

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 November 2013
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Phil Allen, Stewart Newell, Malcolm Prince, Kerstin Reiners, Martin Taylor, Judith Steventon Baker and Denis Welstead

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

Clerk: Colin Arnett

Public: 4

PC/13/126 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Barnes, Gordon and Hallisey, PCSO Chris Martin and HCC Cllr Jackie Porter.

PC/13/127 Public Question Time

Members were asked if there were plans to publish a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish which would detail proposals regarding future housing development. Cllr White indicated that a Parish Plan had been produced. Councillors had researched the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan and felt that the ongoing work with the WCC Planning team on Local Plan 2 including the public consultation would be the most suitable option for our parish. A Neighbourhood Plan would be costly in time and money with little evidence that it had any advantage over the current initiatives.

Karl Bowring representing the "Top Field Action Group" produced a paper regarding the allocation of building land and highlighting the availability of land at 140 Springvale Road which would negate any need for housing outside of the village envelope. The PC had hoped that this would be the case, but had been advised by WCC that there would be a shortfall of around 22 houses within the current settlement boundary.

Mark Gardener highlighted the latest guidance from the SDNP with regard to pedestrian access

PC/13/128 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **Police** – the monthly report from Chris Martin had been circulated to members [copy attached], who had noted the contents.

The clerk confirmed that Cllr Gordon had sent a letter to the police outlining member's concerns regarding the recording of figures etc. A reply had yet to be received. The clerk was asked to chase a response. **Action – the clerk**

- **County Councillor** – the monthly report from Jackie Porter covered the following [copy attached];

Members noted that HCC were unable to send a representative to explain the allocation of S106 funding for highway projects to the Planning and Highways Committee. Cllr White suggested that a meeting be scheduled during normal office hours. **Action – the clerk**

Jackie Porter's report also highlighted the work on the M3 Junction 9, Broadband, HCC Redundancies and Vacancies for School Governors and Partnership Board Members for pre-school groups.

Cllr White indicated that a meeting to consider the improvements to the A33/B3047 junction was being arranged with HCC Cllr Woodward [portfolio holder for transport] including ourselves, Cllrs Porter & Rutter and MP Steve Brine.

- **City Councillor** - Jane Rutter presented her monthly report [copy attached]

She asked for any comments on the proposals for the re-development of the River Park Leisure Centre to be sent to her.

She highlighted Barton Farm, the Worthys Festival, the allocation of new homes at Hookpit Farm Lane, the Boundary Commission Review of WCC Wards and the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Cllr Prince asked that she lobby WCC to ensure that the precept support grant for parish councils is not reduced for the financial year 2014-15.

Cllr White reminded all outside contributors that their reports should be sent to the parish office a week before the meeting to allow distribution to members.

- **School Governor** – Nothing to report.

Cllr Prince highlighted the proposed new waiting restrictions for the area adjacent to the school.

- **South Wonston PC Skate Park** – Cllrs White, Newell and Allen had met with a representative of the PC to discuss their skate park. Although the PC had given the land and made a donation towards the work, a separate project team outside of the PC had managed the installation. There had been one objection to the proposal which was later withdrawn.

- **Headbourne Worthy PC S106 Monies** – Cllrs Allen, Hallisey and Reiners had attended a meeting of Headbourne Worthy PC who had agreed to allocate some of their S106 funding towards the playground at Church Green [15K] and the car park at Eversley Park [£9K].

The meeting also discussed the loss of potential allotment land due to housing development and the number of driveways now accessing Springvale Road.

- **Sundial** – Cllrs White and Allen had met with Adrian Walker from Safire Associates of Southampton. Members approved his quotation of £370 to polish, re-lacquer and re-fit the sundial.
There would be no warranty for the work, although it is anticipated to last some 3-5 years. The alternative option of a stainless steel sundial would cost in excess of £1K. Cllr Allen assured Cllr Prince that it would be vandal proof.
- **NatWest Bank** – Cllrs Prince and Gordon had met with NatWest Bank. They received assurances that the interest on our deposit accounts would be paid gross. NatWest apologised for the loss of paperwork, particularly with regard to cheque signatories and had credited our account with £500 compensation.

PC/13/129 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21 October 2013

The minutes were agreed as a true record with one amendment – PC/13/113 delete “Steven” add “Steventon” - and were signed by Cllr White.

PC/13/130 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21 October 2013

- **Pc/13/115 Worthies Sports and Social Club** - Cllr Prince suggested that the PC should check the plans for the extended picnic bench area to ensure they do not encroach on PC land. Cllr Allen agreed to obtain a copy. **Action – Cllr Allen**
- **PC/13/117 Springvale Road Speed Survey**- Cllr White understood that HCC were discussing the reduction of the speed limit with the police. The PC is continuing to push HCC for a response to our consultation process.
- **PC/13/117 Core Strategy Part 2** - Cllr White reported that arrangements for the exhibitions were now in place for the evening of the 19th November [7-10pm] and the afternoon of 20th November [12-6pm] 2013. WCC Planners will be in attendance and the landowners have been asked to attend for the last two hours of each session. The event had been widely publicised and it is hoped that it will be well attended by parishioners. The meetings would be manned by councillors from the Planning and Highways Committee, but all were invited to attend.
- **PC/13/117 Litter Pick** - the litter pick on the 26 October 2013 had been well attended with some 21 volunteers. The opportunity was taken to ask parishioners how we could improve communications; email seemed to be the favourite method. Discussions are to take place at the Communications Group meeting with regard to using a system of cascading emails.
- **PC/13/118 Land off Hookpit Farm Lane** – Cllr Welstead reported that he had contacted the site manager with regard to mud on the road

PC/13/131 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 29 October 2013

Cllr White presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Top Field Action Group** – representatives had attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the proposed development by Drew Smith.

Cllr Reiners asked for clarification on the Footpath Diversion Order. Cllr Allen gave a brief summary of the history dating back to the original proposal in 2005.

Cllr White suggested that further discussion take place outside of the meeting. Members agreed and considered that the meeting was losing its focus on the agenda. Cllr Reiners wished to have it recorded that she took offence at the way some councillors had spoken to her.

- **Abbots Worthy Street Lighting** – a majority of the residents in Abbots Worthy wished to retain the street light at the entrance to Abbots Worthy House.
- **Planning Applications** – Members had considered the planning applications for 24 Vale Way, 7/8 The Woodlands, Glentops Legion Lane, Land Off Hookpit Farm Lane [tree] and 1 Old Farm Cottages.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 7 November 2013

Cllr Newell presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Church Green Playground** – the public consultation had resulted in 16 voting for the scheme with 8 against and 17 for the style of the scheme and 7 against. Members agreed that we proceed with the project and seek to amend the Land Registry documents to re-site the playground from the original location proposed by the developer at the time in the far left-hand corner of Church Green to a position adjacent to London Road.
- **S106 Funding**- the suggested project priority listing is; [for Play] Church Green, Accessible Swing, Entertainment Area at Tubbs Hall, Fryers Close, Skate Park; [for Sport] Eversley Park Car Park.

Members ratified the listing. It was considered that currently there was only funding available for the Church Green Playground, accessible swing and the Eversley Park Car Park. As a result the tenderers involved in the Fryers Close Playground should be notified that this project would not be imminent.

Action – the clerk

Cllr Steventon Baker suggested that the Tenants Association contractor is interested in sponsoring projects, such as the Tubbs Hall Entertainment Area. Cllr Prince added a word of caution suggesting that although this may be worth investigating, they may wish to advertise on a project.

- **Tree Work** - Members had considered the report from David Harris and agreed that the work at Eversley Park, Hinton Fields and Hinton Park should proceed as a priority.
- **Dog Fouling Campaign** – Members had thanked Cllr Reiners for her work on the children's colouring competition and the production and distribution of leaflets.

Finance Committee – 13 November 2013

Cllr Prince presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

The current surplus on current account amounts to £4,001 with a forecast deficit of £4019. Section 106 monies allocated to the maintenance of Church Green and Broadview have started to be transferred to the current account.

- **Grants** - no further applications to report
- **Budget 2014-15** – Cllr Prince thanked the committees for their work on the budget. At this stage we are unable to discuss a figure for the precept until we are in possession of the full facts with regard to the support grant from WCC. The deficit for next year without the grant is estimated to be some £13K.

Cllr Welstead asked if there would be any income from the wood from the felled trees. Cllr Allen indicated that this was unlikely.

PC/13/132 Standing Orders

The suggested amendments from the Chairman and Committee Chairs were debated together with other minor amendments from members.

Members agreed the changes and Cllr White agreed to compile a final version for the office to circulate. **Action – Cllr White/the clerk**

Members agreed that the draft terms of reference compiled by each committee which will serve as an adjunct to the Standing Orders should be considered next year.

PC/13/133 Replacement Clerk

Cllr White outlined the proposals for a replacement clerk. The deputy clerk will take the position of clerk and will increase his hours to cover four days. A full-time trainee clerk will be appointed. An advertisement has been processed with a closing date for applications of the 6 December 2013. It is anticipated that an appointment will be made before Christmas. Training will be given to the new trainee with the committee chairman initially assisting them with the minutes.

Cllr Welstead suggested that a job evaluation exercise be undertaken. Cllr Prince assured him that there would be no increase in costs with the change.

Members ratified the new arrangements.

PC/13/134 Meeting Dates for 2014

The clerk had circulated a draft schedule of meeting dates for 2014. He pointed out that the April PC meeting clashed with Easter Monday and would therefore need to be re-scheduled. Members decided to defer a decision until nearer the time.

Cllr White indicated that Adrian Reeves, our current Deputy but soon to be Clerk, had an on-going commitment on a Monday and would appreciate the PC meeting being scheduled on an alternative day. After some discussion members voted to stay with a Monday meeting and ratified the suggested dates.

PC/13/135 Communications

Cllr White reported that it is hoped that the updating of the website and Facebook would be the responsibility of the new trainee.

The next edition of the newsletter is scheduled for February.

Cllr Reiners is investigating email cascades to establish a wider readership of the monthly and other ad hoc communications.

PC/13/136 Clerk's Notices

- **Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests** - the clerk gave each councillor a copy of the latest guidance notes from the Department for Communities and Local Government

PC/13/137 Chairman's Notices

- **Chairman's Christmas Drinks** - Members agreed that this should be held at 7.30pm on the 9 December 2013.
- **Councillor Vacancy** – It was noted that Dorry Hudson had applied for consideration to join the PC. Members agreed that a new notice be published with an intention to co-opt at the January PC meeting. **Action – the clerk**

PC/13/138 Items for the Next Meeting

Members suggested the following items for the next meeting; Approval of the Budget for 2014-15 and associated precept.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 20 January 2014.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Signed

Dated



Winchester Rural North – Kings Worthy SNT Crime Statistics

For the period 14th Of October 2013 until the 10th Of November 2013

Prepared by PCSO 15107 Chris Martin

Suspicious vehicles and people:

There has been 5 reports of suspicious vehicles and people in the area, thank you for reporting this and please continue to do so. This information is essential to us and it will be investigated.

Theft:

07/11/2013 10:00 – 12:00

From **Jubilee hall London road**, a rucksack was stolen during a baby sensory class. This case in currently under investigation.

Burglary:

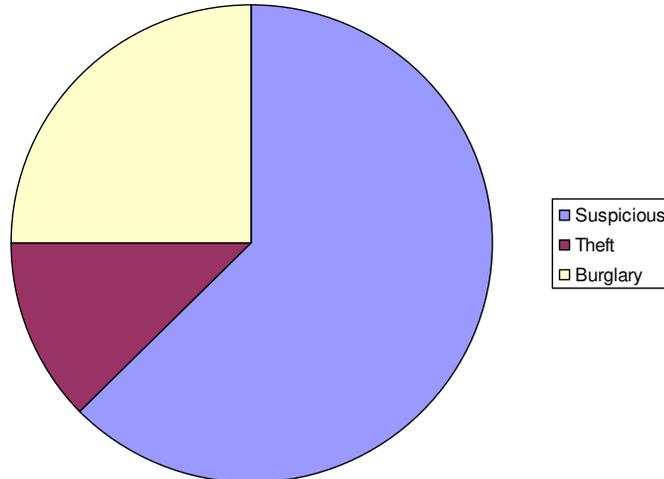
14/10/2013 – Attempt on a property on **Springvale road**, window was smash and alarm activated. Persons did not enter nor take anything. Currently under investigation.

30/10/2013 – A personal workshop in **Martyr Worthy** was broken into and gardening equipment taken. Case currently under investigation.

Information to note:

Recent poachers in nearby fields – during the hours of darkness if vehicle/vehicles are seen in fields then please report this to the Police.

Reports that persons are possibly reporting rough in Fryers close. Police patrols in area have been stepped up.



Please be assured that Hampshire Constabulary and your Safer Neighbourhood's Team are regularly conducting high visibility patrols of the area, however, should any member of the public see any suspicious behaviour or vehicles, please do not hesitate to contact 101.

www.crimereports.co.uk is also a useful tool to see what is happening in your area

County Councillor County Report for November 2013

What does your community want- and what public support can you demonstrate?

Community plans are the key documents to showing support for infrastructure requests. How are you getting on with yours? I create a list of highways items from listening to residents, following up Parish Council meeting discussions etc, but ideally, your community plan and 'my list' should be linked, though not necessarily identical, as my list links to schools, doctors etc. too. (see attached)

The list of Highways Infrastructure items on the HCC list which is called the **Transport Statement** has been sent to you by Pete Boustred. If you don't have sight of it, please let me know. Please review your 'Transport Statement' regularly and you can add to it at any time, by emailing Pete Boustred or James Gagg at HCC.

Highway Infrastructure Requests

Road projects are being discussed at a Highways Meeting on 14th November. Councillors and officers make bids for a share of the budget. Decisions are based on need, ease of delivery and cost. Those not lucky enough to 'make the cut' are left on the list for another year. Springvale Road resurfacing was agreed for 14/15 as was the Springvale Road Speed Review.

M3 Junction 9 work in progress. So far: minimal day time disruption. Due to complete 14th December. **A303 road closures** are planned for November. See the HA or my website for details.

For S106 projects, Pete Boustred is your contact & for maintenance, Michael Court.

Slow/no broadband

The broadband delivery map is now online www.hants.gov.uk/broadband. You can go in, and see more detail. If you are in a grey section, your area will be covered commercially. If in a green section, you are one of the 57,500 households that should have superfast broadband by end 2015, courtesy of the BDUK, part Government funded programme.

If you are in a yellow section, then the prognosis is not so good. Glenn Peacey at HCC is happy to talk through your options by Parish. It is useful if I attend too (from previous experience) as there is much to discuss.

County Council redundancies are expected to be massive in 2015- HCC is considering the possibility of 1800 jobs being cut, as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review. Many of the staff are your residents and tenants too. This is a real problem: we all want better services, but the 'money just isn't in the purse'. This threat of redundancy is also having a real effect on staff as those left in office, take on more and more.

Seeking support and Challenge members of boards for Children's Centres and Schools

Snowdrops and Reign and Shine/Sunbeams need Partnership Board members. Schools are always looking for Governors too. If you would like to be involved, please contact me.

Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk

Thatch Fire Prevention Advice at Sutton Scotney Fire Station, Oxford Road, 7pm on Friday 6th December. Please call 01256 300330 to book your place.

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CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 18th November 2013

1. River Park Leisure Centre – Public Consultation on Options for New Facilities

Following the public meeting debacle last month, and bitter exchanges in the local press, the WCC Conservative Cabinet has agreed to a consultation period which will run between 18 November and 2 December 2013 and will include two static exhibitions, one at RPLC and one at The Guildhall, for the whole two week period. There will also be two sessions in the Guildhall where people can go along and talk to officers/ members and these will be in the Wintonian Room on 26 and 27 November 2014 from 2pm to 8pm. Please do try to pop along to one of these. We would be interested to hear your views on what form a replacement for the Leisure Centre should take, and where it should be.

2. Barton Farm

A Special meeting of the Planning Development Control Committee will be held on Thursday 13 February to determine Barton Farm Phases 1a and 1b Reserved Matters, and agree the Design Code. Robert and Jane will both be voting members at this meeting, but of course there will be no opportunity to actually vote against development as that decision has already been made by the Secretary of State. We will be looking at the design and details of the first two phases, one at the Weeke end, and the other at the end of Wellhouse Lane.

3. Worthys Festival

The Festival AGM is being held on Wednesday this week. This is the meeting at which the decision will be taken about whether to have another Festival in 2015. It is at 7.30pm at the King Charles pub. All members of the Parish Council are warmly invited to attend, and we advise you that the canapes look delicious!

4. New Homes at Hookpit Farm Lane

WCC will be holding an event for potential applicants for the houses on this rural exception site on Tuesday 26 November 2013, 4.00-7.00pm in the community lounge, Harwood Place, Kings Worthy.

A letter has been sent out to applicants on the Hampshire Home Choice register with a local connection to Kings Worthy. Hyde will be sending a letter to applicants on the Homes in Hants who are looking for a shared ownership property and have a local connection to the Parish.

5. Boundary Commission Review of WCC wards

- i. Legal Services held a briefing for councillors recently giving a time table for making recommendations to the boundary commission review of Winchester District. This will apply only to the City wards in the district. It is important that both City and Parish Councils consider making representations, as if no comments are made the commission's recommendations will be imposed. The Timetable for the review will start in February 2014 for a preliminary period of 6 months followed by an analysis for 5 weeks. After this period several other stages will follow with a final DECISION in 2015 with implementation in 2016. It should be stressed that the final decision on this process is in the hands of the Boundary Commission; should we not make representations the Commission's decision will be imposed with no appeal. There is a strong chance that the number of city councillors will be significantly reduced and wards either made larger with two or three members, or reduced to one representative each if kept the same size or made smaller. There is much less tolerance for different sized wards in this new review.
- ii. In the case of Parish Boundaries you need to be aware that some adjacent Parishes could be making a case that has an impact on the boundaries, in the case of the City Council the same situation will apply and it is possible that some wards could be combined or in some cases

split wards could be created. This is why we need to be aware of this and work together. We will be reporting on progress at future meetings so that we are all aware of any developments. *Robert.*

6. Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many congratulations to Gloria Francis and all her many helpers for the successful Macmillan Coffee morning held here at the beginning of November. Over £360 was raised for the charity.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter