

## **Status Report – Newlands Parish Council**

1. The Parish has changed its management team in preparation for taking on responsibilities for open space and facilities such as allotments, the Sports Pavilion and the Community Centre by appointing Luke Hayter, formerly the Parish Warden, as Operations and Assets Manager tasked with developing a five-year organisation and staffing plan. A Minutes Clerk will also be appointed to allow the Clerk to concentrate on these changes.
2. Regular meetings continue to be held with Grainger with the Parish represented by the Clerk and Operations Manager to plan the transfer of assets.
3. Transfer of public open space from Winchester City Council to the Parish in Wellington Park is still delayed by the failure by Taylor Wimpey and Southern Water to conclude the S104 agreement but it is hoped that will occur shortly so that road adoption can also commence. The RFO has started preparations for land and commuted sum transfer.
4. Taylor Wimpey have not yet resolved the issue of tree planting over the sewer easements in the open space adjacent to the Old Park Farm Stream which has delayed the initial transfer of this area to Winchester City Council.
5. Discussions have taken place with Havant Borough Council on the need for them to adopt their areas of public open space within Wellington Park.
6. Discussions are under way with Havant Borough Council on creation of a foot and cycle access between Brambles Farm and Wellington Park as part of their Wellbeing Strategy.
7. Initial discussion has taken place with Havant Borough Council on resolution of the management of the Town Park which lies within both Districts.