

Parish Council Meeting	
19 February 2018 at 19:30	
Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy	
Clerks	Richard Hanney
Chairman of the Meeting	Councillor Sarah White
Councillors	Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson, Les Haswell, Judith Steventon Baker and Martin Taylor
Hampshire County Council (HCC)	None (apology Cllr Jackie Porter)
Winchester City Council (WCC)	Cllr Jane Rutter
Members of the Public	5

PC/18/17– Appointment of Chair for the meeting

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Sarah White was appointed to chair the meeting – proposed by Martin Taylor 2nd Dorry Hudson and agreed.

PC/18/18– Apologies for absence

Cllrs Karen McCleery, Noel McCleery, Stewart Newell and Denis Welstead

PC/18/19– Public Question Time / Topfield update

The Topfield update item was brought forward as it was raised under public questions.

1/ Concern was expressed that it appeared that a new consent had been granted for the development on Topfield. The Parish Council was confident that there had been no further developments or changes to the plans for outline planning permission agreed in 2015 but did agree to seek clarification from WCC. WCC have given an assurance that they will go to public consultation before any further planning applications are submitted.

2/Felling of trees Tudor Way/Springvale Road- disappointment was expressed that a Willow had been felled. The Parish Council thought that the tree was on private land and unless it was protected by a Preservation Order the owners were within their rights to fell it but agreed to clarify the situation.

3/Footpath/Right of Way Topfield – an update was requested. The Parish Council had been advised that the application was going to inspection within the next 11 months and was deemed to be an Interested Party entitling it to attend the hearing which will base its decision on evidence covering the 20 year period prior to 1997. The Parish Council had retrieved the questionnaires completed at that time and will also lodge a challenge to include those completed at the 2003 re-application and in 2017.
(Cllr Gordon arrived at 19:50)

Action Item	Action by	Target
Obtain clarification of Topfield planning application	Clerk	asap
Clarify felling of tree at Tudor Way	Clerk	asap

PC/18/20 – Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 15 January 2018

The minutes of the meetings were agreed and signed subject to correction of spelling 'sew' should be sow and 'sewn' should be sown.

PC/18/21 Sign minutes of AGM

The minutes were agreed to be a true record of the AGM which will be signed at the next AGM

Action Items	Action by	Target
Sign minutes of AGM	AGM	14 May 2018

PC/18/22– Streetreach Presentation

The Street Reach representative gave a presentation of his organisation which aims to support young and vulnerable people establishing them within the wider community.

He was pleased that the Skateledge will be installed in the near future confident that it will be a popular facility for many using small wheeled sports equipment .

The consultation he carried out with the parish council during the Festival had concluded that a Pump Track was expensive, poor value and may not be safe for many users. He recommended further consultation through 'Sk8 Kings Worthy' Facebook Page to ascertain what is needed/ would be welcomed once the skateledge has been installed.

It was suggested that a local expert might offer his suggestions – this was welcomed.

He would like reports of any anti-social behaviour by young people as he may be able to direct resources to address them.

Street Reach representative left the meeting

Action Items	Action by	Target
Ask expert to contact Street Reach with suggestions	Cllr White	ASAP
Further consultation in the summer	Cllr White/Streetreach	Summer 2018

PC/18/23 – M3 Junction 9 Consultation

Cllr Gordon had spoken to the public engineer before composing a letter on behalf of the Parish Council with recommendations to modify the flow of northward traffic going to the A33 from Winnal – he was optimistic that these recommendations will be included in the final plans.

The issue of the Cart & Horses junction was also raised but Highways England consider that responsibility lies with HCC. Cllr Porter is challenging HCC Highways to look again at resolving this issue and the Parish Council agreed to back her case.

PC/18/24– Development off Lovedon Lane - update

Cllrs White and Hallisey had met with HAB managers. HAB hope to complete all housebuilding by May and will open the footpath in April while protecting the recently sown wild flowers. Unfortunately the allotments will not become available until the autumn. The area originally designated for the pump track will be levelled.

HAB will look at drainage issues and suggestions of 'chain harrowing' the field had been made. Our expert had suggested that this was inadequate and that mole ploughing would be better - this information has been passed to HAB. They will also attend to some of the benches which have not settled level.

Future meetings will be held with their wildflower expert and Landscape Architect who is expected to be working for HAB as a consultant.

It was suggested that we should have an official opening of the field in the late Spring/early summer.

Action Items	Action by	Target
Further meetings with HAB	CLRs White and Hallisey	March/April
Plan official opening of the Wildflower meadow	CLr White	April 18

PC/18/25 - Reports from County Councillors, City Councillors, School Governor and External Meetings (attended by Parish Councillors)

CLr Rutter (WCC) report attached

CLr Rutter and 2 members of the public left the meeting.

School Governors Report : The school hope to appoint a new head teacher by April and thanked the Parish Council for use of its meeting room. The long standing Vice-Chair of Governors is standing down. The school is working on the silver and gold awards under the 'safer routes to school' initiative.

CLr Porter (HCC) report circulated – see attached

External meetings :

CLr Gordon undertook a site visit at Abbots Worthy house and was pleased to report that plans to restore it to a private home are progressing.

CLRs Hudson and White met with the grounds maintenance manager to agree improvements in the Burial Ground, laying of bark and some planting, including Broadview.

Action items	Action by	Target
none		

PC/18/26– Matters arising from the meeting held on 15 January 2018

none

2 members of the public left the meeting.

PC/18/27- Receive the minutes of the committees

Planning & Highways (P&H)– The application for 4 houses at Boyne rise was refused.

The application to build an additional house at 50 Willis Way, refused by WCC, is now going to appeal.

A quote to install gates on the footpath on Footpath 2 at Churchill Close was considered. It was agreed to install 2 metal self-closing gates at a cost of £1575.

Recreation and Amenities; Following a meeting with the tree officer (WCC) we have been told we cannot fell the trees at Fryers close which do have a protection order on them. R&A will consider alternative solutions to the playground issue and may look to apply to undertake some tree surgery.

Reports on the condition of our trees are to be reviewed.

Eversley Park footpath – it was agreed to ask Cllr Porter if she can exert pressure on HCC to resolve the problem of the footpath possibly enlisting support from the 'Safer Routes to School' organisation. If she is unsuccessful it was agreed that we should undertake a proper survey of the footpath and its foundation at a cost of £1450.

It was agreed to purchase a new waste bin at a cost of £200 for Hinton Park.

Finance, Administration & Remuneration –

The confusion over billing with Merritt Tree Specialists has been resolved and they have been paid what was due.

The monthly accounts showed a deficit of £2200 against a budgeted deficit of £20,000.

Accounting software – The Omega and Scribe systems had been considered but did not offer the reporting detail the Parish Council needs. It was agreed to upgrade to a cloud based version of Sage which is cheaper than our existing version and introduce a new simplified reporting spreadsheet.

A request for free use of the Parish Meeting room had been received from the 'Blooming Café'. More information had been requested before making a decision.

Grants ; A grant of £500 to the Community Shed for equipment was recommended and agreed

A grant of £1500 to St Mary's PCC for gazebos to be used by other voluntary organisations was requested – after further discussion the pre-agreed £375 was recommended and agreed.

Risk Register; It was agreed to accept the updated version. It was noted that a re-tendering of the internal auditor's contract needs to be undertaken within the next 12 months.

Financial Regulations; It was agreed to accept the updated version which included terms for bank payments and tendering processes

Standing Orders; It was agreed to accept some of the updates which clarified Quorums, and to write new Terms of Reference for each Committee in June 2018. It was also agreed to re-write section 7.2 into plain English

Action Items	Action by	Target
Proceed with installation of gates	Clerk	asap
Contact Cllr Porter regarding Eversley Park footpath	Cllr White	asap
Purchase new waste bin	Clerk	asap
Re-tender – internal Auditor	Clerk	September 2018
Write new Terms of Reference for each committee	All	June 2018
Re-word 7.2 of Standing Orders	Cllr White	19 March

The J9 consultation had been advertised on our Facebook page.

The website will need to have the new Financial Regulations and Standing Orders attached when they are agreed.

The newsletter is being written by Cllrs Taylor, Hudson and Hallisey. Deliveries to be undertaken by councillors and volunteers.

Action Items	Action by	Target
Write the newsletter, print and deliver	Cllrs Taylor, Hudson, Hallisey	March 18

PC/18/29 – Clerk’s Notices

none

PC/18/30– Chairman’s Notices

Parish Event run by WCC on 1 March – Cllr Gordon and R Hanney to attend

CPR training – next session 22 February 2018

PC/18/31– Items for discussion at the next meeting – 19 March 2018

Meeting Closed: 22.08

Signed:

Date:

Cllr Jackie Porter- City/County Update for Parishes Feb 2018, Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk
07973 696 085

Sorry- this is a long update this month...

20mph Review

This has now been completed by ‘pilot villages’ and town areas and we are awaiting a report on the matter. After that I should be able to give a clear guidance to all villages hoping for a 20mph limit.

M3 Junction 9: you have until the 19th Feb to make your responses: go to www.highways.gov.uk/m3j9

I particularly want to raise the profile of this with villages who feed into this junction, and who suffer the impact of delays on the A34/M3. When I spoke to the Project Manager, he seemed curiously unaware of the problems in our community when either of these roads are blocked. The challenge is to solve this too.

Winchester Movement strategy- funded by HCC and WCC

Councillors are being briefed on 20th Feb. I will update you after the meeting.

Flooding- conversations are continuing. If your Parish has an emergency plan for flooding, please could I have a copy or link? I have committed to ensuring all of these are updated with relevant and current information as part of the deal to sort out flooding mitigation in our communities. Whilst these plans don't solve the water arriving, they can help reduce the impact and stress that it causes.

Thank you. Please email your current plan to me on Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk

County Council Tax -5.99% increase

Following permission to increase the Council Tax by an additional 1% for social care authorities, the proposed HCC increase is 5.99%. The financial and staffing toll on Social Services as the population grows older, and more children are reported as 'at risk' is explained in the Cabinet paper:

Significant funds (around £40m) have been taken from reserves to shore up these services, community buses, what school crossing patrols are left and our recycling centres, but even the paper describes the temporary reprieve: there isn't that sum in the free reserves to do this year on year. FYI: 1% = £5.7m

There is a new parent support group for parents and carers have been bereaved by suicide. Go to www.theredlipstickfoundation.org

River quality: the EA has received a renewal request from Bakkavor. This affects east side of the division only: more details on request.

Tidying up your village this year?

This year's Great British Spring Clean will take place from 2nd – 4th March. As in previous years it will be supported by WCC and its' street cleaning contractor ID Verde by providing free equipment, safety clothing and litter sack collections. Register to take part by emailing Katie Lynas on Katie.Lynas@idverde.co.uk. She will register your interest and then be in touch regarding the final arrangements. You will also be issue with safety guidelines on how to carry out litter picks, particularly when they be near to traffic. If you are interested in the National Campaign further details can be found at <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean> This event has proved both incredibly popular and successful over the last few years and I have no doubt that it will be the same again in 2018 so please forward on to your networks of contacts.

Update on SDNPA Local Plan

SDNPA will present the final version of the Local Plan to the National Park Authority Meeting on 22 March and will submit it to the Secretary of State for examination by the end of March. They will also submit all evidence documents including all the responses received to the Pre-Submission Consultation in both their original and summarised form. SDNPA will make all these documents available online and in printed form.

If you have signed up to the consultation database you will receive confirmation when this happens.

Once the Local Plan has been submitted, the Secretary of State will designate a Planning Inspector to hold an examination into the Local Plan. Everyone on the Local Plan database will receive a letter or email when the dates of the public hearings are known. Sign up to the Local Plan list

Meanwhile, you can sign up for updates on the WCC local plan online. I hope all Parishes will do that.

Boomtown

You will know by now that the Boomtown (reduced number) Licensing application has been approved. The conditions are improved, and it is subject to a successful planning application. Following the very strong Police, WCC and public objections, which led to a pre-licensing meeting 'change of heart' from Boomtown, the conditions place a much greater role on Boomtown to manage the drugs, the mental health of those on and offsite, and the sound past 11pm, with no noise off site on Wednesday, or lighting or sound after midnight on Sunday, as well as placing constraints on the traffic management and numbers to +5000, +1000 on Sunday. This seems to be the most pragmatic solution, though, frankly, I still expect traffic issues.

Concessionary Travel Bus Passes expiring 31 March 2018 should be arriving on doorsteps before that date. Any queries to concessionary.fares@hants.gov.uk or call 0300 222 1376

Closure of Merrydale and Sunbeams Respite Care for disabled children

I challenged the decision called a 'call-I' but the challenge was rejected and the closure will still go ahead. I am told that our close scrutiny of the process will lead to a better follow up with parents: I hope so. Merrydale in Kings Worthy is expected to close by May. I have high hopes that staff-who are experienced and highly employable, will find similar work easily.

Buses:

The County usually spends the bus 'pay back fee' on infrastructure improvements (eg: bus stops, signage etc). Because of the risk to rural services, the proposal is to use the funds to 'prop up' the service subsidies going forward. We await details. This sounds like good news for the 67, the Sunday services in general and the 86.

The Spring Bus- following complaints by KWPC, and many residents who live locally, I have taken up the matter with Strategic Transport at HCC-awaiting clear reply.

Lengthsman contracts- for all users, both Preston Candover and Uplands groups:

I asked for dates that you might be free last month, and a few of you replied, but then HCC put another paper to Cabinet which seemed to repeat the promises of Feb 2017! Mike Pillans of HCC has offered to meet all of us to discuss the matters we have raised before, ho we can resolve them and to talk through how the changes will occur and also to tell us about the training courses available for lengthsman and examples of good practice.

This sounds more useful. I would like to propose w/c Feb 26th to do this. He cannot do Wednesdays. Can I suggest either Monday 26th Feb during the day or Thursday 1st March early evening 5-7pm?

School transport and places

Worthy Down Housing is coming onstream, and a new cycle/footpath is being constructed from Worthy Down to South Wonston school which should be ready for the Summer Term, taking away the need for children to be transported by bus.

Barton Farm Affordable housing is starting to fill. School places needed are being watched carefully.

The Old Alresford Footpath 15 issue is being taken to School Transport as a potential funding stream to upgrade the path, especially for rainy days, when in practice the path becomes pretty much impassable for schoolchildren at the south end.

Jackie Porter, County Councillor, Itchen Valley Division, City Councillor, The Worthys

Notes WCC report 19.2.18

Junction 9 of the M3

Clearly a big turnout at the recent consultations. 3 councillors covered whole of first day. Residents seemed well informed. Two key issues emerged:

- travelling north from M3 to A34 and A33; difficulty of crossing two lanes of fast moving traffic in relatively short distance. Already working on alternative designs.
- impact and pressure on local roads during the construction phase. Possible opportunity to seek funding for Cart and Horses junction upgrade – a roundabout the preferred option. Challenging the County Council on this – would be good to have back-up from the PC.

the Parish Council has a real opportunity to make its views known as the revised proposals are worked through by Highways England.

City council budget for 2018/19 being debated by Council on Thursday. Council tax increase proposed at 2.91% slightly under maximum allowed. Concern re withdrawal of government grants. Although the council has reserves these can only be spent once. Don't go far with three major infrastructure projects planned. £5m black hole opening up in the council's finances in two years' time. Crucial papers not available, won't be sent out until tomorrow, two days before the meeting!

Glass collection to be considered as part of new environmental contract, following a residents' petition being presented at Thursday's council.

First presentation of Winchester traffic and movement strategy for City Councillors tomorrow evening.

Station Approach; presentation of revised proposals for the Station Approach and Cattle Market proposals were made last week. Positive on public realm and innovative approach – offices on the station approach with some retail, and mainly housing on the cattle market site with again some ground floor small retail units. Good public space around the station and retains the old registry office.

Bar End new Leisure Centre – consultations ongoing. We are starting to challenge on what is needed to be kept at existing site.

Having a 'meet your councillors' evening on 1st March at Kings Barton. Noticed any increase in traffic coming through the village?

Barton Meadows – having a site visit with HloWTrust to discuss the non-appearance of promised access points off Worthy Road.

Jane Rutter 19.2.18

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Management Accounts for the period ended 31st January 2018

2016/17 Actual (Full Year) (£)	Current Month Budget (£)	Current Month Actual (£)	Current Month Variance (£)	Income Item/Description	2017/2018 Budget ytd (£)	Actual ytd (£)	Variance ytd (£)	2017/2018 Budget (£)	Forecast Outturn (£)	2018/19 Budget (£)
157,226	10,134	10,048	-86	Finance (inc. Precept)	124,946	130,901	5,955	145,216	157,782	138,152
5,809	183	183	0	THMC Income	1,830	3,406	1,576	2,196	3,955	7,499
5,722	525	346	-179	Recreation & Amenities	6,499	7,123	624	8,704	6,864	6,504
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0	0	0
168,757	10,842	10,577	-265	Total Income	133,274	141,429	8,155	156,116	168,600	152,155
				Expenditure Item/Description						
72,167	4,218	4,253	-35	Finance	61,190	59,849	1,341	71,437	70,382	76,188
77,454	4,662	5,027	-365	Recreation & Amenities	58,777	58,354	423	71,154	86,044	69,717
5,644	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	11,200	2,661	8,539	14,200	5,922	6,250
155,266	8,880	9,280	-401	Total Expenses	131,167	120,865	10,303	156,791	162,348	152,155
168,757	10,842	10,577	-265	Total Income	133,274	141,429	8,155	156,116	168,600	152,155
155,266	8,880	9,280	-401	Total Expenses	131,167	120,865	10,303	156,791	162,348	152,155
13,491	1,962	1,297	-665	Net surplus (deficit)	2,107	20,564	18,458	-675	6,253	0
				Memorandum						
-23,249	1,962	1,297	-665	Net surplus (deficit) exc. CIL receipts	-20,731	-2,292	18,439	-23,513	-23,584	0

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