

PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24th AUGUST 2023 AT NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, NEWLANDS AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE, HAMPSHIRE, PO7 3BX COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

Members: Cllr A Berry (Chairman) (P) Cllr O Barneveld (P)
Cllr A Kirby (P) Cllr L Price

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

024/24H Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Price. Cllr Bennett represented Cllr Price at this meeting. **NOTED.**

025/24H Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bennett declared an interest as she is Chair of the community group. **NOTED.**

026/24H Previous Minutes: The minutes from the Highways and General Purposes meeting held 13th July 2023 were received. It was noted that Cllr Barneveld was not on the list of members on this set of minutes. **Upon this amendment, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the councillors who were present at the previous meeting that the minutes of the Council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

027/24H Public Session: Cllr Read spoke during the public session. He wished to comment on the Welcome signs which have been proposed for the development. He had seen the plans for the sign. As the Parish Council wish to have their logo added, Cllr Read suggested a recommendation. More signs may be required as and when the Parish council takes on more areas of open space. Cllr Kirby suggested having, “managed by the council” signs installed in these areas.

Cllr Bennett stated that the Parish logo/name could go on any noticeboards within the development. Several locations for these have been identified, more suggestions are welcome. The noticeboards matter will be dealt with by the Amenities committee. **NOTED.**

The Chairman suggested having a fourth sign made up to keep in storage ready for when the next area of the MDA has been completed. **NOTED.**

A discussion took place regarding ownership of Town Park. The matter requires clarification with Grainger as to who will take over the ownership/title. A visit from the Strategic director of WCC will be taking place shortly. This will be an opportunity to ask questions relating to this matter. **NOTED.**

028/24H Outstanding Matters and Matters Arising: Cllr Barneveld wished to raise an issue concerning Mirabelle mall. There currently was a problem concerning mopeds racing up and down the private street. She wondered if there was anything that Grainger could do to help? She suggested installing sleeping policemen. The clerk was asked to write to Grainger and raise the issue. **NOTED.**

Cllr Bennett suggested reporting the offence on the non-emergency police line or reporting this online. It also needs to be established what Grainger’s near miss and accident reporting is. What incidents are a breach of the road traffic act? It was suggested that Bloor be requested to put up private road signs on the road, it may be difficult to do this however, due to limited space. The speeding mopeds could also be raised with the local beat officer. The matter should be added to the agenda for the next meeting with Grainger. **NOTED.**

029/24H Adoption Update: Cllr Crichton reported that it had been agreed that the positioning of any bollards and the closure of Sickle Way would be totally unacceptable and pose a risk to life if this was to go ahead. Cllr Crichton is waiting for a response regarding the

situation. He had spoken to a Highways engineer as well as Cllr Anne Briggs from HBC regarding the matter. It was hoped that the Ambulance service may also provide a comment but they are proving difficult to contact. If sockets for the bollards are installed as planned, it would not be great if they leave holes in the road. It is hoped this will be avoided. Cllr Crichton will provide an update at the next meeting. **NOTED.**

In other matters the adoption of the open space still was no further forwards due to the on-going issue regarding the section 104/102 agreement.

030/24H Correspondence: There were no items of correspondence outstanding relating to this committee. **NOTED.**

031/24H Depot/Compound: The Chairman requested to see the quotes for the containers which he had not seen. The clerk is to pass on the information. Confirmation regarding toilets is required from the Warden, who'd been arranging the quotes etc. A checklist of what is required was suggested. The Chairman asked if the Warden could attend the next committee meeting. It was also suggested that the council ask Grainger if they will be charging the council ground rent for use of the area. It was asked to obtain their decision in writing. **NOTED.**

032/24H Speed watch Monitor and Speed indicator: The Warden had gained and previously circulated data from the council speed monitor device, it does show incidents of excessive speeding. This information should be passed on to the Police as well as to Grainger. **NOTED.** It is queried how much impact that the speed monitor is having. Cllr Bennett wondered if the car parking enforcement team working within the MDA could enforce speeding fines? The chairman mentioned that the speed camera used by Denmead Parish Council is proving effective. He thought that Newlands could use something similar and made the recommendation that the council purchase more speed monitors, and relocate the current monitor with an ANPR recording device. Cllr Bennett suggested that staff/members may require training on the use of speed monitors. Cllr Crichton asked that another location for the camera be determined. **NOTED.** Cllr Kirby questioned what the Police will do with ANPR data, are they able to provide the council with an explanation? Could they also provide clarification on what are classed as traffic offences. It was suggested that the Police and crime commissioner be contacted regarding this. **NOTED.** Cllr Kirby queried whether, Grainger as the land owners have the responsibility to make sure roads are safe? No provision has been made to provide school crossing patrol. He suggested asking Grainger for a definition of all roads which still fall under their responsibility. The council has evidence that the roads are not safe, what are their plans regarding doing something about this? **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to raise these points with Grainger.**

It was suggested that the speed-watch monitor camera be hi-lighted on the council's webpage so that residents know that the council is taking steps to do something about the problem. It was also asked that Taylor Wimpey be contacted regarding having a speed monitor on Darnel Road. **NOTED.**

It was suggested that the council ask Grainger about sharing the cost of the monitors. The matter will be returned to at the next meeting. **NOTED.**

033/24H UKPC Parking Enforcement: No update had been received by the clerk. The Parish council is still unsure of the details. Clarification is still required regarding the legal points. Loading and unloading on the roads is still unclear, what restrictions etc, are in place. At the last meeting it was hi-lighted that this makes residents moving in or out of their homes incredibly difficult. It was queried whether there are any disabled parking bays in the MDA?

034/24H Damage to grass verge: The Chairman reported that damage had been caused by Travellers at Newlands Walk. The clerk had reported this to Grainger and WCC. **NOTED.**

035/24H Newlands Parish signage: Details of the signage had previously been discussed. It was asked to confirm if there will be any change in price with the added requirements. It was also confirmed that the council should purchase the fourth sign. The matter will be taken to Full Council for approval. **NOTED.**

036/24H Christmas Events 2023: Cllr Bennett gave an update on the plans for the event, to be held in conjunction with the community group. A senior's lunch is planned on 13th December 2023. The meal will be available to residents aged 50+. The community group is looking at outside sponsorship. The chairman suggested contacting Bloor for sponsorship. It was thought that Asda may also like to sponsor the event. The Christmas tree light switch on event was also spoken about. A date was suggested. Friday 1st December from 4pm. The clerk is to check if the community hall is available on that date. An email is to be sent out asking for ideas regarding the lights switch-on. No-alcoholic mulled wine will be available. It was also suggested to ask if the Pure food catering truck would like to be in attendance as that was successful last year. A Christmas committee of members has been formed. The clerk is to check whether Cllr Brook would like to be involved. **NOTED.** It was suggested that the primary school be contacted to ensure there won't be a clash of events. The community group are looking into help with funding for food for the senior's lunch. It was also suggested that Grainger be contacted to check if Christmas decorations are allowed outside of the community building. **NOTED.**

037/24H Update on outstanding issues: At the next meeting the Chairman would like to speak about taking action against building contractors that are ignoring emails regarding issues. **NOTED.**

038/24H Other reports: Cllr Bennett wished to speak about a meeting she'd had regarding a resident who is in the process of taking legal action against Barratt's. The action is necessary due to the state of the roads. The Chairman stated that he believes the council will support any action taken. He would like to visit the resident in question with their permission and take photographs for records and passing on to the relevant authorities.

The meeting was extended by 6 minutes to allow time to cover the previous item. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed at 9:36pm

The next meeting of the Highways and General-purpose Committee is scheduled for Thursday 5th October 2023 starting at 7.30pm.