



Village News

So you want to be a Parish Councillor?

As with all levels of government, there are rules governing election of parish councillors, which are held, if there are more candidates than places, on a four year rotation.

In 2010 we had 17 candidates for 12 places and ended

with a half new, half existing council. The new grouping worked very well together. Amongst other things they instigated an increase in the level of public communication and sought to regularly seek the views of parishioners through public consultations. We trust that you have noticed the difference and importantly



felt part of your parish. Various members have left through relocation, pressures of paid work or other life pressures.

We still have 7 of those elected working on the council.

This May, once again, we are up for election.

At least one of the current councillors will

be standing down, so we will be looking for at least one new candidate.

Although we all have our own special interests due to living and family situations, as well as varying expertise due to our work backgrounds, we are united in wanting to be representative of the whole parish and continue to maintain and improve our surroundings

and facilities for the benefit of all. We have full council meetings on a monthly basis as well as three sub-committees covering Recreation and Amenities, Planning and Highways, and Finance. From each sub-committee there are various external meetings e.g. regarding building new play facilities, street lighting, planning policies to name but a few.

Come along to any of our public meetings, agendas are published on the website www.theworthys.org.uk or on the noticeboard outside Tubbs Hall. Call into the Parish Office or email us on kwpc@btconnect.com for more information.

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Future Housebuilding

We hope that the vast majority of you, who wished to, had opportunity to see the 3 options for out of settlement building that is going to be required in order to reach our target in the coming years. We have been asked to decide on an area to build an extra 20-25 houses which are thought not to be likely to be encompassed in the current settlement boundary. We have been delighted to have had feedback on this from 140 parishioners and are currently working with Winchester City planners to work out which area best fits parishioners views on priorities. Look out for further information on this soon.

Tree Maintenance

In common with many property owners we have had our fair share of issues with falling branches and trees over recent months. We had already instigated detailed inspections of all our green areas in order to maintain and improve them. Inevitably we will have to remove the occasional large tree that is becoming unsafe due to disease or simply age. Nevertheless we will aim to keep and prolong the life of as many of our specimens as possible. Sometimes this will be



by removing smaller competing trees, through clearing undergrowth, and



where necessary surgery to the tree itself. During our maintenance we hope to continue to make optimum use of all our recreation areas, opening up some of the more overgrown places whilst protecting ecological environments. In the first instance there will be some major tree

works in Eversley Park and on the edge of Hinton Fields which are well populated or have trees overhanging properties. We will then be making a start on Upper and Lower Broadview. We will also be aiming to open up some of the heavily overgrown edge in order to increase the recreational area.



Eversley Park Carpark

As anyone who frequents the park on a Saturday morning during the football season will be well aware, the car park gets increasingly crowded and a challenging place to negotiate. Since our hugely successful path across the park, more and more parents are also using the car park in order

to then walk across the park to school. Once again it is getting crowded. The car park has not been resurfaced for some time so we are using builders' \$106 contributions for sport and recreation to fund resurfacing it and at the same time

marking out spaces to improve the parking situation for all. Currently we are seeking tenders.

Improved parking in the park

Church Green Play Area

We held a well attended public consultation meeting on new suggestions for the play area on Church Green. Feedback was largely in favour of a small playground for the under 6's made in wood. There will be a climbing wall, a slide built into the slope and balancing posts. We hope to get this project under way in the summer months.



SITE OF PLAY-GROUND

Accessible Swing

If you recall we planned to hang a cradle type swing on one of our existing swing frames. This proved to be impractical on further investigation. As an alternative we are installing a new swing frame in the playground at Eversley Park, replacing some of the perimeter fence of the redundant corner of verge where the new path meets the corner along the corner along the path by school. Dealing with three issues in one go, we are trying to use our play recreation S106 funding efficiently whilst ensuring that we have first class facilities for all.



NEW SWING

NEW LINE OF FENCE

Future Projects

We had hoped to remodel the disintegrating flower border in front of Tubbs Hall, but other priorities have financial priority. For the time being we intend to grass around the area.



We were delighted to have the unveiling of the street names plaque by The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire,

Dame Mary Fagan. Congratulations to all those who made it possible. Do come and see the plaque and find out more about Kings Worthy's link to the navy.



We have also looked at the newly acquired piece of green on Fryers Close. We will repair the rickety boundary fence but the intended new play equipment is going to have to wait. Suggestions have been made

on expanding the football pitch provision as the Worthys Youth Football Club continues to grow, tennis courts within Kings Worthy have been suggested and teenagers are keen on a skateboard park. Others are keen to expand footpath and cycle lanes

What would you like your Parish Council to consider next ?

within the parish. Do let us know what you want to see on your doorstep?

Improving Communications

On a monthly basis we continue to publish communications on what the parish council are doing. We publish these on our notice boards, on our website and post them on Facebook. From time to time snippets are published in the local press. We hope you use these to keep up to date but we are continually advised that people don't know what we are planning. When we had our autumn litter pick, some had seen information on the



noticeboard but most had heard via friends and neighbours. Similarly with our recent Planning exhibitions, we heard of many who were unaware of the meetings. This was despite advising of these in the last newsletter, publishing information on all parish boards, in our village halls, a press article as well as by word of mouth. Tell us how we can improve on this? An email cascade has been suggested.



How do we get the message to you?

Would this suit you? How do you usually hear about events you want to attend? If you would like to be included in a future email cascade, please contact the Parish Office on kwpc@btconnect.com so we can put you on the list. Any other suggestions for improving our communications would be very much welcome.

Highways Updates

We have heard from Hampshire County Council (HCC), that the police have no objections to the reduction of the speed limit along Springvale Road to 30. We hope that they, HCC, will now commence a Traffic Regulation Order which is their official consultation process on the subject. Look out for information on lamp-posts and in the local press.

We continue to work with our City and County councillors and MP to press HCC towards

improving the B3047 junctions with the A33 near the Cart & Horses). To date there have been suggestions of relatively minor improvements, largely to make the crossing of these roads safer for pedestrians. Over recent months we have had a team approach to pushing for this. We have so far established that funds for any improvements are currently very limited. Suggestions for roundabouts have been discounted on the basis of

Springvale Road & Cart and Horses junction

expense. In view of the number of accidents over the last year alone requiring the attendance of emergency vehicles, we are keen to continue to press for better suggestions. A possible reduction of the speed limit along the A33 has been suggested so far. We will keep you informed of developments.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS



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**S T E W A R T
NEWELL**
R&A and P & H

We welcomed
a new
councillor,
Dorry Lawlor-
Hudson in
January 2014

OUR PARISH CLERKS



ADRIAN REEVES



CHRIS READ

Good-bye and Thank You to Colin Arnett

This year we have said good-bye to Colin who has clerked for the Parish Council for 12 years and has now decided to retire. He has seen many councillors come and go and been instrumental in guiding us all through the processes of local government, often going over and above what could be reasonably expected from him. He has also inducted two deputies in recent years and spent a few months working singlehandedly in the parish office. We owe him many thanks, his retirement is very much well earned and we wish him all the best in the coming years.

Adrian Reeves has taken on the substantive clerk's role and we welcome Chris Read as our trainee.



KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Full Parish Council meetings 3rd Monday of each month
(except August and December) 7.30pm.

Sub - Committees :

Recreation and Amenities (**R&A**) - 1st Thursday (except
August and December) 7.30p.m.

Planning and Highways (**P&H**) - Last Tuesday (except
December) 7.30p.m.

Finance (**F**) - 2nd Wednesday at 9.30am.

All meetings in Tubbs Hall – Public welcome

Speak to the clerk first if you have a specific interest, so you
can be directed to the most appropriate meeting.

OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10.30-
3.30 AND FRIDAY 10.30-1PM.

(Please phone before visiting the office, to check the clerks
are not out on other duties.)



The Worthies – NW bulletin Feb 2014



Neighbourhood Watch exists to reduce crime and the fear of crime and works alongside the police to ensure our communities are more resilient. It engages with partners such as Trading Standards, parish, local and county councils and especially the new Police and Crime Commissioner because we all share the determination to build good community spirit and help identify and solve any local concerns together. We believe that crime cannot flourish in caring communities and especially focus on our more vulnerable residents to stop them being the victims of scams and unscrupulous cold callers.

If you are not already a member of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme we invite you to join us. Setting up a scheme is very easy. Just contact me and I can tell you more. We need one person in each road

to come forward as the NW coordinator. If you have an email address (this helps with not only speed of passing information to your neighbours but also provides the cheapest method for us all to keep in touch) you will receive regular information from the police about what crimes are happening in your area and also very useful crime prevention advice to help us all keep the Worthies safe places to live.

Remember - if you are out in the evening or away for a few days, invest in some timer switches and leave a couple of lights to come on – even a radio. Thieves are more likely to target a home which appears empty and remember to cancel your post and give your neighbour a set of keys. Hide your car keys rather than leaving them by the hall or kitchen window and remember that our sheds

and garages have expensive tools, bikes etc...so lock everything every time you leave it!

Much more advice can be found on our NW website at www.wehnw.org.uk. I encourage you to register your valuables on the Immobilise website. www.immobilise.com This is a free national register which the police use to identify and so return stolen goods. If you see a crime in action immediately dial 999 and if you have suspicions about a person or vehicle which you feel is not quite right please dial 101 and help build up the pattern of intelligence so useful to our police colleagues.

Please join us!

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