

## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWLANDS

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 JULY 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 and A Clear, no members of the public and Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council.

**026/21C Apologies:** All Councillors were present.

**027/21C Declarations of Interest:** Cllr M Read declared an interest as he was the Ward Councillor for Winchester City Council and Cllr L Price declared a personal interest in matters relating to Aquind [Agenda item 8c]

**028/21C Minutes**

The minutes from the Council Meeting held on 18 June 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.**

**029/21C Public Participation**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.33 pm to allow comments from the public. The meeting reconvened at 7.37 pm.

The Chairman welcomed Carole Samuda, HBC Community Officer. Carole introduced herself and gave her initial impressions on her involvement.

**030/21C 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:

- HCC would manage a Local Outbreak Plan for spikes in coronavirus in Hampshire. Councils would be given powers to manage this.
- Hampshire had 13,000 vulnerable residents and there has been a high cost to support these residents.
- HCC would have to draw on reserves to meet budget demands

Councillors asked questions about District involvement on managing local outbreaks of coronavirus, the funding shortage due to coronavirus and what HCC were doing to support the homeless and rough sleepers.

b) D/Cllr A Clear spoke on a number of points including

- Finances at WCC which were a huge challenge brought about by coronavirus. A revised budget would be produced shortly
- WCC were working on support for the homeless and rough sleepers
- Winchester High Street was re-opening and WCC would offer help to Market Towns
- A new garden waste collection service would be introduced in February 2021 using wheelie bins. This service would then be chargeable.

Councillors asked questions about what waste could be put into the bins and if support would be offered to collect bins from disabled residents and of financial support to those who could not afford the charge.

Cllr M Read spoke about

- The number of briefing meetings for Councillors from WCC
- Planning matters including the annual tour, enforcement and informal planning meetings

Councillors asked about WCC disregarding the planning comments from parishes, the changes on permitted development and if this applied to temporary structures.

**031/21C Parish Matters**

- a) Implementation Officer's Report: These was no report to receive
- b) Development and Adoptions: The Chairman reported that Southern Water had accepted responsibility for the sewers in Wellington Park. Orders for work had been issued for completion of works for the spine road.. The two areas of industrial land would now be boarded. A pre-application for this land was with WCC. Work on the stream would be done in October.  
On the Berewood development, a design for a sports pavilion was being prepared and may be ready for review by the next Amenities Committee meeting. A Community Relations Officer had also been appointed.  
Councillors commented about the condition of the pavement outside of Proxima Park and the developer had now left the site. The road and pavements would need to be brought up to adoptable standards. Residents were complaining about the amount of litter at Wellington Park. Once the land was handed over, then the Amenities Committee would look at installing some bins. A suggestions was for residents to volunteer to pick litter. The small pond by the HWRC was also a dumping ground for rubbish. Grainger would be able to clear this. It was proposed to include residents in maintaining these areas and to put this in the Community Plan to ask the community what was important to them.
- c) Future Meetings: HALC advice was to continue with virtual meetings. If councils wished to consider returning to face-to-face meetings, a checklist for holding an in-person council meeting should be completed. Councillors recognised that normality would return with the opening of public services and they should keep an open mind on how to hold future meetings. **It was unanimously AGREED that meetings would continue to be held remotely.**

**032/21C Communications**

- a) The July e-update from HALC had been previously circulated and a letter of thanks for a grant donation from the Waterlooville Food Bank were **NOTED.**
- b) Website: The Clerk advised of changes that were required to meet the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018, to ensure their website and/or mobile applications meet with accessibility standards. The Clerk would work with Cllr J Parry to assess what changes were needed. He considered that the workload to address this would be significant. **NOTED.**

**033/21C Outside Bodies**

- a) Southern Parishes: The next meeting of this group would be a virtual meeting on 3 August. The Chairman and Clerk would attend. D/Cllr N Cutler was the guest speaker. **NOTED.**
- b) Aquind: Meetings to progress this application would now be held as virtual meetings. So far there had been 100 pages of objections. It would still considered that a cross country route was preferred by local Councils. The Chairman would attend the meeting and report progress. **NOTED.**

**033/21C Finance**

- a) Orders for Payment: **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the payments detailed on the Orders for Payment (list 05) should be APPROVED in the sum of £86.39 including VAT and that nil receipts are noted.**
- b) Bank Statement: The June bank statements had been previously circulated. The statements were reviewed and the balances as at 30 June 2020 were agreed. The statement would be signed at a later date by the Chairman. **NOTED.**
- c) Parish Online: There was proposal that the Council subscribed to an online mapping system to map areas of ownership and assets at a cost of £250 per year. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that Council purchased Parish Online funded from surplus funds from 2019/20.**

**034/21C It was unanimously RESOLVED to receive the Minutes, Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions of the following committee meetings: -**

a) Finance Committee – Minutes 7 May 2020

**035/21C Other Reports**

- i. The Chairman asked about use of the Community Hall by a dance group. Did Council want to allow dominance of the Hall in the absence of other bookings and would Council allow a key to be issued to a regular user. Cllr Berry advised caution as H&S needed to be considered. A risk assessment had been completed and Cllr Berry would review this. This matter would be passed to the Amenities Committee
- ii. Cllr Read asked if a monthly Ward Surgery could be held in the Community Hall. This would be to receive issues relevant to WCC or HCC. There was no objections to this

**036/21C 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 9.19pm  
The next meeting will be held on 20 August 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.

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL report to Newlands Parish Council – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Household Waste Recycling Centres [HWRCs]

All sites are now open between the hours of **9.00 am – 6.00 pm**. Social distancing measures have been set in place. You must now have an appointment to visit any Hampshire HWRC. To book an appointment visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment> You can also telephone 02380 179 949, Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.30 pm.

### Vehicle Registration for HWRCs

The County Council has decided postpone the start of the scheme requiring HWRC users to register their vehicles, in order to access HWRCs. The scheme had been due to come into force on 1st April 2020. The new start date will be publicised in due course. Residents are encouraged to take the opportunity to register their vehicles at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration/register>.

### Coronavirus Information and Resources

The [Connect to Support Hampshire website](https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=3491) provides a wide range of useful links and information to assist older and vulnerable Hampshire residents during the Coronavirus pandemic. Visit <https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=3491>

### Support for Businesses

For information about the financial support and advice available for businesses in Hampshire from our Economic Development service, Business Hampshire visit [Covid-19: Support for businesses at https://businesshampshire.co.uk/support/covid-19-support/](https://businesshampshire.co.uk/support/covid-19-support/)

### How GCSEs, AS & A levels will be Awarded in Summer 2020

[Ofqual has set out details for schools, colleges, students, parents and carers on how GCSEs and A levels will be awarded following the cancellation of this year's exams. See https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus)

### Hampshire Libraries Re-open

Libraries re-opened from Monday 6th July 2020 but to reduce waiting times and allow as many people as possible to visit our libraries, people are asked to limit their visits to a maximum of 30 minutes and to keep browsing to an absolute minimum. Reserved items can also be collected at this time. Newspapers and magazines are not available for the time being. Please bring your library membership card with you when you visit the library.

- Toilet facilities will remain closed to the public for the time being.
- Shared computers - Computers are free of charge to use for all library card holders, to secure a session **you must book in advance** by calling 01962 454747
- A place to study - study places are available from 13th July: to secure a session **you must book in advance** by calling 01962 454747
- Library self-service app - Customers are asked to use self-service machines to borrow or return items where possible or download the new [Libraries mobile app to check out books by mobile phone. https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/mobile-app](https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/mobile-app)
- Returning books - we are accepting returned library books. Our current opening hours are slightly different to normal and you may be asked to queue outside the library. If your local library has a book return slot you can use that at any time. All returned books are quarantined for 72 hours before they go back into circulation.
- Overdue loans - [pay outstanding fines online](#) at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/aboutus/termsofmembership> or by using contactless kiosks inside the library.

- Ready Reads: We Select You Collect - Library staff will handpick a selection of books for customers who call 01962 454747
- For elderly or disabled residents who cannot attend a library or arrange for a carer to collect library books, you can telephone 0300 555 1387 and the books will be delivered to your home.

## Country Parks and Outdoor Spaces

**Car parks at the following Country Parks are open: Royal Victoria, River Hamble, Queen Elizabeth and Lepe – normal hours and parking fees apply. Toilets are accessible too. Visitors should continue to follow the social distancing guidelines in place to protect everyone from Coronavirus.**

## Hampshire Local Outbreak Control Plan

In line with the next phase of the UK's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hampshire County Council is required to produce and implement a Local Outbreak Plan. See <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/corprhantsweb/HCC-Outbreak-plan.pdf> The Plan details how the local authority and its partners will respond to further outbreaks of infection to protect the public's health. Through the actions set out in the Plan, the aim is to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, protect those who are most vulnerable, provide consistent advice to places and communities to prevent the spread of coronavirus, and coordinate testing across the county. A summary of the plan is also available at <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/corprhantsweb/HCC-COVID-19-Local-Outbreak-Control-Plan-Summary.pdf>

## Investment in Staff Apprenticeships

More than half a million pounds has so far been invested in employment training in Hampshire in the first half of 2020, under a Hampshire County Council scheme that aims to create more apprenticeship opportunities in the County – with care homes by far the biggest beneficiary.

The funding forms part of a £900,000 transfer from the County Council's Apprenticeship Levy made available to help fund new apprenticeships until 31st March 2021. Of the 120 transfers approved by the end of June, 91 went to applicants in the care sector. Priority has also been given to small and medium enterprises, public bodies such as local councils, the emergency services and construction companies.

## County Councillor Grants

A reminder to community centres, churches, schools, parish councils and community groups such as playgroups, scouts, parent/teacher associations, social clubs, lunch clubs, church groups etc that you are all entitled to apply for a small grant from me. The group must have a named Treasurer and a separate bank account, I cannot give funds to individuals. In the past I have funded bench seats, club outings, defibrillators, new equipment for clubs and much more. The project must be discussed with me before an application is submitted. Visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

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