

# **Kings Worthy Parish Council**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 February 2015 at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Martin Taylor [Chairman], Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson, Karen McCleery, Noel McCleery, Michael Short, Judith Steventon Baker and Sarah White.

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston

HCC: Cllr Jackie Porter

PCSO: None

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

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#### **PC/15/18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Stewart Newell and Denis Welstead. The Chairman welcomed the three new councillors to their first meeting.

#### **PC/15/19 Public Question Time**

It was asked if there was any progress on the development of the garage site in Mountbatten Place. It was reported that the CEO of Winchester Housing Trust is to make a presentation of plans to the next meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee on Tuesday 24 February.

#### **PC/15/20 Local Plan Part 2 - Update**

Parish Council (PC) was waiting for an update from HAB Housing about the next stage, with a possible March submission of a planning application.

#### **PC/15/21 Winchester City Council (WCC) Consultation for Proposed Development on Top Field**

It was stated categorically that the PC has had absolutely no involvement with the instigation of this proposal. Cllrs Taylor & Gordon have met with Andrew Palmer, Simon Maggs and Cllr Ian Tait from WCC and managed to get some minor alterations made to the leaflet, now distributed, advertising this consultation. At this meeting WCC staff reported that they had held discussions with Top Field Action Group. There is currently no PC view on WCC's proposals and are currently not promoting any side in

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this debate. Parishioners are, however, encouraged to attend the consultation event which is to consult on a possible WCC (not Drew Smith) planning application.

### **PC/15/22 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillor, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings**

- **Police** – No report had been received. Cllr Gordon referred to information from Neighbourhood Watch which reported that two premises had been broken into recently; additionally Kings Worthy Volvo garage had been broken into. Dogs used in poaching activities had been seized on land between Kings Worthy and Sutton Scotney.
- **County Councillor** – Cllr Porter tabled her report (copy attached):

Cllr Porter highlighted the reversal of the plan to cut the budget for Short Breaks.

The new woodland walk at Kings Worthy Primary School was now open and was “absolutely stunning”.

The Cornerways site was still empty and Cllr Porter stated that she felt this would be suitable for offering respite care. Cllr Porter hoped that, once developed, the site could be allocated to housing for the elderly rather than for general needs. The Grove is deteriorating and Cllr Porter hopes that this would also be allocated to housing for the elderly.

The Kings Worthy Café at the school was proving successful; dates are available on the school’s website (see calendar section). Cllr Porter encouraged councillors to visit the café.

- **City Councillor** – Cllr Johnston presented an amended report, which contained some small differences from the version circulated before the meeting (copy attached).

The position on Silver Hill was not clear after the judicial review. WCC are meeting to discuss this on 19 February.

Draft proposals have been issued for consultation on amended electoral ward boundaries. The proposal is for 3 city councillors to represent a new ward covering the existing Kings Worthy ward plus Headbourne Worthy and Barton Farm. A letter of support for the proposals is to be sent in response to the consultation.

Cllr Taylor

Friarsgate Surgery is to re-open on 23 February after completion of works on the wiring, ceiling and for wheelchair access.

Reference was made to the concerns of Headbourne Worthy PC over the proposals for a replacement railway bridge on Down Farm Lane which was planned to produce a raised height; this would

potentially enable larger commercial vehicles to use this route.  
**(Cllr Johnston left the meeting)**

- **School Governors Report** – see County Councillor's report.
- **External Meetings** – Cllrs Gordon and Taylor, together with the Clerks, had attended a seminar on Neighbourhood Planning which had proved informative. As a result of the work carried out for Local Plan Part 2 it was agreed that there was currently no need to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllrs Taylor, Noel McCleery, Short and White are meeting regularly with members of the community to discuss the possibility of a new community hall. It has been suggested that it may be possible to add this into HAB Design's planning application for the site off Lovedon Lane. There was agreement that the proposed development should incorporate a one-way traffic system for those entering or leaving Eversley car park.

#### **PC/15/23 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 January 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of 19 January were amended under External Meetings to replace Steventon Baker with Newell and amend the second paragraph to read "Cllrs Gordon and White met with" (PC/15/4). The minutes, as amended, were then agreed and signed by Cllr Taylor.

#### **PC/15/24 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 January 2015**

- **PC/15/7 Drains and Gullies on Springvale Road** – Cllr Gordon has written to Hampshire County Council (HCC) to chase up the agreed works being carried out on the ditches around the King Charles corner; a response is awaited.
- **PC/15/7 Footpaths** – Cllr Porter's has met on site with HCC staff to discuss the issues with the Springvale Road to Lovedon Lane footpath; it was agreed that action was important. Cllr Porter agreed to keep PC informed as to when this work was to be carried out (probably after the start of the new financial year).
- **PC/15/7 Cleaning of Bus Shelters** – It was noted that a trial jet wash clean of the shelter in Pound Road is being arranged to be carried out by the contractor who cleans wheelie bins locally. This will cost £12 and the trial is to ascertain the impact on adjoining property.
- **PC/15/3 New Councillors** – The three new councillors were appointed to the following committees:

Karen McCleery – Planning & Highways  
Noel McCleery – Finance  
Michael Short – Recreation & Amenities

**Cllr  
Gordon**

**Cllr Porter**

**(The two members of the public left the meeting)**

**PC/15/25 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:**

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

**Planning and Highways Committee – 27 January 2015**

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes, previously circulated, and there were no matters to highlight.

**Recreation and Amenities Committee – 5 February 2015**

Cllr White presented the minutes, previously circulated, and the following were highlighted:

- Jubilee Obelisk – Blackwell & Moody have given two solutions. One is to plug the holes in the top at a cost of £40 and the second was to reshape the top into a pyramid at a cost of £700. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the £40 option.
- History Boards – The unveiling is arranged for Tuesday 10 March at 1.15 pm. The plan is to unveil the board nearest the school unless this conflicts with work by the fencing contractor.
- Redesign of the Burial Ground – The final plans for this, as prepared by students from Sparsholt College, will be presented to the March meeting.
- Tree & Hedge Works – The first phase of the Broadview / Hinton Fields project is scheduled to take place on 19/20 March. Phase 2 of the regular tree works will take place after the next inspection by Tree Care Associates.

**Clerk**

**Finance Committee – 11 February 2015**

Cllr Taylor presented the draft minutes and specifically highlighted:

- Pest control contract – It was agreed to enter into a contract with Itchen Valley Pest Control in the sum of £240 per annum (for 8 visits), the cost being split 50%/50% with Tubbs Hall Management Committee; Jackie Porter, as chairman, gave her approval to this.
- It was agreed to allow an increase of £500 in the budget for the Burial Ground redesign to provide a disability compliant path.
- Grants of £600 to Worthys Festival and £500 to Kings Worthy Primary School were agreed.
- It was agreed to proceed with standard DBS checks for all staff including caretakers.

**(Cllr Porter left the meeting)**

The management accounts summary had been re-formatted to show information for the current month and there was unanimous agreement to go forward using the new format.

The accounts for the period ending 31 January 2015 (copy attached) showed a surplus of £11,138, an increase of £2,978 for the month.]. The surplus has increased because of the next stage of the tree works being scheduled for March, savings on the dog bin contract and the increasing underspend against budgets for election expenses, grants and donations, and pitch maintenance.

**PC/15/26 Report from BDO LLP on 2013-14 Annual Return**

The Clerk had raised the outstanding issues, and given copies of the correspondence, to an Audit Senior of BDO at a HALC Clerk's Forum on 9 February. On the same day a letter of apology has been received from the Head of Audit at BDO UK's Head Office promising to get back to PC with the results of his investigation.

**PC/15/27 Tubbs Hall Fire Policy**

- Fire Inspection / Certificate – The Clerk is to investigate when the last fire inspection was carried out and to ascertain the status of the certification. Cllr Gordon and the Clerk have gone through the check sheets supplied by Hampshire Fire & Rescue, who no longer carry out advice checks on premises. It was agreed to get 3 quotes for carrying out a fire inspection on Tubbs Hall.

**Clerk**

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**PC/15/28 Communications inc. Website, Facebook / Newsletter / Monthly Communications / email etc.**

The latest newsletter is being delivered to households this week.

It was agreed that, with immediate effect, the Communications Group would be Cllrs Hudson, Hallisey and Taylor. One member would change in April and another in June over the 6 month membership cycle.

It was agreed to cease using Twitter, after advice from our insurance brokers. The Clerk is to check with Headbourne Worthy PC as this is a joint account.

**Clerk**

**PC/15/29 Clerk's Notices**

A request has been received for parish representatives to join WCC's standards monitoring committee. Cllr Gordon took the papers for consideration.

**Cllr  
Gordon**

A consultation document has been received on intentions to modernise Parish Polls. The Clerk was asked to circulate this to all councillors.

**Clerk**

It was agreed not to enter the 2015 Village of the Year Competition.

It was reported that a request had been received requesting that permission be given for Gordon Adams to be buried at Lovedon Lane. His parents are also buried there and he was a former councillor and PC chairman. It was unanimously agreed to grant this request.

The Rules for Parish Council or Sub-Committee Meetings were agreed with the addition of an "s" to meeting in the last but one line.

**PC/15/30 Chairman's Notices**

There were none.

**PC/15/31 Items for the Next Meeting**

Burial Ground Redesign.

**PC/15/32** The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 16 March 2015.

The meeting closed at 21.58

Signed..... Date.....

Countryside Access Team	0300 555 1391	
<b>ETE- general Enquiries</b>	<b>0300 555 1375</b>	<b>Textphone: 0300 555 1390</b>
Roads and Transport	0300 555 1388	
Libraries	0300 555 1387	library@hants.gov.uk
Child Protection	0300 555 1384	Out of Hours - 0300 555 1373
Adult Services	0300 555 1386	Out of Hours - 0300 555 1373

### **Report for February 2015**

Phones: Please note the new numbers above. Other numbers on [www.hants.gov.uk/contact](http://www.hants.gov.uk/contact)

This is, as you know, something I have pressed the County Council to change, so from 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb the call numbers will be cheaper for mobile users too.

**Budget cuts:** There was a budget plan to cut Short Breaks and Youth Services by a total of £2.8m, but following our campaign with parents, youth organisations and special schools, both have been given a reprieve this year, 15-16, though staffing changes *are* being made. Parents with concerns about short breaks should contact me or Gail Bedding at the HPCN. The future capital expenditure on schools, roads, infrastructure and homes for older people will continue, with 11000 school places being created across Hampshire by 2018. So it looks like families will need 11000 new bedrooms by 2031 too. **The budget for 15-16 is already set, and the County is expected to confirm a 0% tax rise this year at their Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

Changes in social care for children. Parents are being asked to transfer from their LDA to the new system of integrated education, health and welfare by 15<sup>th</sup> Feb- this is a tall order!

Draft Countryside Access Plan-deadline for comments 31 March 2015.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/countryside/access-plans.htm> Respond to [row.notices@hants.gov.uk](mailto:row.notices@hants.gov.uk) with 'Countryside Access Plan' in the title

**Planning application for the hospital at North Waltham** goes in on the 4<sup>th</sup>- exhibition at the hospital, Basingstoke on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

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### Broadband- Five facts

1. *Phase 8 of Hampshire's first wave of works starts July 2015. During that anyone not capable of receiving 2mBps will be offered a £300 satellite support scheme if they are not in the 16/17 programme for superfast broadband.*
2. *90% target for at least 2mBps by 2016 , but will be achieved by end 2015 in Hampshire*
3. *95% Govt target for superfast by 2017 will be 95% of households across the whole country- so across the whole of the 44 areas, the target is for 95% of all households to have Superfast- not 95% in each area.*
4. *In July 2015, if your line is capable of <2mBps and you are not in the 2016-17 Wave 2 programme, you will be eligible to take up the Universal Service Commitment –and be given the opportunity to take part in the BT alternative offer scheme-(you cannot choose your own provider)*
5. *Waves 1 and 2 are being followed by an 'Innovations trial', which includes a wireless solution for rural areas through "Call Flow". Wave 3 will use the knowledge learned from this trial to complete to 100% -hopefully by 2020. In Hants, this is expected to be equivalent to 4% of homes=24000 approx*

*Finally, you can go online to Ofcom to look at their comparison and availability of 4G mobile mast sites. Vodafone have Winchester mast now- others do not.*

## **CITY COUNCILLORS REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

### **TOP FIELD**

The future of The Top Field has been uncertain for many years. While it remains in private ownership that uncertainty remains. Winchester City Council has the opportunity to bring the land into public ownership, so securing that future. Before it decides whether or not to do this it wants to hear community views on the idea and on what it can be used for. Could it be partly Council Housing for local people, can public access to open space be improved, is there the opportunity to provide community facilities? The Kings Worthy Parish Plan gives some ideas of what is needed in the area, but it is important the community have their say on what the future of this land may be. A drop in session has been organised in the Tubbs Hall for Monday 23 February between 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Winchester City Council will be mailing an information leaflet to all residents in the Post Code area of Kings Worthy.

**As members of the Planning Committee we need to remain impartial and therefore offer neither support nor opposition to any proposal.**

### **BOUNDARY CHANGES**

The Local Government Boundary Commission For England published its draft recommendations on 10 February 2015. Parishes who wish to consider making comments to the Commission should check the recommendations on the Commission's website. A link will also be included on the City Council website.

The final date for any comments to the Commission is **6 April 2015**.

Parish Clerks are requested to copy any representations to David Blakemore, Democratic Services Manager at the City Council – [dblakemore@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:dblakemore@winchester.gov.uk)

The final decision of the Commission is expected to be implemented in good time for the May 2016 elections.

The proposed name of the new ward is Kings Worthy Ward. We would like to suggest that a more inclusive name might be The Worthys Ward, as the only Worthy not included is Itchen Valley's Martyr Worthy. (Headbourne Worthy, Kings Worthy, Abbots Worthy and Worthy Down!).

### **FRIARSGATE SURGERY KINGS WORTHY BRANCH**

The work to bring the surgery up to health and safety standards are in progress and we are informed that it will re-open on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

### **DOWN FARM LANE RAILWAY BRIDGE**

Although this proposal is a Headbourne Worthy issue it has implications for Kings Worthy and could result in Down Farm Lane becoming a Rat Run for large trucks attempting to avoid problems on the A34. A demonstration was held recently with the objective of persuading Network Rail to think again. This was supported by residents of Kings Worthy. In addition the road is likely to be closed for up to six weeks, around the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May when the bridge will be replaced. Network Rail are holding a drop-in information session in the Church Rooms, behind St Mary's Church on London Road, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 3pm – 8pm.

### **WINCHESTER HOUSING TRUST CAR PARK PROJECT**

Leanne Smith CEO of Winchester Housing Trust will be attending the KWPC Highways and

Planning committee meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm when she will outline the project for the Mountbatten Place project. WHT have a fine reputation for quality build and being an exemplary landlord. They have several projects in Kings Worthy that speak for themselves: the Bungalows in the footpath between Mountbatten Place and Loveden Lane are examples of a recent project.

**Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter**

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## Management Accounts for the period ended 31 January 2015

2013/14 Actual (Full Year) (£)	Current Month Budget (£)	Current Month Actual (£)	Current Month Variance (£)	Income Item/Description	2014/2015 Budget ytd (£)	Actual ytd (£)	Variance ytd (£)	2014/2015 Budget (£)	Forecast Outturn (£)	2015/16 Budget (Agreed) (£)
118,765	9,692	9,755	62	Finance (inc. Precept)	98,269	104,996	6,727	118,109	123,454	120,509
4,376	400	400	0	THMC Income	4,000	4,000	0	4,800	4,800	4,800
9,010	333	120	-213	Recreation & Amenities	4,930	26,346	21,416	7,050	33,330	6,200
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>132,151</b>	<b>10,426</b>	<b>10,275</b>	<b>-151</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>107,199</b>	<b>135,343</b>	<b>28,144</b>	<b>129,959</b>	<b>161,584</b>	<b>131,509</b>
				Expenditure Item/Description						
72,258	4,167	3,848	319	Finance	50,218	54,283	-4,066	67,763	73,556	70,047
49,574	4,912	3,449	1,463	Recreation & Amenities	51,520	66,611	-15,090	61,344	80,879	65,184
5,807	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	3,500	3,310	190	7,000	7,186	7,545
<b>127,638</b>	<b>9,078</b>	<b>7,296</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>105,238</b>	<b>124,205</b>	<b>-18,967</b>	<b>136,107</b>	<b>161,621</b>	<b>142,776</b>
132,151	10,426	10,275	-151	<b>Total Income</b>	107,199	135,343	28,144	129,959	161,584	131,509
127,638	9,078	7,296	1,782	<b>Total Expenses</b>	105,238	124,205	-18,967	136,107	161,621	142,776
4,513	1,347	2,978	1,631	Income less expenses	1,961	11,138	9,177	-6,148	-37	-11,267
0	0	0	0	Transfer from Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4,513</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>2,978</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>11,138</b>	<b>9,177</b>	<b>-6,148</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-11,267</b>

