

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HALL, NEWLANDS AVENUE, WATERLOOVILLE 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	(P)	Cllr J Parry	
	Cllr L Price	(P)	Cllr M Read	
	Cllr F Tingle			

Also present D/Cllrs N Cutler and J Clementson, HBC Community Officer and Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

139/20C Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs J Parry, M Read and F Tingle.

140/20C Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest made at this time.

141/20C Minutes

The minutes from the Council Meeting held on 16 January 2020 were received. Comments were made on the Hall capacity which had been given as 100 for the Hall and 4-6 for the Office in a Fire Risk Assessment Report and the need to arrange for a dado rail to be installed. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**

142/20C Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned at 7.33 pm to allow comments from the public. The meeting reconvened at 7.35 pm.

143/20C County and District Councillors Reports

- a) Apologies were received from C/Cllr P Stallard. She had submitted a written report which had been previously circulated. No comments were made on her report
- b) Apologies were received from D/Cllrs C Brook, A Clear, T Evans and M Read. D/C J Clementson referred to the Draft plan for Winchester, and meetings at WCC to discuss the Aquind proposal. She spoke of the ability to fell TPO trees if permission was granted and the effect it may have on the Retail Park in WaterlooVille caused by disruption during cable installation. A new contract had now been awarded to Biffa for waste collections.
Cllr N Cutler spoke of the delay and uncertainty of Government financial support to Councils. Winchester CC needed to set a medium term financial strategy. The District Council would be able to balance the budget for 2020/21 but the outlook for future years did not look good. Options to increase revenue were an increase in parking charges and to charge for garden waste collection. Other options to generate income had been reviewed but investments in retail property was considered too risky at present. Councillors suggested asking the MP to ask a question to clarify the funding position from Central Government and to understand the effect on the WCC Climate Emergency plan of felling trees and the disconnect between Planning Control and Enforcement.

144/20C Parish Matters

- a) Community Hall: A regular yoga class was now using the Hall on a Wednesday morning. A children's party had also been booked and other enquiries were being answered. A request to use the Hall for a pre-school group had been refused as the Hall was unsuitable. Installation of the cleaning cupboard was in hand.
D/C N Cutler joined the meeting during this item and the Chairman invited him to give his report.

- b) Management of Community Space: The agreement between WACA and the Parish Council for management of the Hall had been signed. WACA were waiting for confirmation that they would clean all of the building. An app for remote monitoring of the CCTV was now available. **NOTED.**
- c) Implementation Officers Report: There was no report to receive although it was noted that a report should be available at the Forum meeting on 10 March. In the discussions on this agenda item, the following points were raised
- Grainger would fund a part-timer Implementation Officer although the nature of the role was questioned.
 - There had been no appreciable increase in occupations
 - Work by Taylor Wimpey in preparation for road adoptions was progressing with completion being reviewed against the original approved plans e.g. cycle path
 - The bed of the stream in Old Park Farm needed to be cleared
- NOTED.**
- d) Road Parking: Cllr Berry had looked at parking issues. He had been unable to get a response from WCC on issues, although HBC had agreed to send an Enforcement Officer if needed. DVLC would not act to remove a van from close by the bridge.
Parking at the School had improved. Grainger were to enforce parking around the School
Congestion was still a problem on the ASDA roundabout and Cllr M Read had previously referred to a meeting with Cllr Rob Humby and the need for a survey. D/C Cutler suggested that Winchester Highways (Rob Hickman) should meet with the Parish Council
It was AGREED that Cllr Crichton would ask Taylor Wimpey if they could get the van at the Bridge moved and The Clerk to contact Grainger to enquire when parking enforcement at the School would start.
- e) Road Adoptions: A number of items were in progress in preparation for road adoptions in Wellington Park at the end of the year. These being raising the ironworks and finalising services and installation of a new fibre box. Resurfacing of Phase 2 and Grainger Street had been delayed. **NOTED.**
- f) Proxima Park: Cllr Parry had prepared a dossier and a diary of issues experienced by residents during the construction of Proxima Park. This would be used during the next phase of construction. An open day to promote the Park to prospective tenants would be held at the start of March. **NOTED.**
- g) Litter Pick: Cllr Kirby wished to organise a litter pick as part of The Great British Spring Clean. He had been in contact with the Community Officer who had organised this event before and had equipment that could be borrowed. There would be no need for funding for this event. The Community Hall would be used as a base. A risk assessment would be completed and a template for this was available from the Keep Britain Tidy website. It was suggested that this was made a regular event. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Council would sponsor this event.**
- h) VE Day Party: Cllr Kirby was also looking to organise a 'street party' at the Community Hall to celebrate VE Day. He would look for involvement from the community, plan the event and publicise on FB. **NOTED.**

145/20C Communications

- a) Parish Connect: The February issue of Parish Connect from WCC had been previously circulated. There were no comments or questions raised. **NOTED**
- b) Website: The Clerk was still having difficulties with Wordpress. He would contact Cllr Parry for assistance. **NOTED.**
- c) Newsletter: A draft Newsletter had been produced by Cllr Carden. The Clerk had given indicative costs for printing. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to authorise the Clerk to arrange printing and distribution of 1000 copies.**

- 146/20C Aquind Proposal: The Chairman had attended a meeting with Denmead PC and Hambleton PC together with D/Cllr Jackie Porter. He reported that during the meeting, it was agreed that discussions had gone as far as they could until it reached the Examination stage. The route preferred by local councils was still across country. Other comments made by Council were the disruption that could be caused during cable laying to the retail park, traffic on Hambleton Road and access to

work locations, especially for emergency services personnel. The feeling amongst Councillors was that residents were still unaware of the potential impact and there should be more publicity to make them aware. **NOTED.**

147/20C Outside Bodies

- a) Armed Services: Portsmouth CC were believed to be taking on maintenance of services housing from Amey. PCC had still to confirm this. It was also considered that the location of services housing could lead to isolation and efforts should be made to include them in the community. **NOTED.**
- b) Southern Parishes Group: The Chairman and Clerk had attended the last meeting and notes from this meeting had been previously circulated. The meeting agreed that other Southern Parishes should be encouraged to get involved in the Group. **NOTED.**

148/20C Finance

- a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 11) should be APPROVED in the sum of £0.00 including VAT and that £520.00 of receipts are noted. Further payments of £1782.05 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- b) Bank Statement: The January bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements were reviewed and the balances as at 31 January 2020 were agreed. The statements were signed at the meeting by the Chairman. **NOTED.**
- c) Accounts: The accounts to 31 January 2020 had been previously circulated. **NOTED.**
- d) Financial Regulations: Cllr Carden proposed amending Regulation 11h to increase the lower limit for items requiring quotes to £3,000 and align these with the NALC model Financial Regulations. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to amend Financial Regulations to increase Regulation 11h to a lower limit of £3,000.**

149/20C **It was RESOLVED to receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions of the following committee meetings: -**
There were no approved minutes to receive.

150/20C **Other Reports**

Cllr Berry referred to training he had recently attended. He considered this of value to other Councillors and would circulate the details.

151/20C **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 9.49pm
The next meeting will be held on 19 March 2020

Please note minutes of meetings are published as soon as possible on the website to help residents. However, they do not become the formal record of the meeting until agreed or otherwise at the next meeting. Therefore, you should always check to see whether any amendments have been made.

The Parish Council of Newlands
Public Session 20 February 2020

D/Cllr Judy Clementson spoke as a member of the public. She asked if accounts for the Hall had been sent to the Council and if a member of the Council would consider becoming a Trustee to WACA

In reply, it was asked that accounts were sent to the Clerk and that the matter of a Trustee to WACA would be added to the next Council meeting.