

**WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM**

**2 October 2017**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

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

Havant Borough Council

Blackett (P)		Sceal
G Shimbart		Wade (P)

Hampshire County Council

Hughes (P)	Stallard
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Denmead Parish Council

Lander-Brinkley

Southwick and Widley Parish Council

Watson (P)

Officers in Attendance

Mr S Tilbury - Corporate Director, Winchester City Council.

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

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

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

Mr M Maitland – Community Officer, Winchester City Council.

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

Apologies:

Apologies were received from:

Havant Borough Councillors: Sceal and Shimbart.

Winchester City Councillors: Clear and Deputy Member Evans.

Hampshire County Councillors: Stallard and Deputy Member Briggs.

Denmead Parish Councillor: Lander-Brinkley.

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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.

The meeting noted that Councillor G Shimbart had sent his apologies to the meeting due to illness and the Forum agreed that a letter be forwarded to him to wish him well.

2. **MINUTES**

(Report WWF100 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 26 June 2017, be approved and adopted.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**(i) Mike Ashton**

Mr Ashton stated that he was a local Cycling UK campaigner. Now that the development was being occupied, it had become evident that it was difficult for cyclists to enter and egress the development. All accesses to Newlands Lane were pedestrian access only and access to the south was also vague. Access via Milton Road was also difficult and potentially unsafe. A survey had suggested that 64% of respondents thought that it was too difficult to cycle upon (the development). He asked the Forum to consider improvements for cyclists.

Mr Tilbury asked that Mr Ashton bring specifics to the attention of the West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer so that they could be considered.

**(ii) David Crichton**

Mr Crichton commented that Wellington Park residents could now receive fast broadband following the installation of a new fibre cabinet, if they requested it from their provider. He continued that the rising main pipeline between Hambledon Road to Purbrook was being completed but had been delayed due to an arson attack to pipes stored onsite.

Mr Crichton added that Ayrshire Road was being incorrectly used by traffic to access the recycling centre and a sign was required to divert traffic. The road system at Wellington Park also required monitoring and assurances that the roads would be adopted by the Highways Authority. He commented that he had raised safety issues about the speed traffic roundels on Hambledon Road with Havant Borough Council. In Cumberland Way the block paving had been dug up and replaced with tarmac and this required the block paving to be reinstalled. The Taylor Wimpey open space required maintenance as did the verges. In addition, the shops on Hambledon Road had been sold but the name of the purchaser had not been released and he had not received an update on the future of the employment land at Wellington Park. Finally, he sought sponsorship so that the type of bridge construction on the Grainger site could be entered into the Guinness book of world records, as he considered it to be worth officially noting.

Mr Tilbury replied that matters relating to Hampshire County Council would be taken forward by the West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer and issues relating to open space maintenance would be progressed with Taylor Wimpey. Councillor Brook commented that the open space to the front of the development was not covered by a management agreement. Mr Tilbury stated that the sponsorship for the Guinness book of world records would be taken up by the City Council if Grainger were unable to take this forward.

Mr Weaver added that questions raised regarding the speed traffic roundels on Hambledon Road would be progressed by Havant Borough Council's Traffic Team in consultation with Hampshire County Council if this was appropriate.

**(iii) John Balcombe**

Mr Balcombe stated that the public footpath opposite Laxton Leaze had washed away and required repair and also action to prevent it from being waterlogged in the future.

Mr Tilbury stated that the West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer would bring this to the attention of Hampshire County Council for action.

Mr Balcombe continued that Bloor Homes had taken down the road signs and had not replaced them in phase 1.

Councillor Hughes stated that this could be reported on Hampshire County Council's website.

4. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AREA (MDA)**  
(Report WWF98 refers)

Mrs Stickland presented the report.

Mrs Stickland stated that there were now 900 occupations across the development and that this was expected to rise to 1000 by December. Occupations were now underway in phase five, Old Park Farm / Wellington Park, which was due for completion in March 2018.

There were now 373 occupations at the Grainger site.

Following a tendering exercise, the employment land north of the River Wallington and south of the Taylor Wimpey development was being sold by Grainger with B1 and B8 planning use. The successful bidder was not known at this stage.

Following residents' meetings, Mrs Bridges reported that residents on the Redrow site were considering setting up their own residents association and this was being looked at. It was confirmed that the majority of the Redrow site was in the Stakes Ward of Havant Borough Council's area.

Councillor Brook commented that access onto Foxtail Road for pedestrians / bins on the Taylor Wimpey site had been limited for several weeks following drainage works and it was agreed that the West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer would take this up with Taylor Wimpey.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Crichton enquired about the future of the employment land if it was not sold by Taylor Wimpey when their residential development had been completed. Mr Tilbury replied that it could be boarded off and through the planning process its future use could be facilitated.

Councillor Cutler, as Chairman of the Advisory Group, stated that the Advisory Group meeting had been well attended with a number of residents stating that they would be interested in being members of the proposed new Parish Council.

Councillor Cutler continued that it had been proposed that the name for the Western Open Space should be Newlands Walk, with Newlands Park reserved for the new Town Park area.

The Advisory Group had also considered the formation of a new parish council. A petition had been presented for a Community Governance Review by Winchester City Council, with a view to setting up a new parish council by June 2018. The Advisory Group was considering a process to develop the parish council so that it was ready to assume office. There would be elections to the parish council in May 2019. It was proposed to form a Shadow Parish Council for the period from June 2018 up to the May 2019 elections. The Shadow Parish Council would gradually take over the work of the Advisory

Group. The Shadow Parish Council would have no powers as these would rest with Denmead Parish Council and Southwick and Widley Parish Council up to the election. The Shadow Parish Council would comprise of nine persons comprising at least six residents, a representative of each of the parish councils and one City Councillor, who would work in partnership. The Shadow Parish Council would provide residents who would be willing to stand for election and had experience. This approach had been supported by Winchester City Council's Head of Legal and Democratic Services and followed the advice of Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC). The Advisory Group would co-opt residents to its membership who would be invited to form the Shadow Parish Council, with the Denmead Parish Council and Southwick and Widley Parish Council members gradually taking a lesser role.

In answer to questions from members of the Forum, Councillor Cutler stated that the Shadow Parish Council would be promoted through residents meetings, to attract members who would be interested in developing their knowledge prior to the elections. Mrs Bridges commented that residents meetings had about 50 attendees and they would be encouraged to come forward.

Mr Watson enquired about funding considerations and Councillor Cutler responded that the Shadow Parish Council would not have its own funds and that these would remain the responsibility of the two parish councils, who would formally make decisions. The Shadow Parish Council was not a body in itself, and its formation was about gaining knowledge and responsibility.

Mr Tilbury commented that under the three mile rule residents of the development living in the Havant Borough Council area would be eligible to seek election to the new parish.

Councillor Blackett stated that the area was of sufficient size to warrant a higher tier council, and at the invitation of the Chairman Mr Crichton observed that a 'Waterlooville Borough Council' presented difficulties for the Boundary Commission and that the three mile rule did allow representation from those living within Havant Borough Council's area.

In conclusion, the Chairman stated that the interim solution would allow leaders from within the Parish to evolve.

**RESOLVED:**

That the progress being made in bringing the West of Waterlooville MDA forward and the report of the Advisory Group be noted.

5. **ARTS ADVISORY PANEL**  
(Report WWF99 refers)

Councillor Brook stated that the next meeting of the Arts Advisory Panel would be held on 11 October 2017.

As the proposed Western Open Space (Newlands Walk) Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) was wet and boggy, the drainage issues had been considered by Winchester City Council's drainage engineer and a maintenance solution had been proposed, which would not be funded out of the Arts Budget. Ideas were also being sought from the local community for a piece of play equipment in the LEAP, which would be installed in the spring of 2018.

A location for the WoWPOD was being sought. The WoWPOD had a projected ten year life span of which five years had elapsed, and it would therefore require a refreshed structural report to be commissioned.

Further planning was also taking place regarding community tree planting, from the oak saplings that the children at Berewood Primary School had grown.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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

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

Thursday 22 March 2018 – at 11:00am – to be preceded by a walk of the development site for Forum members at 9.30am.

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and concluded at 3.05pm.

Chairman