

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

6 July 2015

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Read (Chairman) (P)

Cutler
Pearson

Phillips (P)

Havant Borough Council

Blackett (P)
Hughes

G Shimbart (P)
Wade (P)

Hampshire County Council

McIntosh (P)

Stallard

Denmead Parish Council

Lander-Brinkley

Southwick and Widely Parish Council

J Watson (P)

Others in Attendance:

Councillor Achwal (Winchester City Council)

Officers in Attendance

Mr S Tilbury - Corporate Director, Winchester City Council

Mrs J Potter - Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment, Havant Borough Council

Mr N Green - Strategic Planner, Winchester City Council

Mr G Lawton - Community Officer, Havant Borough Council

Mr J Mckee - West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer, Winchester City Council

Mrs J Lee – Principal Planning Officer, Winchester City Council

Mrs S Smith - Principal Planning Officer, Havant Borough Council

Mrs E Appleby – Assistant Director (Economy and Communities), Winchester City Council

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following:

Winchester City Council

Councillors Cutler and Pearson and Deputy Members Dibden and Evans

Havant Borough Council

Councillor Hughes

Hampshire County Council

Councillor Stallard and Deputy Member Councillor Briggs

Denmead Parish Council

Mr Lander – Brinkley and Deputy Member Mrs Hull

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting was held at the D Day Memorial Hall, Southwick, and the Chairman welcomed approximately 7 members of the public, local residents, representatives of amenity groups, together with County, District and Parish Councillors.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Shimbart be appointed Vice Chairman of the Forum for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

3. **MINUTES**

(Report WWF81 refers)

Councillor McIntosh referred to a number of corrections to the Minutes of the previous meeting, including the correction of the spelling of his surname McIntosh and not MacIntosh (Minute 2 refers) and Mr Beresford and not Mr Bereford (Minute 3 refers). He added that he had made comments on points recorded in the Minutes and his name should be attributed accordingly.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 22 November 2013, be approved and adopted.

4. **REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE FORUM**

Mr Tilbury stated that the terms of reference had been revised to reflect the evolution of the Forum from its original concentration on the development of physical infrastructure to it now providing a mechanism for the community to have a voice and to move towards self management in the future.

David Crichton, Chairman Waterlooville Community Forum, asked if there was a mechanism for the public to raise small matters and concerns as this was helpful when action was required from multi agencies due to responsibilities being divided between different local authorities. The Chairman replied that this remained an integral part of the Forum's work and matters could also be raised with the relevant parish council and other elected representatives outside of Forum meetings.

RESOLVED:

That the Revised Terms of Reference of the Forum, as included on the Agenda for the meeting, be noted.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

During public participation, David Crichton, Chairman Waterlooville Community Forum, raised the following points and the officers' response is set out below:

- (a) Pedestrian safety at the crossing of Hambledon Road to the Taylor Wimpey development –

The officers would investigate this matter.

- (b) Safety and access issues at Wellington Retail Park regarding the access from Milton Road through to Brambles Park. The provision of a footpath to the leisure centre would be of great benefit.

The officers responded that the provision of pedestrian access was a prime objective and Section 106 finance had been allocated for its construction, however, the private landowners were unwilling to provide access across their land. This situation may alter in future if the private landowners were permitted to develop their land and a footpath could be provided as part of the planning process.

- (c) Speeding on Hambledon Road (and also on London Road).

Mr Lawton stated that these matters would be brought to the attention of Kevin Joyner at Cosham Police.

6. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREA (MDA)**

(Report WWF82 refers)

Arising out of consideration of the update report, Councillor McIntosh raised the concerns of local residents that elements of the Section 106 agreements had been enacted without them being consulted.

Mr Tilbury explained that these works were part of the original planning permission and would start when the number of completed homes triggered commencement in accordance with the development agreement. Public consultation had been part of the original planning consent, but notice of the works and information provided by the developer, for example through letter drops, would be beneficial in giving residents advance notice of any potential disruption. Lisa Turley representing Grainger was present at the meeting and stated that Grainger would be more proactive in publicising offsite works.

Cllr McIntosh also asked questions on the future maintenance of woodland areas. The officers responded that the woodland areas did have a management plan, with responsibility for the future management often resting with the councils. However, there could be delays in active management during the period prior to it being handed over by the developer.

Councillor McIntosh continued by raising the concerns of residents regarding the movement of construction traffic and access to the Redrow site. The officers responded that these issues would again be raised with Redrow and if necessary enforcement action could be taken by Hampshire County Council.

Councillor McIntosh requested that an area of unmanaged land be retained within the park areas for the nesting of skylarks. He also spoke highly of the works carried out by Careys New Homes, who were the contractor within the Grainger development, which was visually and ecologically attractive. The Forum agreed to investigate the possibility of visiting the site prior to its October meeting.

The Councillor Blackett enquired over progress on the provision of a cemetery and the officers responded that the matter was being progressed and investigations were taking place on suitable ground conditions and the securing of finance.

With regard to the Arts Advisory Panel Update, Councillor Phillips informed the meeting that the next newsletter would seek to have a Grainger resident representative join the Panel to continue to involve the public. Lisa Turley added that Grainger had met with the prospective artists and had introduced them to local art groups for potential joint working and had also provided a tour of the site.

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made in bringing the West of Waterlooville MDA forward be noted.

7. **REPORT OF THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE ADVISORY GROUP**
(Report WWF83 refers)

In response to questions from David Crichton, Chairman of the Waterlooville Community Forum, Mr Tilbury explained that the formation of a parish council for the Waterlooville area may cover residential properties in both Winchester and Havant Borough Council's area. The guidance on appointments to parish councils would allow residents from both districts to serve on the new parish council if they lived within 3 miles of the parish boundary. The parish council would equally provide services to both district councils' areas, for example in the running of children's play areas. The role of district councillors would remain unaltered as community representatives.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group be noted.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum would be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 1 October 2015 at Deverell Hall, Purbrook. The officers were asked investigate the possibility of a site visit to the development (including Careys) in the morning prior to the next meeting and that a Hampshire County Council traffic engineer also be invited to attend the next meeting.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 11.15am

Chairman