

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

26 June 2017

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Brook (P)	Read (Chairman) (P)	Cutler (P)
Clear		

Havant Borough Council

Blackett (P)		Sceal
G Shimbart (P)		Wade (P)

Hampshire County Council

Representatives to be appointed on 11 July 2017

Briggs (P)	Stallard (P)
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Denmead Parish Council

Lander-Brinkley (P)

Southwick and Widely Parish Council

Watson

Officers in Attendance

Mrs J Lee - Principal Planning Officer, Winchester City Council.

Mr S Weaver –Development Manager, Planning Services, Havant Borough Council.

Mrs K Stickland - West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer, Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council.

Mr S Lincoln - Community Planning Manager, Winchester City Council.

Mrs J Bridges - Community Officer, Havant Borough Council and Winchester City Council

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Havant Borough Councillor Sceal and Winchester City Councillor Clear and Deputy Member Evans.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting was held at the Wellington Vale Care Home, Darnel Road, Denmead, Waterlooville, and the Chairman welcomed approximately four members of the public, local residents, representatives of amenity groups, together with District, County and Parish Councillors.

2. **MINUTES**

(Report WWF95 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23 March 2017, be approved and adopted.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Wade be appointed Vice Chairman of the Forum for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brook be appointed Chairman of the Arts Advisory Panel for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

During public participation, the following members of the public raised the following points and the officers' response is set out below:

(i) David Heck

Mr Heck asked why some of the fields in the Newlands Farm area had been scraped of topsoil to reveal large holes.

Mrs Stickland explained that these were archaeological excavation holes which were situated on the route of the pipeline supply to the new sewage pumping station and in Phases 2 and 13.

Mr Heck also raised a concern that footpaths were missing in the Grainger development.

Mrs Stickland confirmed that the planning permission had been granted for the multi-use greenway which stretches from north to south and the

works were due to start imminently. Grainger were also applying for footpath diversions to bring in the new footpaths across the site.

(ii) David Crichton

Mr Crichton commented that further to his statement at the last meeting of the Forum, 16 lampposts were still out of action, although connections had been made to one in Chillingham Square. He also stated that the closure of the Sickle Way access should be postponed until all road works in the local area had been completed. For example, the forthcoming undertaking of gasworks along Hambledon Road would lead to delays and additional access to that road should be maintained until these works were completed. The road bridge linking the Grainger and Taylor Wimpey developments would be completed on the 7 July 2017 and the official opening should be publicised in the press and through a civic opening.

David Parker representing Taylor Wimpey responded that there was a timetable for the closure of the Sickle Way junction. This would take place at the time of the opening of the new bridge link and there was also an obligation to close that road when the commercial units fronting Hambledon Road were let to allow the commercial units' car park to be used. The agreement was with Hampshire County Council. It was also confirmed that there would not be a gated access to Sickle Way following its closure to traffic, which was part of the agreement with the County Council.

Councillor Brook commented that there could be additional traffic issues when Darnel Road was resurfaced (if Sickle Way was closed).

Councillor G Shimbart also made reference to the need to repair the kerb before the resurfacing work was undertaken on Darnel Road and added that if Sickle Way was not closed when the bridge link was opened there would be additional traffic on Sunnymead Drive, which would be used as a shortcut rather than using the principal route.

Mr Crichton added that Sunnymead Drive was also scheduled for resurfacing, which could lead to additional traffic problems.

Mrs Lee concluded that negotiations could take place with Hampshire County Council to establish if there was a need to keep Sickle Way open, which did seem to be a sensible short term option.

Councillor Stallard asked that Hampshire County Councillors be kept informed of highway issues in order that they could help liaise with County Officers.

The Chairman stated that traffic matters relating to the closure of Sickle Way would be taken forward by the officers outside of the meeting.

(After the meeting Mrs Stickland confirmed that a meeting was being arranged with Hampshire County Council and Taylor Wimpey and that the installation of bollards on Sickle Way would be delayed until after the meeting.)

Councillor Wade enquired if parking restrictions could be implemented at the new school, and it was noted that this could only take place after the adoption of the highways by Hampshire County Council.

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

(Report WWF96 refers)

Mrs Stickland presented the report.

Mrs Stickland stated that in respect of the planning application for a temporary building, including site office and community accommodation, the applicant had submitted an amended scheme which would now provide a 90 sq.m hall of community space together with 12.6 sq.m area for storage and toilets. There would also be a separate entrance for the site office. The construction would be modular and would fit in with the footprint of the original proposal.

Councillor Brook stated that in her role as Chairman of the Arts Advisory Panel and in association with Jaime Bridges, dialogue was taking place with local schools to decide upon a theme for the play areas, with an option to be based on farming; the closing date for ideas was the 2 September 2017. The consultation was also being promoted on Facebook. An idea would be to have an adventure trail with features that would be brought to life through a phone application.

The Members of the Forum debated the possible location of play equipment within the public open space area. It was noted that the play equipment would be located in the higher areas of the open space that would be tiered to provide improved drainage, with the lower areas kept open for ball games and community use. There had been no final decision on the possible location of the WoW Pod.

Discussion took place on the possible naming of the new parish council as Newlands. Following debate, it was decided that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at Winchester City Council should be consulted to establish whether a formal vote was required to name the new parish council. Parish Councillor Lander - Brinkley commented that it was an open process which could involve a referendum to agree a name in due course as part of the submission process.

Councillor Stallard commented that the Advisory Group and Residents' Associations had been consulted and had agreed to the name Newlands and, with the agreement of the Chairman, Mr Heck stated that there was a historical connection as the Major Development Area land was built on Newlands Farm.

Mrs Stickland also referred to an ongoing discussion regarding Stakes Hill Road and Ladybridge roundabout. It was explained that the County Council traffic surveys had confirmed that there had been less traffic than anticipated in the original modelling, but these two areas of work were now likely to be needed around the same time (approximately occupation of 900 houses). However, the works could not take place at the same time as this would cause too much traffic disruption on the network and overly onerous financial contributions for the developer; therefore the triggers were currently under discussion for the deed of variation.

Grainger would be creating a construction access only from Purbrook Heath Road / Ladybridge Roundabout. Marcia McGinty, Grainger stated that Redrow were also considering a Phase 13 (a) development with construction traffic hoping to access the site from the new construction access avoiding Milk Lane, but this route would not be open to the general traffic.

David Parker, Taylor Wimpey, stated that the public open space was ready for opening and that the link bridge would be opened on 7 July 2017, with an official opening to be held at a future date. There had been interest in the commercial land adjacent to the Wellington Vale Care Home from a light fitting assembly company and a medical equipment company, but there had been no interest in the remaining parcel of commercial land adjacent to the Household Waste Management site. A tenant had also been found for the retail use on the ground floor of the apartments fronting Hambledon Road. The tenant had agreed to take the lease in full and would then sub let it in part. The letting of this commercial unit was part of the agreement to stop traffic on Sickle Way to allow the car parking in the commercial use to be utilised.

Councillor Brook suggested that the remaining parcel of commercial land (adjacent to Household Waste Management site) could be used as a car park to access the public open space. It was suggested that Winchester City Council should formally consult with Taylor Wimpey on this possible use. It was also suggested that early contact be made to agree a date for the formal civic opening of the link bridge by the Mayors of Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council.

Marcia McGinty from Grainger stated that the use of the Gateway land was being reviewed and as yet there had been no offers for the employment land. Redrow had enquired about land for their Phase 13 (a) development and a further enquiry had been made about additional residential development to the west of the school. Hampshire County Council had a right to enquire about acquiring one hectare of land adjacent to Berewood School if expansion was required.

The Forum thanked Ms McGinty for taking forward and addressing concerns on the temporary community building planning application.

RESOLVED:

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

7. **DATES OF 2017 - 2018 MEETINGS**

It was noted that the meetings of the Forum for 2017 – 18 would be held in the Vale Care Home, Darnel Road, Denmead, Waterlooville, as follows:

Monday 2 October 2017 – at 2:00pm
(to be preceded by a walk of the Grainger site to commence at 12.00noon).

Thursday 22 March 2018 – at 10:00am

The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 12:05pm

Chairman