

Status Report – Newlands Parish Council

There has again been little progress since the previous report and a number of matters are still outstanding:

1. The issue regarding the tree planting over sewer easements in the southern part of Wellington Park has not yet been resolved.
2. Further action is awaited regarding the proposed foot and cycle path from Brambles Farm to Houghton Avenue.
3. Open space within the Havant part of Wellington Park has not yet been adopted.
4. The bed of the Old Park Farm Stream is overgrown and in need of remedial work by Taylor Wimpey.
5. Agreement has not yet been reached over the ownership and management of the Town Park which needs agreement from both District authorities and Grainger plc.

However, a number of activities will occur over the next few months:

1. The two allotment areas will be completed and transferred to the Parish Council and a new member of staff employed to assist with both the management of these and other matters relating to open space.
2. The dog exercise areas are due for completion and again will be transferred to the Parish Council.
3. Despite the continuing failure to complete the S104 agreement between Taylor Wimpey and Southern Water, Winchester City Council have proposed that the public open space in Wellington Park be now transferred to the Parish

and the Parish Council has agreed subject to a number of conditions necessary to ensure that no exposure to the Parish arises as a result.

4. In preparation for the transfer of the commuted sum the RFO is examining investment opportunities to optimise the use of these sums.
5. Once open space in Wellington Park has been transferred provision of additional waste bins will be considered to address the current shortage of such facilities.