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PATH ACROSS THE PARK

We are delighted that after a prolonged campaign, principally from



parents of school children at Kings Worthy Primary School, the path is now in place. An official opening took place including pupils from the school and some of those who originally raised the suggestion some 10 years ago.

Already the path is being well used not only for walking to and from school, but for anyone taking a stroll and for younger children in particular on their bicycles and scooters. We expect the path and the steps to the middle football pitch will also be well used by spectators attending football matches in the muddier months. Thank you to our county councillor Jackie Porter who has been a campaigner on this subject for a long time and who has been very helpful in helping us to obtain the funding from Hampshire County Council for this project.

By-laws



The council reviewed our current by-laws, applicable to all PC green areas, including Eversley Park, Church Green, Broad View and The Green on Fraser Road. We have aimed to be less prescriptive, whilst retaining the right to challenge those who may endanger or spoil enjoyment of the green areas for other users. Such a review process does take some time to go through all the legal proceedings, but the new laws are now in place and boards will be erected at the various sites with an abbreviated version very soon. A full set of the by-laws can be viewed at the Parish Office at Tubbs Hall.



Tree maintenance for parishioners



In our last newsletter we pointed out that we are implementing an even more in depth review of all our trees in the parish to maintain their health and safety, but that overhanging trees can be trimmed back to boundaries by neighbours of any of our green areas. We have had a number of queries on this subject from parishioners who have been challenged when pruning their own trees, or those of neighbours on the basis that they may need planning permission for such work.

If you live in the Conservation Area—whole of Abbots Worthy, London Road, St Marys Close, Church Green Close, Church Lane, The Paddock or the Woodlands, you would need to seek permission from the City Council first before felling or indeed pruning a tree with a trunk of greater than 75mm diameter, measured 1.5m from the ground. Similar requirements for permission are needed if the tree concerned has been deemed important enough to the area to have a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) put on it. A call or an email to Winchester City Council 01962 848 345 or trees@winchester.gov.uk would help you evaluate whether you need to follow this route.

Maintaining the natural theme through play on Church Green

Last autumn when we canvassed the nearest neighbours in Headbourne Worthy as well as Kings Worthy on the idea of a small playground for the under 5s, there was a general aversion to the idea. The main concerns were—its size, proximity to London Road and spoiling the aesthetics of the view across the Green.

Councillors have since been working along with a specialist in wooden, more natural play areas to try to

address these issues. The revised suggestions include hedging rather than the harder fencing as a barrier to the London Road side and just a very few, mainly wooden, pieces of equipment. A slide cut into the slope—possibly a small climbing wall at the side of the slide and some kind of balance equipment.



Examples of wooden play equipment

We will be holding a public consultation afternoon/evening on the Green and in St Mary's Church Rooms so parishioners can see the suggestions on site.

Look our for the date of this on noticeboards and our website, as well as on our Facebook page.

Cricket nets helping local teams

We are pleased to hear and see that quite a number of our young players are making use of the nets. This includes players from Easton, Winchester and St Cross Ladies teams with some excellent results.

Visit our website

Since a redesign last summer we are continually trying to improve our website to keep you up to date with not only the council meetings, but local events and listings of both activity groups and local businesses. We have included a hard copy of local businesses in this newsletter—please let us know of any errors or businesses we may have missed.

Please contact the parish office to have your business listed, or for £50 per year, you can advertise on the front page of the site - visit www.theworthys.org.uk.



Approximately 1 in 4 UK households own at least one dog. Walking with a dog accounts for 51% of all visits to the countryside! In Kings Worthy, we recognise the many benefits of dog walking. We aim to keep our village dog friendly, without compromising on its enjoyment by the wider community.

One of the most common complaints we receive are concerning dog deposits. Most accept that if you own a dog, it eats, it poos, and you clean it up. Failing to do so is anti-social, smelly and can spread diseases, including toxocariasis. Considering the many dogs

that live among us, it is obvious that dog poo issues, unfortunately, are often caused by just a few irresponsible dog walkers.

In recent years we have tried various ways of raising community awareness about dog fouling. To further

Dog friendly parish



support our efforts, we are looking at how we can better engage and communicate with local dog owners. To support our motto of 'Bag it. Bin it.', we are reviewing the location of bins, as well as creating a new bin map. We will communicate a 'Poo Policy' for different areas within our village envelope. We will also identify locations

We are on Facebook



We are constantly looking at new ways to engage with parishioners—to let us know what they think about our Parish and the work of the Parish Council to ensure we are spending your money wisely and to the benefit of all.

Although we may be slightly behind the times, we do recognize that increasingly few people read the physical noticeboards and those of a certain age group are more likely to pick up information on-line. We are now placing our monthly news items on Facebook as well as our website and in hard copy around the parish. Like us on Facebook to keep abreast of council activities and let us know what you think - www.facebook.com/Kings-Worthy-Parish-Council.

for dogs to safely run and play off lead, provided they are friendly, can be controlled and remain within the owner's view and attention at all times.

The campaign is due to launch on the 29th September 2013.

A33/B3047 junction improvements

We have, in recent months, been working with our MP Steve Brine, along with our County and City councillors to press the Highways experts in Hampshire County Council to seriously consider some radical improvements to this junction. There continue to be far too many accidents here. We hope to report progress in the not too distant future.

NEW LAMPS FOR OLD

You may have noticed that Hampshire has been updating streetlighting— Winchester central is progressing and we expect Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy to be done in early 2014. All lamps are being replaced with more energy efficient ones, but focussed more on the underlying pavements and the roads, rather than wasting light upwards and outwards. They will run at a lower wattage and will be



Standard lamp

dimmed by a third between the hours of midnight and 5am. Our lamps will be more uniform, having a heritage style throughout the Conservation area and a standard design throughout the rest of the parish. We are having an extra 5 lights along the most heavily housed stretch of Springvale Road— between Hookpit Farm Lane and Haydn Close and another between Springvale Avenue and Nations Hill. We also hope to do some rationalisation on



Heritage lights

Church Lane. Despite the extra lights there should overall be less night-sky light pollution and surrounding houses should be less bothered by nearby lights.

Let us know what you think about this or any council activity.



New lights reduce night-sky light pollution

Springvale Road Speed Limit

30/40?

You should have received, earlier this summer, a consultation document on this subject. There have been, on the notice boards, a “40 is fine campaign”.

In answer to some of their suggestions, we have surveyed residents on this subject previously – last time was some 3 ½ years ago. At that time, although 90% of our respondees were against lowering the speed limit – this was balanced against the petition at the time of over 400 in favour of reducing the limit. We had specifically asked ONLY those who had NOT signed the petition at Tesco's, to complete our survey. Since then we have had numerous requests from parishioners to look at the subject again. This time we are asking all to complete our survey—and **return to Tubbs Hall by Friday 6th September**.

We have aimed to give a balanced argument in our survey document. We hope that all can give an informed opinion, unbiased by the views of individual councillors. Depending on the public feedback on this subject we will have to decide whether to ask Hampshire County Council for a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit.

We will be reporting responses and our resulting actions very soon.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS



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COUNCIL VACANCY

Do you have a few spare hours a week?

Would you like to take an active part in village affairs?

Contact the parish office for more information about becoming a Parish Councillor.

LOCAL PLAN PART II

You will no doubt be aware that Winchester is required to achieve a certain level of house building over the next few years. Our target is 250 between 2011 and 2031—we have already nearly a third built or with permission. Our current aim is to keep any building within the current built envelope and avoid sprawling into the adjoining countryside.

There will be more information on the parish council's views on this soon.

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Worthys Tenants Association

Circumstances have arisen to allow The Worthies Tenants' Group to have a re-brand, move with the times, embrace modern methods of communication and hopefully welcome some new, maybe younger, active members. We are aiming to offer help and support to anyone living in the Worthies who lives in a home they do not own.

Please note this is a voluntary Group for ALL tenants.

Subjects such as Choice Based Letting, Maintenance issues, Down/Up sizing (including the 'bedroom tax') and more will be discussed.

Our next meeting will be on
**Thursday 15 August 7.30pm
in the Common Room**

at Harwood Place, Fraser Road

All Tenants are welcome.

Speaker - Barbara Dunn, Money and Benefits Advisor

So come along - have a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to speak to your Area Housing Manager and members of the committee.

Watch out for the flyer which we hope all tenants will receive prior to the meeting.

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.)

Bonfires



It will soon be that time of year for tidying up gardens after the summer and many burn excess rubbish in the process. Please do think about your neighbours when you do this and remember that smoke caused by bonfires can be seen as a Statutory Nuisance.

- Try to compost as much green waste as you can.
- Ensure that you only burn dry materials.
- Make sure that the weather conditions are appropriate (smoke hangs when there is little wind or in evenings).
- Keep fires away from buildings and roads.
- Never leave a bonfire to smoulder—put it out.
- Check for hedgehogs and other wildlife before lighting.
- Keep children away from fires.
- Do not burn household waste.



Contact Winchester City Council for further advice.