

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024 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	(P)
	Cllr A Kirby		Cllr P Bennett	(P)
	Cllr L Price	(P)	Cllr M Read	(P)
	Cllr C Brook			

Also present, C/Cllr Patricia Stallard, D/Cllr Paula Langford-Smith, D/Cllr Chris Chamberlain and Karen Seear - Clerk to the Council and members of the public.

- 109/24C Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Brook and Cllr Kirby.
- 110/24C Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Read declared an interest as he is a Ward Councillor for Winchester City Council. Cllr Bennett declared an interest as she is Chair of the Community Group.
- 111/24C Minutes:**
The minutes from the previous Full Council meeting held on 25th January 2024 had previously been circulated. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that all minutes to date were a true and accurate record of business that was transacted and were duly signed.**
- 112/24C Public Participation:** Several members of the public were in attendance. No members of the public spoke during the public session.
- 113/24C Matters arising and outstanding matters from Previous Minutes:** Cllr Carden stated that a paper had been circulated regarding accessibility of the community hall. The paper will be considered by the Amenities committee at the next meeting. **NOTED.**
- 114/24C County and District Councillor Reports:** District Councillor Chris Chamberlain gave a verbal report, the Rural England Prosperity Fund is now open for match funded grant applications. This is targeted at rural businesses, with grants awarded up to £15k. There is a broad definition of what can be applied for. He offered to send details on to the clerk if the council would like further information. Closure for applications, 17th May 2024. He went on to speak about the frustrations felt by many residents regarding the Barratt homes remedial road works. He stated that there is a level of disagreement between Grainger and Barratts which and this is not satisfactory. This is being looked into further by the city council, he will continue to push this issue and report back any further developments at a future meeting. He finalized mentioning that it was great to see a good number of the Mayoral awards going to people from the development. County Councillor Stallard had provided a written report, previously circulated. Questions were welcomed. She spoke about the current financial position of the county council. The total budget figure for the new financial year is £2.6 billion. There is a significant deficit facing the county council, if the Government do not step in the real crunch will be felt in 2026/27. She went on to remind everyone of the online survey regarding proposals that the council have to reduce costs. She encouraged all to go online and take part. She then went on to mention a new app, OurHants which can be used to report issues such as potholes etc. and provides access to other services.
District Councillor Langford-Smith gave a verbal report. She had attended a HALC presentation with Donna Jones, the Police and Crime Commissioner, regarding prison services and outreach work for families. She encouraged the council to contact this service as she believes it's very beneficial. She had visited the WaterlooVille regeneration project and had been impressed with

the number of people in attendance and the amount of interest shown in the project. It is felt this is a very positive project and there are hopes that things will be moving forwards in the right direction.

Cllr Price had a query regarding who keeps an eye on the Havant Borough Council's S106 obligations at Winchester City Council as he believes there are applications which have not complied with regulations? Cllr Price was asked to send the clerk any information he has regarding this; the matter will be looked into further. **NOTED.**

District Councillor Read gave a verbal report, in his capacity as District Councillor, the purdah period was approaching. He reminded all that the only decisions that WCC can make are on regulatory affairs only, no other business will be decided upon during this period. **NOTED.**

Thanks were given to everyone who gave reports.

115/24C Parish Matters:

- (a) Developments and Adoptions: The Chairman gave a verbal update, no business to report on the Wellington Park side of the development. The street lighting section 104 agreement is still outstanding. Contractors are hard to get hold of for the work required. The TRO issued for traffic on Darnel Road, he pointed out contains an error and therefore has no legal standing. He had written to the officer in charge of this area, but so far had not received a response. The clerk was asked to chase.
- (b) HBC Land: At the recent West of Waterlooville Forum, the Chairman took the opportunity to ask HBC why there had been such a delay with the obligation for them to take on the parcel of land. He received little response to this question. He mentioned the importance of having maintenance carried out of the Old Park Farm stream as a concern.
- (c) Bi-monthly Grainger meetings: A meeting to discuss section 106 matters had recently taken place, the clerk and the Chairman gave an update. The deed of variation which recognizes the parish as a party for adoption of open space land is still required. HBC have also shown an interest in taking over the land. Talks continue with Grainger regarding this matter. If HBC were to take on land, they would like ownership of all land, or nothing. The clerk advised the council that may wish to set up a committee which will work towards implementing a plan to take on the open space land. **NOTED.** Further reports were that Grainger have 2 new members of staff on board, including a new community development manager. She is very experienced and it is hoped that with her help this will make a huge impact to the area.
Cllr Read noted that if HBC were to take on the open space land within the development, they would face a huge problem down the line, as in 20 years' time, commuted sums would run dry, HBC are unable to raise precept monies for the homes in WCC. **NOTED.**

116/24C Communications:

- a) Website: The clerk noted that the recently received final AGAR report for the financial year 22/23 from the external auditors had been added to the website. **NOTED.**
- b) Correspondence: Correspondence had been covered previously.

117/24C Outside Bodies:

Southern Parishes: Cllr Bennett is writing a report from this meeting, which she will circulate to councillors. She echoed the request previously made by C/Cllr Stallard regarding the Hampshire County Council's online survey regarding cost-cutting proposals. All encouraged to submit views. **NOTED.**

West of Waterlooville Forum: HBC had attended the recent forum. Frustrations were felt regarding Havant Borough council's lack of co-operation. It was suggested that these meetings could now become in-person meetings. The clerk was asked to write to the Chair of the meetings

to suggest this. **NOTED.** Cllr Read reiterated points which he has made on many occasions regarding the importance of holding Joint planning committee meetings. Key applications such as the new health centre which affect both authorities could be discussed during these meetings. **NOTED.**

118/24C **Street-naming:** The Chairman updated councillors. He had been in touch with the WCC street naming officer regarding the most recent list of street names. He spoke further about a move nationally for a more rigid approach, as many streets are named after their developers etc. A policy regarding future street naming is required. It was thought that street names should reflect the history of the area. The matter will be considered by the Highways and general purposes committee. For the current phase, the names that are required will only be accepted if they are from the existing list. Another list has been in circulation in the past. The chairman does not have copy of the list. Cllr Carden, stated he would pass this on. **NOTED.**

119/24C **Vandalism:** Cllr Berry spoke about the bridge being vandalized in Newlands Walk, the safety railings had been damaged. The open spaces officer in WCC had been notified. Cllr Berry had taken photos which had been passed on via the clerk. He was concerned that mopeds are also using the development causing anti-social behaviour. It was queried if they are breaching the road traffic act? Any details should be forwarded to the clerk who'll pass this information on to Grainger, and Bishops Waltham Police. **NOTED.**

Financial Matters:

120/24C **Orders for Payment:** Payments detailed on the orders for payment list 15 were received. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the orders for payment.**

Bank Statements: The bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements were reviewed and the balances as of 29th February 2024 were agreed. The statements were signed by the Chairman. **NOTED.**

Accounts: The accounts for February had been prepared and circulated. **NOTED.**

Clerk's laptop: The clerk had circulated details of 3 models of laptops all of which fall within the budget that had previously been agreed. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the clerk should purchase the favoured model.**

121/24C **Media and communications committee:** Cllr Bennett is finalizing the last details of the comparison of website providers; this will be circulated once complete. She will produce a website map. Financial matters relating to the website will need to be considered by the Finance and Personnel committee. It is important that the right provider is chosen as the council have had to change providers too often over the short time that the council has been in operation. **NOTED.** The Parish Profile, is an extremely useful document, it is however out of date and requires updating. A policy could be created with guidelines as to when and who should keep this updated. **NOTED.**

122/24C **Amenities Storage/Office facility:** The clerk updated council with progress. The units are ready to occupy. The clerk and Warden had identified a need to spend around £1,500 to kit out the compound units, (storage and office spaces). To be approved by the Finance and personnel committee. **NOTED.** The toilet facility requires some plumbing and electrical work, the Warden had gained quotes, still waiting on another. The question of who will clean the units was asked. The clerk had approached WACA about this and they are happy to take it on, at cost, which will require determination. It was queried whether Nurture are still interested in sharing the toilet facilities. The Warden was asked to contact them to confirm. **NOTED.**

123/24C **Events:**

Flag flying dates were discussed, Cllr Read has provided a list. These were accepted by the council and will be reviewed in March 2025. It was queried whether there are other days relevant to the

council and area when the flag should be flown. Events from the suggested list were considered. Some of likely events will be best dressed house for Halloween and Christmas. Prizes etc. require determination. It was reiterated that Wellington Park should be included in these events. Cllr Bennett will come back to a future meeting with a proposal regarding prizes and allocations etc. at a future meeting. **NOTED.** Thanks were given to Cllr Bennett for her work on this.

124/24C Internet Access for community hall: Thanks were given to Cllr Price for his help and work on this. It will be possible for the council to install a router with private and public internet access. He has been looking at a way to extend the range from the community building to reach the compound area. He hopes to finalize what is required as soon as possible, ready to bring back costs to the next meeting of the Finance and Personnel committee. **NOTED.**

125/24C Community Hall lease: The lease has finally been signed. A solicitor is required to witness the final signature, the clerk has this in hand. Once obtained the lease will be sent back to Grainger. **NOTED.**

126/24C Annual Parish Assembly: The Annual Parish Assembly will be taking place on 11th April 2024 at 6:30pm. It is hoped that there will be a reasonable turnout for this. It was suggested as the Waterlooville regeneration project will be presented by HBC, that members from other districts may like to attend. The clerk was asked to contact them to invite. Flick Drummond MP is also invited as well as District Councillors. Refreshments are to be provided. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that a budget of £250 be given for the provision of refreshments.**
Reports from the Chairs of committees were requested. Cllr Read will provide a short-written report.

125/24C Other Reports: No other reports.

It was RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussions regarding personnel matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm

The next meeting of Full Council will be held on 18th April 2024.

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Exempt Business:

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