

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020 USING A SCHEDULED ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL COMMENCING AT 7.30 pm

<u>Members:</u>	Cllr D Crichton (Chair)	(P)	Cllr O Barneveld	(P)
	Cllr A Berry (from 7.57pm)	(P)	Cllr A Carden	(P)
	Cllr A Kirby	(P)	Cllr J Parry	(P)
	Cllr L Price	(P)	Cllr M Read	(P)
	Cllr F Tingle	(P)		

Also on the call were C/Cllr P Stallard, D/Cllrs A Clear, J Clementson and T Evans, one member of the public and Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

001/21C Apologies: There were no apologies to receive.

002/21C Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest made at this time.

003/21C Minutes

The minutes from the Council Meeting held on 16 April 2020 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.**

004/21C Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned at 7.33 pm to allow comments from the public. The meeting reconvened at 7.50 pm.

As discussed during the Public Session, the Annual Council Meeting (ACM) should have been held in May but this could not be held as a virtual meeting. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the election of a Chair of the Council and Chairs of Committees would be held over until the ACM in May 2021.**

005/21C County and District Councillors Reports

a) C/Cllr P Stallard had provided a written report and this had previously been circulated and is appended to these minutes. She added to her report by advising that:

- HWRC's would extend their opening hours to 6pm from Saturday
- Adult Care Homes have adequate PPE. HCC had been able to help some of the 85% of private care homes with some PPE.
- The guidance was that schools could re-open on 1 June but the final decision was with the School Heads.

C/Cllr Stallard was made aware of complaints relating to the HWRC and road adoptions. This was due to the queues backing up past the care home, exhaust fumes and also issues with highway adoptions. She asked that the Clerk put the details into an email and she would take these up with HCC.

Cllr A Berry joined the meeting during this agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 7.57pm to allow members to show their support to key workers. The meeting reconvened at 8.05pm.

b) D/Cllr A Clear spoke first and reported that

- All WCC meetings were now virtual meetings
- WCC had 85% of staff working;
- A good job was being done on maintaining waste collections.
- Quick payment of grants across the District had been made to support businesses.
- The new Mayor (821st), Cllr Patrick Cunningham was welcomed virtually.

D/ Cllr T Evans reported that

- grant money was still available but not all businesses had applied. A new wave of funding was to be made available.
- The new Mayor was happy to attend events in his official role
- WCC income had dropped as a result of Covid-19 e.g car parking charges.

A Parish Councillor questioned D/Cllr Evans in her role as Chair of the WCC Planning Committee as to why removal of trees was supported by WCC against the wishes of Parishes.

D/Cllr Read advised that resident could request a second green waste bin if required and there was no charge for this at present. WCC meetings would continue to be held as virtual meetings throughout the summer.

006/21C Parish Matters

- a) Development Matters and Road Adoptions: The Chairman advised of serious interest in the warehouse unit at Proxima Park. Construction on the Redrow and Barrett sites was due to restart. Grainger staff were also now back in the Office. A planning application had been received for signage at Proxima Park. **NOTED.**

007/21C Planning: Council had been consulted on the name of Proxima Park for the Business Park on the development. After discussions on the choice of the name, and the role of the Parish in proposing street names, the proposed name was accepted as no alternatives were suggested. **It was RESOLVED by a majority to raise no objection to use of the name 'Proxima Park'. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk would determine from WCC if street names for further phases of development had already been proposed.**

008/21C Communications

- a)
- Parish Connect: The April issue of Parish Connect from WCC had been previously circulated. There were no comments or questions raised. **NOTED**
 - WCC would hold a Virtual Local Councils' Conference on 16 June 2020 at 4 p.m. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllrs Crichton and Barneveld and the Clerk would attend.**
- b) Website: The Clerk reported that he had made progress with adding content to the website. He would now look to improve the look and feel for users. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase an SSL Certificate and a copy of the book 'Wordpress for Dummies'.**
- c) Newsletter: The newsletter had now been distributed. **NOTED.**

009/21C Outside Bodies

- a) WACA Trustee: WACA had asked if a Councillor was prepared to serve as a Trustee on its Board. A Councillor asked on which day of the week the Trustees met and the Clerk would ask the question of WACA. **NOTED.**

010/21C Finance

- a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 02) should be APPROVED in the sum of £513.21 including VAT and that nil receipts are noted. Further payments of £345.58 (including VAT) made since the last orders of payment were RATIFIED.**
- b) Grants:
- A Grant policy and Application Form had been previously circulated. Supplementary guidance had also been provided. Cllr Carden considered the policy and supplement to be acceptable. **It was RESOLVED by a majority that the Policy was adopted.**
 - Council considered two grant requests to the Waterloo Food Bank and Stop Domestic Abuse. Cllr Berry informed Council that the Waterloo Food Bank was not registered with the Charity Commission or with HMRC so Council could not give them a grant. The Clerk would check this fact. Cllr Berry also advised that anyone wanting support from Stop Domestic Abuse who lived in the Winchester District would need to go through Winchester and not Havant. Cllr Carden checked this and advised that Stop Domestic

Abuse operated throughout Hampshire. The Clerk would confirm this. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that a grant of £1,000 was made to the Stop Domestic Abuse charity once the fact checking was complete and when payment was made, this was publicised on Facebook. It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk would check the legal position with HALC on making grant payments to non registered groups and refer this to the next Council meeting for consideration.**

011/21C It was unanimously RESOLVED to receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions of the following committee meetings: -
Finance Committee – Minutes 9 January 2020

012/21C Other Reports

- i. Cllr Read suggested re-directing the mail delivered to the office to the Clerk for a 3 month period. The Chairman gave a summary of mail received from the Valuation Office and TV Licensing. The Clerk responded that he would arrange for Grainger to contact him if mail was received and he would arrange to collect it.
- ii. Cllr Berry asked that an item was added to the next agenda regarding funds for equipment to maintain open space. Cllr Berry was advised that Amenities would consider this.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm
The next meeting will be held on 18 June 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.

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Judy Clementson, in her role as Chair of the Waterlooville Area Community Association (WACA) advised that they had restarted the cleaning of the Community Hall at the request of Grainger. This was being done on a voluntary basis. WACA had received a grant from Havant Borough Council

A resident of the development raised the issue of adoptions of sewers and roads on Phase 5. It was believed that some areas would be managed by a management company. In the discussions, it was suggested that this related to private courtyards where the management company would be responsible for maintaining anything on or under the road. The Chair agreed that NPC would follow this up to understand what had or would be transferred to private ownership from both Taylor Wimpey and HCC.

Cllr Read referred to the Annual Council Meeting which would normally be held in May. This was the meeting where the Chair of the Council was elected together with Chairs of Committees. The April meeting had agreed to defer this as the ACM could not be held as a virtual meeting.

Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centres Open

All of Hampshire's 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres [HWRC] opened on Monday 11th May for all those people who cannot store waste safely at home.

Visiting an HWRC will be very different than it was before the Coronavirus outbreak - as all sites will be operating with safe social distancing measures in place. This means that fewer people and vehicles will be allowed on site at any one time, which will inevitably cause delays in entering and potential traffic queues. Consequently, people are asked to be patient and considerate of others who live nearby and to take the time to reconsider whether their journey is essential. All sites will reopen under temporary revised daily opening hours of 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. The following measures will be in place across Hampshire's network of HWRCs:

- Use of sites is only for essential disposal of waste whereby storing such waste causes a risk of injury or to health
- As per Government guidelines, residents in the specified vulnerable category (those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, people over 70 years and pregnant women) are strongly advised not to visit a site
- Restricted numbers of vehicles will be permitted to access the site at any one time and site staff will enforce this at the site entrance.
- There will be staff at the entrance to each site, wearing a body camera, to manage the flow of vehicles. Security staff will be deployed at all sites and there will be a zero-tolerance approach to any form of abuse.
- New temporary barriers will be in place at the entrance to each site and used to mark out new parking arrangements with site staff guiding vehicles, from a safe distance, into spaces
- As far as possible, only one person per household should visit the HWRC.
- Due to social distancing measures, site staff will be unable to provide any assistance with unloading material or carrying material. Residents are asked to bring only the amount of waste they can comfortably carry and empty into containers
- Trailers are not permitted. Enforcement of social distancing on site means severely reduced capacity for manoeuvring trailers. Vans should be bringing no more waste than that which would fit in an average saloon car boot
- Everyone must always keep at least a two-metre distance from others at all times.
- Sites will accept all waste material streams, except for chargeable waste – soil, rubble, asbestos and plasterboard. However, some processors have shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic and it is likely that some materials outlets may not be available in the short term. Please check the website before your visit to check if any specific material is not able to be accepted temporarily.
- Reuse sales areas will remain closed. Where possible, please continue to store items of furniture which could be reused, donate to local furniture charities, or use online platforms (e.g. Freecycle / Facebook / Gumtree). Please see the Smart Living <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/smartliving/inthelivingroom> website for more information on furniture reuse.

Where residents or members of their households have had COVID19 symptoms in the last 14 days, they should not travel to or enter a HWRC. After this period, any COVID-19 contaminated waste should be double bagged and put aside for 72 hours before being brought to a site.

The start date for the HWRC vehicle registration scheme has been postponed in light of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. However, the online vehicle registration system see <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration> remains open in readiness for implementation later this year For more information see <https://www.hants.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Improvements to M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout

Hampshire County Council will start work this summer on the £23 million project to improve the M27 at Junction 9 and Parkway South. The works are jointly funded by Hampshire County Council and Highways England. Skanska are set to get to work on site from 1st June, initially carrying out earth works and ducting while observing strict social distancing measures. All work will be carried out in line with the Construction

Leadership Council's Site Operation Procedures, which is based on Public Health England guidance.

At Junction 9, the overall project will involve carriageway widening which will provide an additional lane on both motorway off-slip roads, the westbound on-slip road and the Whiteley Way approach, together with additional lanes on the northern and southern sections of the circulatory carriageway.

At Parkway South Roundabout, a new, larger fully signalised roundabout will be provided, with carriageway widening to provide additional traffic lanes on all approaches and the circulatory carriageway. A shared use path for pedestrians and cyclists will be provided on the western side of Whiteley Way between M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South roundabout. This will have controlled crossings points at each junction to provide safe access and connections to existing pedestrian and cycle routes on Whiteley Way, Rookery Avenue and within the Segensworth Business Park. Work is due to last for up to 24 months until summer 2022.

For more information visit the scheme web page:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/m27junction9>

Foster Carers

At any time, around 1,138 children across Hampshire are in need of foster care. Fostering with Hampshire County Council is not dependent on marital status, ethnicity, sexuality or age – so long as you are over 21 years and have a spare room. Foster carers can receive up to £600 per week for each child they look after and a referral fee of up to £500 if they encourage their friends to also become foster carers.

There are several different types of fostering: short term [anything from an emergency overnight stay to a few months]; long term foster care; unaccompanied asylum seeking children, and specialist respite placements.

For a child, growing up with the constancy of a caring home where they feel safe and supported is the most important gift they can have. If you are interested in helping a child and want to find out more telephone 0300 555 1384 or visit the website

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adoptionandfostering/fostering/aboutfostering/whocanfoster>

Hampshire's 'SEND' Services are Good

Inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) recently looked at how well services for children and young people in Hampshire are implementing the Government's SEND reforms, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014. Inspectors praised the ambitions of leaders in ensuring that children and young people with SEND can succeed. Cited as a strength of the area, was how professionals work together in the early years to identify young children's needs. Transitions between early years and school, and between children's services and adults' services was also seen as a strength. Alongside this, inspectors found that there is effective support for schools and settings to help them successfully provide an inclusive educational experience for children and young people with SEND. Also highlighted as a positive aspect of the services, is the way in which professionals are improving how they involve parents, children and young people in the development of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

School Places

The County Council has processed more than 15,000 applications for school places in Year R this year. Just over 98% of parents have been offered a place for their child in one of their three preferred schools - with 90.86% being allocated a place at their first choice of school, up from 88.92% last year. Of pupils transferring from Infant School to Junior School (Year 3), almost 99% received a place at one of their choices - with 97% obtaining a place at their first choice school. For the few cases where parents did not secure a place for their child in a school of their choice, parents have the right to appeal and can ask for their child's name to be added to their preferred school's waiting list. Places can become available if parents change their mind and decide not to accept the offer of a place, or if families move home. More information about the admissions process is available at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

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