

PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th MAY 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
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.

125/24H Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Price.

126/24H 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.**

127/24H Public Session: A member of the public wished to raise that there continues to be damage to curb stones by contractors. The red and white road blocks are also being moved around the estate, sometimes they are found in the middle of the road. It is thought that children are moving these at night. The Chairman stated that this has been passed on to Grainger, they will action this as well as fixing the broken fencing. The Chairman went on to mention that he believes the road sweepers are not being used as frequently as they should, large blocks of concrete are also being left in the road. Cllr Crichton asked both the Chairman and the member of the public, who carry out frequent health and safety checks, whether in their opinion remedial road works to the Barratt side of the development are being carried out satisfactorily? They both stated that the work is good on the whole and the current dry weather is speeding up much of the process. The works are on target. **NOTED.** Thanks were given for the information.

128/24H Previous Minutes: The minutes from the Highways and General Purposes meeting held 28th March 2024 were received. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

129/24H Outstanding Matters and Matters Arising: There were no matters.

130/24H Adoption Update:

a) Wellington Park: Cllr Crichton gave a verbal update. Very little had been going on. The Chairman had tried to contact the Taylor Wimpey team for an update. Several lampposts are out of order, a licensed contractor is required to carry out works. In Sickle Way alone, around 4 lampposts do not work. Still no work had been carried out to remedy the trees planted in error over sewage easements. The section 104 agreement waits the final details on the transfer, this should be received shortly. It was questioned whether Cllr Brook may be able to assist in helping the council find out further information as well as asking Cllr Read to ask his WCC contacts for information. The TRO application for Darnel Road, has an error, Cllr Crichton has chased Hampshire Highways about this matter. Once this matter has been corrected, the TRO will then have to be re-advertised. The

Chairman reported that no works had been carried out to trees that are over hang the footpath. Cllr Crichton will go back to Taylor Wimpey again to ask for a status update.

- b) Berewood: Roadworks continue, as previously mentioned. Work to the river Wallington is moving slowly but the work is improving matters. A recent inspection had been carried out.

There were 2 cases of fly-tipping. This can be reported on-line via the WCC Report-it app. Cllr Crichton will speak to a representative at Dicentra regarding securing fencing and gates, vandalism keeps re-occurring. Work to Marrelsmoor Road is physically complete and building works for the second primary school have started. No planning applications have been received from Bargate homes; infrastructure work continues to allow progression of work.

- c) Grainger Bi-monthly meeting: A meeting is scheduled for 11th June 2024. A report will be available after this meeting.

131/24H Correspondence: Correspondence was received from Barratt Homes; Cllr Bennett spoke further about the works. One road has works required which means going back down to the soil. Phase E of the works will account for 40+ homes. Meaning that all residents with cars will have to find alternative parking solutions. Barratt homes are dragging their feet regarding paying for a temporary car park. This phase of work is due to commence 31st May. It was suggested that the council chase representatives regarding the provision of the temporary car park. Communications between all parties concerned with the work is good. Cllr Berry will join the next walkaround with Cllr Bennett. Cllr Crichton asked the Chairman regarding the new roadworks at the Bloor phase, are they being carried out satisfactorily? He is keen not to see a repeat of the Barratts situation. The Chairman stated, they are not doing a bad job, they are not keeping the dirt under control.

Lampposts in the area were spoken about. It was suggested that the details of posts which are shining into residents' homes be gathered and passed on to Grainger, the community group and the parish council will work together on this. **NOTED.** Cllr Barneveld stated that lamppost 1 in Mirabelle Mall is still not working. This is Bloor's responsibility to rectify. The clerk was asked to chase this matter.

Correspondence had been received regarding the pollinator pledge. Initial thoughts are that the council are keen to get on-board with the scheme. The clerk had sourced information regarding planter-topped bus shelters which would attract bees and other insects. This was also received well and when the time comes for the council to purchase bus shelters, these will be a consideration. **NOTED.** Cllr Bennett had been in touch to mention that a resident had seen CCTV cameras installed at the allotment site. Grainger were asked about this and believe that the Highway authority had installed them.

132/24H Chairman's Report: The Chairman wished to mention that motorbikes and scooters had been seen in parts of the development riding dangerously and in inappropriate places. He had informed the Police but they have not done anything about it. Cllr Kirby had reported an incident and has an incident number. He stated that it is important to call the Police for every incident, as if they receive a large volume of calls, they are more likely to do something about the problem. He encouraged all to report incidents to 101. **NOTED.** Cllr Crichton spoke about the problem of scooters and the speed limiters being hacked. This is illegal and the Government should be doing more to tackle the problem. Video footage may be helpful? The Chairman suggested writing to Donna Jones, the Police and Crime commissioner about the issues. He also thought that a message should go out to residents, encouraging them to report scooter or motorbike crime. Information will also be added to the Parish Councils website. **NOTED.**

133/24H Street Names: A list of suggested names from Councillors of the committee had been received by the clerk and circulated. Residents had also provided name suggestions. Thanks were given. This is an extensive list and it will now go to Full Council for ratification. There are still some names from the previous list which have not been used. The names which have been provided will be kept on file in readiness for use once approved. The clerk was asked to gain the recent street naming rules from the GIS department in WCC. **It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ask Full Council to consider the street names and continue with the suggested process.**

134/24H Depot/Compound: The compound is almost ready for occupation. The clerk and the Warden have identified the furniture and fixings required; these have been approved for purchase. An internet connection is required before staff can work from the units and there is one last item of works required for connection of the lavatory unit, the costing of which will go to the Finance and Personnel committee for consideration.

135/24H Media and communications committee: Cllr Crichton mentioned that the Parish profile which has been an extremely useful document, will be updated with the most recent information. Cllr Carden and a WCC representative are working on this. The neighbourhood officer agreed that this is useful for the sales offices to have as well as estate agents. A reviewing process may need to be put in place, to ensure it is always up to date. The clerk was asked to circulate the Pollinator pledge document to all councillors, and to ask for an agreement for actioning towards the pledge to be approved by this committee and Amenities and then Full Council. Cllr Bennett mentioned the initial survey required for the pledge will not be intrusive in anyway. **NOTED.** Cllr Crichton had spoken to Wayne Layton of HBC; he asked if the car show which will be held in Waterlooville town centre could be publicized.

136/24H 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 8:46pm

The next meeting of the Highways and General-purpose Committee is scheduled for Thursday 20th June 2024 starting at 7.30pm.