

PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024 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 (P)
Cllr P Bennett (P)

Also, present Cllr David Crichton – Chairman of the Parish Council, Karen Seear - Clerk to the Council and members of the public.

112/24H Apologies: All councillors were present.
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

113/24H Declarations of Interest: Cllr Bennett declared an interest as she is Chair of the community group. Cllr Kirby declared an interest as he is Chair of the Board of Trustees for WACA. **NOTED.**

114/24H Public Session: One member of the public was in attendance. It was discussed that the Parish Council website is not currently provided accessibility to all, as the option to display webpages in larger print etc. is not available. The council is aware of this and action will be discussed at the next meeting of Full Council. There were no other queries. **NOTED.**

115/24H Previous Minutes: The minutes from the Highways and General Purposes meeting held 15th February 2024 were received. **It was 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.**

115/24H Outstanding Matters and Matters Arising: The Chairman spoke about the logbook which will keep a record of all enquires made. The clerk has purchased a log-book. This will be used and beneficial for all meetings/council work. **NOTED.** The road traffic order at Darnel Road was mentioned. Cllr Crichton has queried this as the wording is wrong, he has not yet had a response, but this will be chased. Hampshire Highways will have to reissue the TRO with the correct wording. No further response has been received regarding the council's objections to the TRO. **NOTED.**

116/24H Adoption Update:

a) Wellington Park: Cllr Crichton gave a verbal update. The adoption process had taken a step backwards. A lamppost had been demolished by 2 youths in a stolen car. This issue will take some time to sort under insurance.

b) Berewood: Tidying and clearing up of ditches etc. have been carried out in the area. The Chairman has asked the contractors to have another look at these. Cllr Barneveld reported more flooding in the ditch near Mirabelle Mall, due to fallen leaves, but reported litter had been cleared.

The Chairman had walked the area with contractors carrying out remedial road works at Berewood Green, there may be a delay as the works are likely to overrun due to weather conditions. All have received a written update from Barratt's previously circulated. Rowe Rise and Newlands Way will be open from 2nd April. Work to the block paving

requires careful planning as dry weather is required for sealant. Credit was given to contractors. There are conflicting reports regarding the potential provision of a temporary car-park, there are concerns how residents will manage with the next phase of works, due to so many households being affected. **NOTED.** No provision has been made for residents with electric vehicles. Legally this is not a requirement, but it is hoped Barratt's could provide this as a gesture of goodwill, otherwise EV owners will have to find alternative charging points. These are as much as 10 times higher than home charging. The Chairman asked what mobility scooter users will do? Temporary pavements will be put in place and ramps created etc. It was reported that resident's requirements during the works are being considered on an individual basis. Cllr Barneveld reported that lamppost outside number 1 Mirabelle mall is still not working. Grainger were asked about this and as the lamppost is on a private street, the house builders are obliged to repair.

c) Grainger Bi-monthly meeting: A meeting is scheduled for 9th April 2024. A report will be available after this meeting.

117/24H Correspondence: Correspondence was received from Barratt Homes; this was previously discussed.

118/24H Street Names for phase 11: The Chairman had made a list of names and this has been sent to WCC. Future phases of the MDA will require more names. It was suggested that these names are chosen now. National street naming policies are due to be more tightly monitored in the future, due to new legislation. The clerk is to keep a record of the new street names, so that they are available for use when needed. Checks need to be made with Bargate homes so as the council are aware of how many streets will require naming. **NOTED.** Cllr Bennett suggested that the council may wish to consider naming flats too. Cllr Crichton said that once names have been chosen these will then need forwarded to the GIS department in WCC. The Chairman of the committee thought that it would be nice to have residents involved in choosing names. The connections for names could be related to Waterloo's history, Newlands Parish and honouring the military connection. It is important that the names chosen are not already in use in the local area. The clerk was asked to obtain street-naming guidance from Winchester and to circulate this with councillors. Also to obtain any national and local guidance policies. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to chose street names and build up a bank of suitable names ready for use, following the guidance to be provided.**

119/24H Depot/Compound: Quotes are due to be received for the outstanding work required to connect the toilets at the compound. A plumber and electrician are required. It was queried whether Nurture still would like to share the toilet facilities. This information will be sourced. It was agreed that the work should go ahead upon receipt of an agreeable quote. Thanks were given to the Warden for his help. **NOTED.**

120/24H Allotments: This item will be considered under exempt business.

121/24H Speed monitors and speeding issues: The Chairman had been working with the community group and carrying out traffic surveys. Certain roads in the development still have issues. HGV contractors are using unlicensed vehicles. There is a query whether this is allowed. This will be raised with Grainger. The speed of these vehicles remains a cause for concern and some vehicles continue to use main roads. Better signage for contractors to follow is required. It has previously been agreed that the council will purchase a second speed monitor, the clerk was asked to go ahead with the purchase. In time the Chairman would like to see the council purchase a speed gun and receive training for its use. These cost around £1000 and they require regular calibration from the Home

Office. Plans for a speed watch group were discussed. A budget will need to be set going forwards for the potential purchase of the equipment required. Cllr Barneveld queried whether Denmead PC may still use a speed gun. The Chairman thought that they use both smiley face speed monitors and ANPR cameras. It is unlikely that sharing the equipment will be allowed. Cllr Kirby suggested recommended taking this to Full Council for discussion and not purchasing until it is needed. Cllr Crichton thought that taking names down of those people interested in carrying out the speed watch would be useful, as these require police approval. Residents who wish to join will also be included on their details kept on file. A separate filing cabinet will be required for storage, this must be lockable, only 2 access users allowed. **NOTED.** Cllr Kirby suggested involving the community group with the project. A list of 10 people who would like to join. Cllr Price thought the council's insurance may also require updating to cover members of the public participating in the speed watch session. **NOTED.** It was also suggested that a budget for speed watch be added to the council's budget. **NOTED.**

122/24H Parking in the development:

123/24H Media and communications committee: Cllr Price, declared an interest in this item. He was excluded from the discussion and made no comment. Cllr Bennett had circulated a web-site site map to all councillors and asked for any input. It was suggested that District Councillors and County Councillors details are available on the website as well as local MP's details. **NOTED.** It was re-iterated that it is very important to get the website providers correct this time as many changes have happened previously. It was suggested that councillors also contribute to the work on the websites, verifying and validated work etc. Cllr Bennett has looked at a variety of providers, all websites are capable of expansion, and have options such as the ability to take payment if this was a requirement. Legislation is due to change in April and it is important that the council complies with this. Staff and councillors' ideas and input is welcomed. Cllr Kirby suggested a low maintenance website, as there is not a great deal of capacity to update the website on a daily basis, the website should have user friendly interfaces. It was queried how long the changeover period will be, and could any documentation be prepared in advance? Cllr Bennett answered that a dummy run web site will be used in the first instance, the process should take around 2 weeks. Breaking news could also feature on the website. **NOTED.** Cllr Bennett will bring back website host process to the next meeting. **NOTED.**

124/24H Other Reports: It was requested that on the next Hand GP agenda, funding sources be looked at. After speaking to the Community Officer at Grainger, there may be areas available for some community planting. Working alongside the Community Group will be ideal when it comes to this. A walkaround is planned with Lea (community officer) and councillors will report back after this. Cllr Kirby thought this may be more relevant for the Amenities committee to decide. The Chairman stated that some of the work will be on the Highway and so should be covered by this committee. It was proposed that this committee takes on the project with the community group initially. Cllr Crichton stated that Full Council should make the decision. **NOTED.** A landscaping sub-committee has previously been spoken about with the Amenities Committee. An agreement for the sub-committee is required through Amenities and then with Full Council. **NOTED.** It was mentioned that Hampshire Highways are required to remove the Berewood sign, which is confusing people. The matter will be discussed at Full Council for a decision on whether to ask Hampshire Highways again to request removal. **NOTED.**

The meeting closed 9:02pm

The next meeting of the Highways and General-purpose Committee is scheduled for Thursday 9th May 2024 starting at 7.30pm.