

Meeting West of Waterlooville Forum

Date and Time Tuesday, 8th March, 2022 at 6.00 pm

Venue Virtual via Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Apologies and Deputy Members

To record the names of apologies given and deputy members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed Members (where appropriate).

2. Disclosure of Interests

To receive any disclosure of interests from Members and Officers in matters to be discussed.

Note: Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and/or prejudicial interests in accordance with legislation and the Council's Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 November 2021 (Pages 7 - 14)

4. Public Participation

To receive and note questions asked and statements made from members of the public on general matters of interest and/or matters relating to the work of the Forum. This period is for a maximum of 10 minutes.

NB members of the public are required to register with Democratic Services three clear working days before the meeting (see below for further details).

Members of the public and visiting councillors may speak at the Forum, provided they have registered to speak three working days in advance. Please contact Democratic Services by 5pm on Wednesday 2 March 2022 via democracy@winchester.gov.uk or (01962) 848 264 to register to speak and for further details.



BUSINESS ITEMS

- 5. Arts Programme Update (WWF118) (Pages 15 22)
- 6. Grainger progress report on West Of Waterlooville MDA (attached) (Pages 23 26)

Lisa Kirkman Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer

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MEMBERSHIP

West of Waterlooville Forum

Cllr Clear Cllr Brook Cllr Cutler Cllr Read

Deputies: Evans and Weston

Havant Borough Council Councillors:

Jenner, Milne, Robinson and Wade

Deputies: None

Hampshire County Councillors: Hughes and Stallard Deputy: Briggs

The Parish Council of Newlands Councillors:
Berry and Crichton

Quorum = 5 members

Terms of Reference

Primary objectives of the fora

The fora have no formal decision making powers, but can make recommendations on suitable arrangements relating to democracy and community representation.

The fora will:

- 1. Meet 3 times per year. Virtual meetings have proved successful and it is proposed that these continue.
- 2. Comment and advise on the next stages of the implementation of the MDA.
- Monitor and comment on progress relating to the development of the MDA including the implementation of planning conditions and requirements of planning obligations (s106 agreements) and s278 agreements (highway works).
- 4. Seek to promote and support community development activities within the development area and provide advice on how these should progress.

5. Secure the establishment of appropriate local democratic structures for the emerging community.

How this will be achieved

- 1. Each meeting will receive the following input:
 - a. Update on the physical development of the MDA (from the developer).
 - b. Report on the community development activities and any issues arising within the MDA.
 - c. Discussion on infrastructure.

Key stages of the fora:

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Stage 1 – Planning	Stage 2 - Emerging	Stage 3 - Establishing		
Start: Initial master planning End: Outline planning consent / start on site.	Start: Start on site End: Establishment of a residents association or parish council as applicable.	Start: Establishment of a residents association or parish council End: Future community governance agreed and established.		
 Act as a sounding board where ideas, options and issues relating to the development can be considered before becoming part of the formal planning process. Consider and advise upon the infrastructure required 	 Receive updates on the progress of development and compliance with relevant planning conditions and \$106/\$278 agreements Input into creation of a community development strategy 	 Receive updates on progress in establishing the community and any emerging issues Consider and advise upon a strategy for the ownership and management of the social infrastructure and community assets. Receive updates on the progress of development and compliance with relevant planning conditions and \$106/\$278 agreements 		
Lead: Service Lead – Built Environment	Lead: Service Lead – Built Environment	Lead: Service Lead – Community & Wellbeing		

The fora will be subject to annual review.

Membership

West of Waterlooville:

Winchester City Council
 Havant Borough Council
 4 elected representatives (inc. Chair)
 4 elected representatives (inc. Vice)

Chair)

Hampshire County Council
 2 elected representative

Newlands Parish Council
 1 representative

Officers

Lead Officer Steve Lincoln

Community Worker Laura Bevis – Havant Borough

Council

Quorum

The fora will be quorate if five voting representatives are present.

Method of working and voting rights

All representatives are expected to seek to reach conclusions by general consensus. Where any voting representatives on the Forum requires a formal vote to be taken, this shall be by a show of hands by those voting representatives present and voting (as per the membership set out above).

Public Participation procedure

There will be a period of 10 minutes maximum at the beginning of each forum meeting when the Chair will invite the public, including local interest groups, to raise any general matters of interest and/or matters relating to the work of the forum.

An individual speaker will be limited to a maximum of three minutes per agenda item. Where a number of members of the public wish to speak they will be encouraged to agree the allocated maximum ten minutes between then.

The Chair will retain discretion to manage the public speaking process, and may limit individual speakers to less than three minutes, or take other steps necessary in order to maximise public participation in an appropriate way.

Members and Officers will not provide an immediate response to public comments raised from the floor. All comments and queries will be noted and the Chair will invite Officers and/or Members to respond to specific points during the round table debate and discussion amongst forum members that follows.

Members of the public should contact the Democratic Services Officer 3 working days before the meeting (preferably telephone or email) so that as many people who wish to speak can be accommodated during the public participation sessions.

Once the period of public participation has drawn to a close, there will be an opportunity for elected members who are not on the forum (i.e. Cabinet or Ward Members) to speak in advance of questions and debate amongst forum members at the Chair's discretion.

The forum will then debate the item with any conclusions and recommended recorded.

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WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

Tuesday, 2 November 2021

Attendance:

Councillors:

Winchester City Council

Clear (Chairperson) (P)

Brook (P) Read (P)

Cutler

Havant Borough Council

Milne (P) Robinson Jenner

Wade (P)

Hampshire County Council

Hughes (P) Stallard (P)

Newlands Parish Council

Berry (P) Crichton (P)

Others in Attendance that did not address the meeting:

Councillor Evans (Winchester City Council)

Officers in Attendance:

Dawn Adey: Strategic Director, Winchester City Council

Steve Lincoln: Service Lead: Communities & Wellbeing, Winchester City Council

Simon Finch: Corporate Head of Regulatory, Winchester City Council Rose Lister: Principal Planning Officer, Winchester City Council Steve Weaver: Development Manager, Havant Borough Council

Katie Bone: Community Officer, Havant Borough Council

Others also in attendance:

Jenni Upstill – Community Development Manager, Grainger plc Representatives from Bloor Homes and the Project Team as follows: Rebecca Fenn-Tripp Chris Hebden Steve Houkes

Apologies:

Julie Pinnock – Service Lead: Built Environment, Winchester City Council Louise Weaver – Community Infrastructure Officer, Havant Borough Council

Full audio recording and video recording

1. <u>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS</u>

In respect of item 4 below, Councillor Read and Councillor Hughes announced that due to their roles as Members of the Planning Committee at Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council respectively, they would listen to the presentation but would not take part in any discussions or questions thereon as they could be called upon to take part on the Joint West of Waterlooville MDA Planning Committee where the planning application would be considered.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2021

Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, several points were raised as follows:

- Open Space agreement at Wellington Park Councillor Hughes (in his capacity as Havant Borough Councillor) advised that the process of adoption was due to commence shortly.
- The split in policing of the development Councillor Crichton reported that
 the response received from the Police Crime Commissioner was that there
 was no intention to change the policing currently in place and it was noted
 that this was an ongoing issue as the development increased. The
 Chairperson advised that she would progress this matter further.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 8 July 2021, be approved and adopted.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present to make representations.

4. <u>BLOOR HOMES UPDATE PHASE 3B AND 5A, WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE</u> (PRESENTATION)

The Chairperson invited Rebecca Fenn-Tripp, Chris Hebden and Steve Houkes of Bloor Homes and the project team to the meeting who provided a presentation from Bloor Homes regarding the proposals for Berewood on phases 3b and 5a of the West of Waterlooville development, which also set out the context of the project background and the plans to update stakeholders and the community as the proposals progressed. It was noted that, subject to the

planning process, it was proposed that works would commence on site during Spring 2022.

The Forum raised various questions including details of the dissemination of the community newsletter, the inclusion of the breakdown of house size proposals in community correspondence and access roads onto the development for these phases which were responded to by relevant officers and representatives from Bloor Homes.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives of Bloor Homes and the project team for attending the meeting and for their informative presentation.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received and noted.

5. RECENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND ANY ISSUES ARISING WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT

Members of the Forum received a verbal update from Jenni Upstill (Grainger) and Katie Bone (Havant Borough Council) regarding the latest community work that had been carried out and reference was made to the following points:

<u>Grainger</u>

 Travel and Community survey results – as expected, the majority travel by car. Lots of cyclists, better communication around cycle routes required and work was being carried out with Newlands Parish Council. Cycle vouchers and bus passes were offered as an incentive for completing the survey.

Key issues:

- Parking
- Yellow lines painted on Grainger Street and Newlands Avenue
- Adoption will help with enforcement
- Car park delivered as part of Town Park Phase 2
- Connecting Marrelsmoor Avenue and Newlands Avenue would result in more options for traffic
- Traffic calming
- Temporary speed bumps installed along construction routes in Houghton Avenue, Newlands Avenue and Marrelsmoor Avenue
- Options being investigated with Hampshire County Council e.g. shorter raised table top on Grainger Street
- Over time it was anticipated that traffic flow would improve
- Timescales
- Improvements to communication on timescales via newsletters and social media
- Communication had improved post-covid but there were still some issues e.g. waiting for planning application approval

- Wildlife Walk held on Tuesday, 24 August Ecologist-led walk around the River Wallington area for residents.
- Great Big Green Week in September Grainger partnered with Havant Climate Alliance. Activities included Park Yoga, Wildlife Walks for families and adults, wreath making and candle making. Wildlife Trust ran meadow sweeps and pond dipping. Wildflower seeds sent to every household. Successful event - low turnout due to weather for some activities but a positive response from residents and local community.
- Community Planters ran a sunflower competition for kids, winning categories – biggest, tallest and happiest. Jenni Upstill judged the entries; Newlands Parish Council provided gardening vouchers as prizes.
- Employment and skills partnered with Oaklands and Cowplain Schools to support careers programme via Solent LEP.
- Portsmouth Bee Keeping Society moved into a compound on site until Southern Allotments are ready. Beekeepers on site have reported success with transporting new queens to the Berewood hives, so hopefully honey will be plentiful next year!
- Survey undertaken on Proxima Pond non-native carp present.
 Next stage would be draining and landscaping and it was anticipated that work would take place in Spring 2022, with the potential to re-introduce native species of fish at a later date.
- Working with Proxima Park on the green space improvements in the area – investigating the option for a swift tower.
- Memorial bench for local resident Anthony Bessey had been installed in Newlands Meadow where he would fly his pet hawk 'Flash'. Interpretation boards to also be installed explaining raptor boxes.
- Partnering with Wildlife Trust on the community rewilding projects -Berewood Primary School are looking to re-wild part of their site next year.

Events:

- Halloween crafting sessions for kids took place in the Community Hall on Saturday, 30 October.
- Fireworks display for residents in Town Park on Wednesday, 3 November.

- Self-defence classes for women are due to be held on 15 November and 29 November.
- Christmas crafts with Wildlife Trust on Sunday, 5 December for all ages.
- Berewood Motor Club set up by residents, meet on the third Sunday of every month, first meeting due to take place on Sunday 21 November.
- Royal Mail have confirmed location for an additional post box to be installed – this will be situated on the corner of Rowe Rise/Newlands Avenue. Date to be confirmed but this was expected before the end of the year.
- Bins replaced on Town Park. Despite moving the bin closer, issues with litter still remained around the skate park area.

Havant Borough Council

- Further litter picking events were held across the development at the
 end of the summer. These were well attended and funding was
 approved so that Newlands Parish Council have their own litter picking
 equipment which was taking place at the community building. The aim
 was to set up a regular group or a drop in/drop out session for people
 to use as and when they could.
- Work with the Community Plan continues, several meetings had taken place with three residents committed to supporting the plan. Residents' involvement was still being sought, particularly from the Taylor Wimpey side of the development. Upcoming events would be used as engagement opportunities, to speak to residents about the plan and keep them informed. Councillor Brook advised that she was happy to support Katie Bone with this. A leaflet was produced to promote the plan and has been distributed across various platforms.
- Partnership working Katie reported that she had been approached by a number of businesses and churches wishing to get involved with serving and supporting the West of Waterlooville community and this was being progressed.
- Issues arising on the development regarding vandalism or theft in the area which had been directed to 101, also there had been complaints from a number of Wellington Park residents about being excluded from the fireworks event.

In response, Jenni Upstill advised that this decision had been taken as town park was incomplete and there were no facilities in place to cope should a significant number of people attend, if this was an 'open' event. However, going forward it was proposed that this event could continue in perpetuity once the second half of town park had been completed. Initially for the first year, it was proposed to be

an event for Grainger residents who had purchased on the Berewood site in order to control capacity and manage safety concerns.

Members of the Forum raised various matters regarding ongoing issues with Hambledon Road for discussion with Hampshire Highways, the outstanding reappointment to the role of Community Implementation Officer, the deed of variation and an update on the s.106 agreement, which were responded to by relevant officers.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the verbal updates be received and noted; and
- 2. That any further updates on the points raised above, be passed onto Forum Members in due course.

6. **DISCUSSION ON INFRASTRUCTURE**

Grainger

Jenni Upstill (Grainger) provided an update on the infrastructure at the site and made reference to the following points:

Infrastructure:

- Western link road (Marrelsmoor Avenue) moved forward to accommodate the school, expected to be completed in Spring 2024 with the school due to open in September 2024.
- Delays still occurring due to Brexit and playing catch-up from Covid.
- Stakes Hill roundabout no further update. Awaiting Hampshire County Council (HCC) decision.
- Southern Access junction planning application to be submitted before the end of the year. Plans shared with the Purbrook community via Purbrook Residents' Association Newsletter. Expect work to commence September 2022.
- Liaising with HCC on future road adoption main spine roads:
 Grainger Street, Houghton Avenue and Newlands Avenue in the final stages which was expected by the end of 2022.
- Yellow lines installed on Newlands Avenue with positive feedback
- Paths through Nature Reserve damaged due to surface water has been patched but a more permanent solution was being introduced.
- Town Park Phase 2 work commenced on preparing land for the cricket pitch (not part of current application, works already approved)

Arising out of questions from the Forum, the following issues were discussed:

Hampshire Highways application for the northern bus gateway – Councillor Hughes stated that the views of many of the councillors to this proposal was not to proceed as any benefit from carrying out these works would be negligible.

Aquind Interconnector – Hampshire Highways will not be carrying out any resurfacing works along London Road due to the upheaval of the installation of the Aquind Interconnector.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the verbal report be noted; and
- 2. That the following item be added onto the agenda for the next meeting:
 - (i) B2150 Issues

7. <u>PROGRESS REPORT ON WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE MDA - VERBAL UPDATE</u>

Grainger

Jenni Upstill (Grainger) provided an update on the physical developments of the site and made reference to the following points:

Physical Development

- Planning applications awaiting approval:
 - Sports Pavilion and Town Park Phase 2
 - Footpath diversions
 - Linnet Rise knee rail fencing
 - Health Centre site has been agreed. Developer finalising/securing funding through NHS.
 - Elm Green (Phase 9) play area was open. Designed with Berewood Primary School pupils who chose a theme featuring boats, as well as a zip wire, slides, swings and areas to climb on.
 - Accessible play equipment has been installed.
 - Positive feedback on River Wallington works. Signage and interpretation boards to be installed. New species spotted – Kingfisher in residence on the western edge.
 - Accessibility consultant has been employed to review design codes and the site going forwards. First stage of the report has been received.
 - Havant Borough Council wishes to proceed with cemetery land.
 However, a business case for associated drainage costs was required. Access to be confirmed.
 - Proxima Park commencing building the next unit next to Coopers. More tenants are now in situ. Liaising over environmental requirements.
 - Next land sales expected to market early next year.
 - Local centre design to be reconsidered, next area on the agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the verbal report be noted.

The virtual meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.40 pm

Chairperson

Agenda Item 5

WWF118 WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

REPORT TITLE: ARTS PROGRAMME UPDATE

8 MARCH 2022

REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER: Cllr Angela Clear, Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing

<u>Contact Officer: Steve Lincoln Tel No: 01962 848110 Email slincoln@winchester.gov.uk</u>

WARD(S): DENMEAD / SOUTHWICK AND WICKHAM / WATERLOO / STAKES ROAD

PURPOSE

This report recaps the progress made on the West of Waterlooville public art programme and sets out a plan for future delivery of the programme across the major development area during the remainder of the development period.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Forum notes:

- 1. The progress made in bringing forward the public art programme for the West of Waterlooville MDA during the period prior to September 2020.
- 2. The desire to complete the Gateway installation with an alternative tree species.
- 3. The need to review and reset the remaining programme, including the boating lake project due to concerns about the escalating cost.
- 4. The importance of involving the parish council in these decisions.
- 5. The ongoing work to identify a lead officer within the council and appropriate resources to be responsible for delivering the art programme.

IMPLICATIONS:

1 COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOME

- 1.1 Living Well
- 1.2 Delivery of the arts programme at Waterlooville will contribute towards objectives to create attractive and well-used public facilities and green spaces with space for relaxation and play, and also a wide range of physical and cultural activities for all ages and abilities.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 All contributions due from the developer Taylor Wimpey have been received by Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council, as per the Section 106 agreement.
- 2.2 The first of five contributions from Grainger, each of £100k, has been received by Winchester City Council as per the Section 106 agreement. Further contributions from Grainger are due prior to the occupation of 500, 1000, 1500 and 2000 dwellings. No contributions are payable to Havant Borough Council under the agreement.
- 2.3 The sum remaining to be spent on the arts programme currently stands at £398,930.
- 2.4 With the agreement of the Arts Advisory Panel, Grainger has incurred costs totalling £79,709 on further works related to the gateway and boating lake projects which will be offset against the remainder of Grainger's arts contribution obligations.

3 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A number of matters relating to the Section 106 agreement are mentioned in the report.
- 3.2 All arts installations will be procured in accordance with the council's Procurement and Contract Management Strategy and the council's Contract Procedure Rules.

4 WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Although the level of resource and skill set originally in place when this arts project was conceived is no longer available, Council on 23 February 2022 approved the revenue budget for 2022/23 (CAB3335) which included enhanced resource to lead work on the council's cultural agenda across the district. The main purpose of this regraded post is to focus on development of the cultural sector including the design, development and delivery of a cultural strategy for the district. However, given the size and scope of the West of Waterlooville arts programme, it is suggested that, whilst this new post can

- assist with advice and guidance concerning its delivery, there will be a requirement for a dedicated resource to implement the programme.
- 4.2 It is estimated that programme implementation will require approximately two days per week in the initial stages and officers are considering how this resources might be found.

5 PROPERTY AND ASSET IMPLICATIONS

Any art installations within the development are likely to be located within the public open space or other public realm, so would become the property of whichever organisation adopts the area in question. For any future installations, this will need to be negotiated at an early stage as part of the project planning and feasibility.

6 CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- A significant resident and stakeholder engagement exercise was undertaken to help inform the projects that formed the arts programme. Further engagement will be required in the event that any changes or additions are required.
- 6.2 The approach set out in this report has evolved following discussions involving local ward members who were part of the Arts Advisory Panel and with representatives from Grainger.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Winchester City Council has declared a climate emergency and in December 2019 adopted a Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, committing it to reaching carbon neutrality by 2024 and aiming to make the entire district carbon neutral by 2030.
- 7.2 A motion to Havant Borough Council that acknowledged climate change and committed to addressing this through improving its own systems, supporting residents and businesses in positive change and through addressing biodiversity in its planning processes. The council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021-2026 was adopted in September 2021.
- 7.3 All possible efforts will be made to ensure that any art installations are procured, sourced and manufactured sustainably,
- 8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT
- 8.1 None.
- 9 <u>DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT</u>
- 9.1 None required.
- 10 RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk	Mitigation	Opportunities
Financial Exposure Programme delivery cost exceeds the budget.	Careful budget management and review.	Potential to reset the programme and consider alternative options.
Innovation The proposed Berewood commissions are unique, which has made costing and planning more difficult than a more traditional piece of art (e.g. a statue).	Regular review of proposals to ensure viability.	Potential to reset the programme and consider alternative options.
Reputation There is always a risk that public art will not be liked and this can have an impact on the Council, the developers and the artists.	Continued focus on engagement/consultation with the local community.	Residents feel included in the process and 'own' the results.
Achievement of outcome Complicated and expensive projects could use up a disproportionate amount of the available funding and limit the ability to deliver a programme across the entire development.	Regular review of proposals to ensure viability.	Potential to reset the programme and consider alternative options.
Property Some arts commissions are designed for public interaction and there is a risk to public safety if not properly constructed and maintained.	Health and safety advice was taken (e.g. RoSPA assessment of boat pond designs).	
	Proof of public liability insurance is required before issuing any purchase orders for works.	
	A regular inspection and maintenance regime will be put in place on	

	completion.	
Community Support The community has grown and changed over the course of development. It is important to keep engaging in order to avoid accusations that the public art is not what is wanted on the site.	A programme of engagement took place around the earlier proposals. Further consultation to take place on the final art work.	Newlands Parish Council can be an active partner in the arts programme development and delivery.
Timescales The commissions for the Grainger site are behind schedule due to a changing development timetable for Berewood, the earlier need to review and reduce costs and the onset of COVID-19.	A revised timetable will be developed.	The delay allows new residents to be engaged and involved in the process.
Project capacity Lack of suitable management and oversight of programme delivery.	Options are being considered to ensure appropriate resourcing.	

11 <u>SUPPORTING INFORMATION:</u>

- 11.1 Moneys deployed from the development's S106 contributions are overseen on behalf of the Forum by the West of Waterlooville Arts Advisory Panel. The Panel was also subsequently given responsibility for deployment of the remaining budget from the Section 106 contribution for play areas on the Taylor Wimpey site. The Panel last met on 9 September 2020.
- 11.2 Three art projects were either completed or in progress at the time of the last Arts Advisory Panel meeting: Newlands Walk, The Gateway Commission and the Boat Pond. The intention was for the Grainger art contribution to enable at least one further commission in addition to these.

Progress to date

11.3 Newlands Walk open space

- a) A Frost Design was selected to create a bespoke play area. This involved local children helping to design features to be carved into the play equipment. The play area was opened on the 7 July 2018.
- b) Alongside the bespoke play equipment, the care home, Berewood Primary, Denmead Infants, and Denmead Junior schools each designed a bench for the area.
- c) The WoWPod was created as a mobile installation to promote and encourage activity at locations across the development. Unfortunately, structural and logistical issues meant that it did not prove possible to safely install the WoWPod in Newlands Walk and it was eventually gifted to YMCA at Fairthorne Manor.

11.4 The Gateway

- a) This commission received planning permission and was installed in the town park during 2019. The idea was for saplings to be trained to grow around the armatures of a metal ring.
- b) Unfortunately the trees did not take and have subsequently died, leaving just the ring remaining. Oak saplings were used in an attempt to reflect links to the historic Forest of Bere, but arboricultural advice is that the oak saplings are not well suited to this use and are unlikely to succeed.
- c) It is proposed that options are investigated to undertake the planting again, but with a different species that is more appropriate than oak. While not entirely meeting the original brief, this would mean the installation could be completed as planned with the additional cost minimised.

11.5 The Boat Pond

- a) The concept was for a living sculpture of oak trees that forms a boat, with an adjacent boat pond, all situated within the town park area. There would be an associated programme of community engagement to see further oak trees planted and to engage residents in building model boats.
- b) The project never got as far as planning, because the estimated cost escalated to potentially £350k. Grainger worked with Wayward to value engineer the commission and results of borehole testing showed there could be a sufficient natural supply of water to reduce the filtration requirements and associated costs.
- c) Concerns remain regarding the escalation of these costs in relation to the original estimate and the proportion of the overall fund the revised estimate represents. The parish council remains keen to retain the link to the past that this project provided, but there are potential

- management implications and costs that would be placed on the parish council and which need to be fully understood.
- d) The boating lake project will be reviewed. The parish council will need to be involved in the decision.
- 11.6 Based on current estimates, the projects summarised above would take most of the arts programme contributions. While this would deliver some iconic and memorable installations, they would be small in number and their impact would only be felt in a couple of locations across a large development. Further thought will be given to whether this approach represents best use of the available resources and whether a reset of the programme might lead to a better outcome.

Governance and management

- 11.7 The Arts Advisory Panel met regularly up until September 2020, after which the COVID pandemic led to a pause in activity.
- 11.8 In the early stages, responsibility for the arts programme sat first with the Arts Development Officer from Winchester City Council. When that post was made redundant, the council commissioned external consultants to lead the programme and they developed the suite of projects as described in sections 11.3 11.5. When that arrangement came to an end, the Arts Advisory Panel agreed for Grainger to deliver the agreed projects and that arrangement remained in place until COVID came about in 2020 and work was paused.
- 11.9 In January 2022 a group of council officers and members from Winchester City Council met with representatives from Grainger to review the position and consider how best to restart work on the arts programme. The consensus was that Winchester City Council is best placed to lead the arts programme and provide the necessary oversight and accountability for use of the funds. However, it was acknowledged that there is no existing resource available to undertake this work so options are being considered for how best to enable this.
- 11.10 Since the Arts Advisory Panel last met in September 2020, the City Council officer who administered the meetings left and has not been replaced. The group agreed to continue with the operation of the Panel, but recognised the need to minimise the amount of work associated with this. Forum members can be reassured that there will continue to be accountability to the Forum for delivery of the programme.

12 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 Responsibility for implementation of the arts programme could be passed to another organisation. This happened for a period of time when Grainger took the lead, but it became difficult for the council to maintain sufficient oversight and control so this is not the preferred way to proceed. However, there will

continue to be a role for Grainger's Community Development Manager in supporting the programme and adding value through links to her work.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:-

Previous Committee Reports:-

WWF106; Progress report from the West of Waterlooville Arts Advisory Panel; 5 July 2018

Other Background Documents:-

None

APPENDICES:

None



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1	Physical Development
	Planning applications awaiting approval: • Sports Pavilion and Town Park Phase 2 • Footpath diversions
	Larkfields (P3B) and Woodlands Edge (P5A) sold to Bloor, expected on site Summer 2022.
	Kentidge Coppice (9C) and Daubenton Glen (11A) currently for sale. Further land sales anticipated at the end of the year.
	Second Primary School – application from HCC submitted. Anticipate opening Sept 2025.
	Health Centre – site agreed. Developer finalising/securing funding through NHS.
	Accessibility consultant creating strategy document for site, assisting with signage and maps.
	Awaiting update from Havant BC re: Cemetery land, but we are proceeding as if it will still be used as a cemetery.
	Proxima Park next unit building ongoing.
	Planning granted for Grainger office/Community Centre signage with new branding, and for knee-rail fencing along Pearmain Parade to protect landscaping from vehicles.
	Local centre design to be reconsidered, next area on the agenda. Community Centre to be delivered by 2025.
	Northern allotments – design being created with Newlands Parish Council. Anticipate delivery in 2023.
3	Community Development
	Employment and skills – partnered with Oaklands and Cowplain Schools to support careers. Job centre site visits being arranged.



Portsmouth Bee Keeping Society moved into a compound on site until Southern Allotments are ready. More hives moving into the compound this month.

Survey undertaken on Proxima Pond – non-native carp present. Next stage is draining and landscaping. Potential to re-introduce native species of fish. Due to lack of available contractors this work will be undertaken in 2023.

Working with Proxima Park on green space improvements including a swift tower.

Partnering with Wildlife Trust on community rewilding projects - Berewood Primary School looking to re-wild part of their site next year.

Berewood Motor Club set up by residents, meet on 3rd Sunday of every month.

Berewood Gardening Club set up by residents, currently Facebook only.

Royal Mail have installed post box on the corner of Rowe Rise/Newlands Avenue.

Wider area newsletter to be distributed to Wellington Park & Purbrook to keep residents updated on site progress.

Donated PPE to local Berewood after school club.

Community Plan – steering group has been formed with terms of reference created and official roles allocated. Next meeting Weds 9th March.

Upcoming events:

- Easter: Football sessions run by Winchester City Council in Town Park
- Summer: Berewood in Bloom gardening prizes and activities
- Summer holidays: Graffiti project at the skate park to engage the young people and help with antisocial behaviour

The abrupt lack of Community Officer in post has meant some previously planned events will not take place. We will look to reschedule/revaluate these.

3 Infrastructure Works

Western link road (Marrelsmoor Avenue) moved forward to accommodate school, expected Spring 2024.

Delays still occurring due to Brexit and playing catch-up from covid.

Stakes Hill roundabout – no update. Awaiting HCC decision.

Southern Access junction redesign required. Liaising with HCC.



Liaising with HCC on future road adoption – main spine roads: Grainger Street, Houghton Ave, Newlands Ave in final stages, expected by end of 2022.

Final works on the above roads currently taking place.

Town Park Phase 2 – work ongoing preparing land for cricket pitch (not part of current application, works already approved) anticipated to complete this month.

