

Village News

Local Plan Part 2 (Update)

Since the summer, there have been two further Public Consultations regarding the preferred site for houses on the field south of Eversley Park. HAB, the developers of the site, are intending to hold a further Public Consultation taking into account the feedback received before a formal Planning Application is



submitted. In the meantime Winchester City Archeologists are investigating the site. There was a clear preference for housing to be situated so that there would be unbroken open space between the existing Park and the field that runs down to the A33, rather than housing across the middle. Also being discussed is the layout

and inclusions for the recreation area within the development, a natural, country park like space seeming to be preferred. The date of the next consultation will be posted on the Noticeboards, on our website (theworthys.org.uk) and on our Facebook page. It will also be published in the Hampshire Chronicle.

Pavilion in the Park (Community Hall)?

Whilst investigating possibilities for our new enlarged park, the suggestion of a bigger multi-room, community hall has been made by local organisations. This could potentially be a home for the Worthys Youth Football Club, a new improved venue, with more and bigger rooms, and storage, for the increasing troop of Scouts, a meeting point for the newly formed Worthys Runners and we would hope many more community groups. A working party has been formed including parish councillors, but also interested parties and various experts to investigate the possibilities. As part of the project we could look at slightly enlarging the carpark at Eversley and whether it is possible to improve the traffic flow, perhaps with car park access being in through Loader Close but out through the new development? If you have views on this, please complete the form on the back of the newsletter or email kwpc@btconnect.com

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Cart and Horses Junction

The Parish Council have campaigned over a long period of time to improve the safety of this junction and Hampshire County Council has previously promised that the road layout changes would be carried out by the end of this financial year. We understand that there are currently discussions happening with HCC and the Highways Agency regarding the type of road surface to be used and we hope that this will not delay work starting. Certainly the Parish Council will continue to put pressure on the relevant departments.

Broadview / Hinton Park revitalisation

We anticipate the first stage of this project during the middle of March. We will first be tackling the bottom right hand border (from Wesley Road) of Lower Broadview, removing the fallen and falling hawthorns, leaving just a few healthy specimens. The undergrowth will also be cut back to encourage healthy regrowth. This autumn's berries were abundant, but left unchecked they would soon bring down more trees and become more and more straggly. A similar policy will



be adopted at the bottom left hand (from Tovey Place) section of Upper Broadview; again a few healthy hawthorns will remain along with the broadleaf trees, which will be pruned to encourage healthy growth. The aim is to carry this forward in annual stages over a 7 to 10 year period, to manage the greenery that has become fairly overgrown of late, that will then be perfect for nesting birds and other wildlife. We will then continue on a 10 yearly maintenance cycle

thereafter.

At the same time we will also be removing some of the central Portuguese laurels from Hinton Park, which crowd the path and make it dark to walk through, as well as the few rather weak horsechestnuts.

In their place we expect to plant some fruit



trees next autumn. We would hope that this will be the start of a community orchard to follow through into the new country park along with maybe some allotments.

Lovedon Lane Burial Ground Revamp

Over the past few months Councillors Hallisey and Hudson have been working closely with Horticultural students from Sparsholt College to create an improved area of tranquillity within the Burial Ground on Lovedon Lane.

After doing a site visit the group of students worked individually to create designs incorporating features that had been discussed in the first meeting with the Councillors.

A place of serenity

A follow up meeting proved that the students had worked extremely hard to deliver designs that are sure to create the tranquil area that we hope to see over the next few months.

The students, along with their tutor Chris Bird, have also agreed to carry out the revamp as part of their course. This is pretty exciting as the students have so much knowledge between them; it would be very hard to believe that anything other than a great



end result will be achieved. Once this work has been completed we should have an area that will be serene, tactile and fragrant with a lot of colour. A Water feature is also on the agenda, as is a Butterfly Garden.

We shall keep you updated on the progress of this work. Hopefully by the summer this will be an area that will be much visited and seen as the tranquil place it is intended to be.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Once again we strive to achieve keeping Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy villages to be proud of.

In order to do this we have to rely upon the residents to help out by making sure we at least maintain the area on and around our own properties.

If we can all take responsibility for the 100 yards or so around our own personal property boundaries then we should see a neat and tidy parish at all times.

We only ask that each person do what ever they feel physically able to do.

If the more agile of our community are willing to make sure that areas around their properties are kept litter free, report any dog fouling, deal with any weeds and generally keep a look out for areas that appear to be in need of attention then we should have villages and a community that we are all proud to be part of.

A particular problem that has been noted is the parking of vehicles on grass verges. This is especially an issue along Fraser Road, where it



all gets ploughed up and looks a mess even into the summer.

We ask that the guilty ones consider the damage this careless parking is doing to the verges and refrain from parking in this unnecessary way in the future.

Muddy verges make it unpleasant for pedestrians and this is very unfair... it is also unfair to cause this degree of damage to the verges for no good reason other than careless parking. With heavy vehicles there is also the potential for damaging underlying services such as gas, electric and cable TV routings.

Let's hope we can see the owners of these vehicles respecting our aim to keep the village looking nice for everyone!

Dog fouling around the parish is another issue that we continue to stamp out.

We know that most dog owners are very responsible. However, there are still some who find it acceptable to not scoop up their doggie's deposits.

Please be considerate and scoop it up!

Please telephone 01962 848350

to report repeated incidents to the dog warden.



Learn about the history of our villages

We are delighted to see that the Worthys Local History Group have completed and will shortly be arranging installation and unveiling of the first, of the anticipated several, history boards. The first will be in Eversley Park, one placed at each end of the path, illustrating and explaining various aspects of

the history of the site. This includes the fact that it was the site of an observation post in World War II, some history about Lord Eversley who gifted the money for the start of the park in his will and some information about the Medieval White Way across the chalklands.

Look out for information on the

unveiling of these and then call by to read about the history. We will expect more of these informative boards to appear around the Worthys in the future. Although funded by the Parish Council, ie you, the hard work in developing these is down to members of the history group, many thanks are due to the group.

Flood Action Plan

Following our previous notification in last summer's Newsletter, the Parish council now has an Emergency Plan. This includes local properties most at risk, a list of local skills and resources which can be called upon in an emergency, a contact list of organisations that would be brought in to help, as well as a rota of Councillors who act as Duty Officer for a week at a time



and would be the first point of contact in case of imminent flooding (or other emergency). The prime responsibility for dealing with flooding does not rest with the Parish

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Council but we certainly are committed to helping in whatever ways we can and the Emergency Plan has enabled us to be better prepared to assist than was the case last February.

Council Tax Precept



The Finance Committee of the Parish Council have been working hard with the Clerk to submit our proposals to Winchester City Council. The Council's income largely comes from the Precept that householders pay as part of the Council Tax although this is supplemented by such things as football pitch fees, website advertisements etc. We are waiting for approval from the City Council but at present our proposal would result in a small decrease against last year in the amount of Precept levied per household

Reduction in Evening Bus Service

The Spring service, which runs between Winchester, Kings Worthy and Springvale, has seen a reduction in its timetable from January 4. The last evening bus from the city is now at 7.09pm.

The two evening services were cut after the county council ended its funding. There may be residents who commute to work by train and rely on a later bus from City Road.

Residents, including youngsters, who work late and do not drive, will now have to depend upon family or friends to give them lifts home. It was reported in the Hampshire Chronicle on January 15th that "the late bus

was always full and that there was always a queue at the bus stop, yet the Bus company claimed it was empty". The report goes on to say that the evening service "will no longer run due to low number of passengers".

Views on the new
Spring timetable

We'd like to invite residents to give feedback on their experiences or concerns in regard to these cuts in service.

Feedback can be posted on Kings Worthy Parish Council's Facebook page or alternatively you can write, email or call into the Office at Tubbs Hall and log your concerns there.



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CHRIS READ

R&A = Recreation and Amenities; P&H = Planning and Highways
Comms = Communications team

A Warm Welcome to our new Parish Councillors

We would like to give a warm welcome our three new Parish Councillors: Noel McCleery, Karen McCleery and Michael Short.

We look forward to having them on board and are confident that each one will be an asset to the Parish Council.

We also wish to thank outgoing members Phil Allen, Kerstin Reiners and Kim Torkington for their time and the dedication shown during their time on the 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 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 FRIDAY 10.30-3.30

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

**Calling any local graphic/
communications designers**

We continue to aim to keep as many
parishioners informed of local council
activities as much as possible, via
Facebook, website, email, noticeboards
and this door to door 6 monthly
publication.

We would be grateful if there were a local
designer who may be able to help us
improve the layout and general
presentation of our publications in order to
ensure as many as possible are more likely
to read them. If you can help, please
contact the parish office as above.

Worthys Festival 2015

Work continues apace with the various activities
planned for this event. Thank you for feedback
on the end of Festival parade which will not
feature this year.

Keep yourself fit to take part in the Fun Run or
Cycle Ride; your pooch in trim for the dog show;
your skills honed for the Talent Show or Music
Festival; prepare for the Flower, Fruit and
Produce show, or if you would like to open your
garden to the public get in touch. There will be
many, many more events—look out for posters
or via the parish council website

Do you want a bigger, better community hall?

We would like to hear your views on this - see below or email kwpc@btconnect.com

I am in favour / not in favour of a new bigger community hall and review of the
parking at Eversley Park (please circle your choice)

I am a member of

Group, who would like to take part in the discussions on this project and make use of the
potential new space

Name / Contact details (if appropriate)

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Please return to KWPC, Tubbs Hall, Fraser Road by 31st March 2015