026 which is still within the current time frame. A new study has been taking place regarding transportation in WCC, the previous study was carried out before CV19, there are concerns about phosphates and nitrates relating to transportation. Cllr Cutler went on to speak about the Waterlooville regeneration program which is making positive progress and members from HBC seem positive. Havant Borough council have also made an application for CiL money from Winchester City Council to support the regeneration project of Havant Leisure Centre. Plans are to make the leisure centre more well-being based. It is considered that the leisure centre is essential and is used by many from the Winchester district. The Chairman asked Cllr Cutler whether he had heard about the Governments current proposal regarding planning rights and barns. Planning applications may not be required

for alterations etc. to barns. Cllr Cutler thought that if the proposal goes ahead, not much difference will be felt. Cllr Stallard mentioned that the national parks have raised concerns. The general feeling is that greater flexibility is welcomed, but to ensure planning enforcement rules still apply. The Chairman mentioned that foot and bicycle access to Brambles Farm is still required if possible. Brambles Farm is private land so Cllr Cutler is not sure what can be done, but it is hoped something can be implemented.

- d) D/Cllr Chamberlain gave a verbal report, he did not have much to add to what had previously been reported, he is following up several lines of enquiry and will have more to report at the next meeting,
- e) Cllr Read in his capacity as District Councillor gave a verbal report, he also spoke about the local plan meeting. He had been unsure that the city council would achieve their objectives regarding timing of the local plan, he felt that the timeline is extremely tight. He spoke about regulation 18 which had been announced and the concerns he had over plans for regulation 19, as this concerns traveller's. We will wait to see what happens. There are more plans coming from central government, he is not in favour of some these. He finished his report mentioning that he felt there will be problems with the extension of the local plan, but he is hopeful it will go right if the plan is funded correctly. Cllr Read then left the meeting. **NOTED.**
- f) Cllr Brook in her capacity as District Councillor gave a verbal report. She wished to echo Cllr Read's concerns over the local plan and it being delayed by 3 years. She had had a look at the plans for the regeneration of Havant Leisure centre and she was pleased that HBC were pushing for CiL money. She had felt disappointed so far that HBC were not including members of the public in the decision process. She was disappointed that some of the activities such as laser tag were not going to be provided, she had suggested having mixed use sports areas. CiL funding from East Hampshire will not be provided for the project. A large amount of funding is still to be sourced.
Thanks were given for all reports.

039/24C Parish Matters:

- (a) Developments and Adoptions: The Chairman gave an update. Planning for the latest Redrow phase still had not been approved. He had requested an update on information. He reported that Bloor sales are moving well. He went on to speak about the road adoption at Wellington park, stating that Cllr Price will also provide an update further on in the meeting. He spoke of the delay to road adoption which is still being held up by the section 104 agreement. This is now in the hands of the legal department. It was also reported that there continues to be a variety of problems associated with work to the planned closure of Sickle Way. Cllr Bennett wished to raise that she had been receiving many comments from residents regarding the state and the work to roads in the development. It appears that information is being passed on to Grainger and then to the building contractors, these contractors are not taking any interest in rectifying problems. The Chairman urged residents to contact Grainger with any concerns. Cllr Bennett stated that many residents are facing difficulties especially regarding disabled access etc.. **NOTED.**
- (b) Community Group: Cllr Bennett, also Chair of the Community Group gave a verbal update. She spoke about the survey which had gone out and was available online for residents to fill in. This will mean that the community group is able to receive information from residents regarding what they like and dislike about living in the MDA.
She spoke about several residents who have voiced concerns regarding the Blue Star planning application. Comments have been passed on to local MP's. The application is causing major upset and also effects residents living in the Forest End area. Cllr Bennett went on to report that the community group are holding drop-in guidance sessions for residents. The volunteers which offer assistance will be properly checked. Insurance will be in place. The guidance on offer will vary from month to month ranging from legal, mortgage and mental health advice. So far there has been a positive response to this. She went on to ask that if any councillors are able to offer assistance or have any suggestions as to organisations they could potentially have on board, to let her know. Plans are also being made regarding the budget for the community group. Other

potential events in the pipeline include a disco and work with the Hampshire and IOW environmental nature groups. Under 5 year old activity groups will be set up and there are plans to include more family age groups. Cllr Price offered his assistance with guidance sessions, providing legal guidance. **NOTED.** Thanks were given to Cllr Bennett for her report.

- (c) **HBC Land:** The Chairman once again gave his usual response to this matter. There had been no further progress regarding this. A meeting is due with the Chief Executive of HBC shortly and he will chase this further with him and other representatives in person when they have a tour of the MDA. Cllr Price informed members that he had emailed HBC as a resident to ask what was going to happen with the playground area in Wellington Park which has been removed. This matter will also be covered during the walkaround tour. **NOTED.**
Cllr Berry wished to mention that he had received reports of motorized scooters on the grass at the town park near the skate park. He'd asked the clerk to pass this on to Grainger for their attention as the current land owners. It was also reported that the closure of Sickie Way is a health and safety hazard, as scooter users are riding on the pavement, it is an accident waiting to happen. **NOTED.**
- (d) **Bi-monthly Grainger meetings:** There hadn't been a meeting for some time now. The Chairman had contacted a Grainger representative regarding some planning enforcement issues. They are currently unaware of what had happened in the area in question. D/Cllr Chamberlain offered to take action on behalf of the council and will follow this up.
- (e) **Request from Councillor Price:** Councillor Price wished to discuss the matter of using CCTV to monitor the future youth shelter which is due to be situated at Newlands Walk. The council had thought best to rule the use of CCTV out due to practicalities. Cllr Price wished to pursue the matter further. He went on to circulate a paper detailing email conversations to everyone in attendance. The Chairman felt this was unacceptable behavior as well as a breach of councillor conduct. Cllr Bennett offered the services of a contact who would happily quote for the work, this would then mean that the council have all information available and can make a much more informed decision. The matter will go back to the Amenities Committee for further discussion and a suitable date/time arranged for Cllr Bennett, Berry and the Amenities parish warden to visit the area with the contact so that quotes and suggestions can be provided. **NOTED.**
Cllr Price wished to raise the dropped curb outside Newlands Walk, he believes this should be in situ. The Chairman stated that a dropped kerb was never part of the original plans and it currently deters unauthorized vehicles. Service vehicles are still able to access Newlands Walk. If the Parish council would like a dropped curb in place in the future a planning application to have on can be made. **NOTED.**

040/24C Communications:

- a) **Website:** The clerk reported that there were no updates to report. Cllr Bennett had a query regarding being able to send emails from councillor email addresses. All council communication should go through the clerk. She went on to state that she felt the council's website was not fit for purpose and she had several suggestions as to what could be added. The Chairman stated that as a parish council website, the website is currently performing to standards. Cllr Bennett will contact the clerk with further ideas/suggestions. **NOTED.**
- b) **Correspondence:** Correspondence had been received from a concerned residents regarding the Blue Star applications. The clerk had responded to the correspondence, urging them to ensure objections were given to both local authorities, HBC and WCC.

041/24C Outside Bodies:

- a) **Southern Parishes:** No meetings had taken place recently. Cllr berry went on to mention that the next meeting will be held in the community Hall. The clerk to ensure a booking is made. **NOTED.**
- b) **West Waterlooville Forum/Joint Planning Committee:** Cllr Brook spoke about the Arts program as some work towards this had recently taken place. She had a suggestion which she'll follow up. AI Arts trails are becoming more popular and something like this may be perfect for the MDA. It is hoped another meeting of the Arts panel will take place shortly. The clerk was asked to chase this up. **NOTED.**
- c)

WACA: In the absence of Cllr Kirby (WACA rep for the council) no report was given. It is thought that currently there are no outstanding matters. **NOTED.**

042/24C Finance:

- a) Orders for Payment: Payments detailed on the orders for payment list 06 were received. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the orders for payment.**
- b) Bank Statements: The bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements were reviewed and the balances as of 31st July 2023 were agreed. The statements were signed by the Chairman. **NOTED.**
- c) Accounts: The accounts for July 2023 had been prepared and circulated. **NOTED.**

The Chairman wished to point out that after discussions with a Grainger representative regarding utility bills at the hall, it had been agreed that the council will pay a fixed sum each month to cover the costs. **NOTED.**

043/24C Community Hall Lease: The final draft had been previously circulated to members. The matter had been dragging on for some time now, the legal company had been asking for the same information time after time. Cllr Carden stated that this is now the third time that they've been asked to sign a lease. He urged Grainger to get this sorted. The Chairman said that he'd report back to Grainger, explaining that the matter is on hold until such time that Grainger's solicitors agree what is required. The matter will be returned to at a future meeting. **NOTED.**

044/24C Amenities Storage/Office facility: Work to this had been progressing well. It is hoped the compound will be in place by the end of the year. **NOTED.**
Consideration is required as to where the Parish Council's permanent home for the facility will be. There currently may be a suitable area in Plant Farm crescent. This is being pursued further with Grainger. Cllr Berry asked that this matter should be jointly covered by both the Amenities and Highways committees. As both committees have relevant issues to discuss. Access to the temporary compound needs confirming with the parish warden who has been handling the work regarding this. Progress reports are requested. **NOTED.**

045/24C Parish signage/Replacement Noticeboards: Details concerning a design and costs for 3 Welcome to the Parish signs had previously been circulated. The three areas where the signs are due to be installed were clarified. It was suggested that the council will require more signage in the future. This to be added to the next Highways and General purposes agenda for discussion. **NOTED.**

046/24C Christmas Event: Cllr Bennett outlined the plans for the Christmas event which the community group are planning. This is to be a joint venture with the Parish Council. It is currently planned for Wednesday 13th December 2023 and will be a Christmas meal provided for residents with festive entertainment. Cllr Brook asked whether asking the school children to sing at the event had been considered? Cllr Bennett stated that many options are being considered. The Chairman asked whether the community group had made any funding grant applications? He suggested approaching County Councillor Stallard. **NOTED.** Two council representatives will be required at the event. It was thought that the event will cost approximately £500. Food Hygiene certificates will be held by those handling food. The matter will be discussed further at the next council meeting. **NOTED.**

047/24C Other Reports: The upcoming fete at Wellington Vale will be attended by Cllr Price and Cllr Bennett who'll raise awareness of the council. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 9:22 pm
The next meeting of Full Council will be held on 14th September 2023.

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