

Kings Worthy Parish Council would like to wish you a Happy New Year

Winter 2019

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Top Field consultation

Winchester City Council will be running a public consultation on the **12th March 2020** to discuss what facilities the public want on Top Field. This consultation will run from **3-7pm** at Kings Worthy Community Centre. Winchester City Council officers will be attending the open event to show you what is currently suggested for Top Field and to listen to your suggestions.

This is your chance to have a say so please do go along and share your suggestions with the City Council.

Annual Parish Meeting

Kings Worthy Parish Council will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting on **Monday 11th May 2020**, at **7.30pm**.

This is an opportunity for parishioners to listen to short presentations by the Chairs of the sub-committees and ask any questions you have about what has been happening in the past year.



Neighbourhood Plan

In our Spring edition of the Village news, we asked for volunteers to join a steering group for the Neighbourhood plan for the parishes of Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy.

We are now asking people again to offer their time on a voluntary basis to enable this to move forward.

The idea behind the Neighbourhood Plan is to shape the future of development in your local area.

If you are interested, then please contact the Parish Council.



Tesco Junction

Kings Worthy Parish Council have been working in conjunction with Winchester City Council to find a viable and effective solution for the issues at the junction of Springvale Road and Hookpit Farm Lane. Proposals included the extension of the car park with changes to lining and the installation of designated delivery bays. However, this solution did not solve the issue of parking on Hookpit Farm Lane. The potential solution currently being investigated is the installation of a layby on the area above. This will allow vehicles to park on Hookpit Farm Lane whilst alleviating any bottlenecks of traffic.



Speed Sign

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we have purchased a mobile speed sign that can be positioned in different locations. This has now been installed in Lovedon Lane to collect traffic data.

If you have suggestions for where this sign can be installed, please contact the Parish Office. However, there are locations where the sign cannot be deployed, particularly where there is a lack of street furniture.

CCTV at The Cart & Horses Junction (B3047/A33)

Councillor Jackie Porter (HCC & WCC) has asked us to inform you that if you witness an accident at the Cart & Horses Junction, please report it to either Jackie Porter or Hampshire County Council directly. The cameras were installed to gather evidence on accidents at the junction, including those that are not officially reported. Once reported, the CCTV footage can then be reviewed but this must be done within two weeks of the accident occurring.



Household Waste Recycling Centre

You may not be aware that Hampshire County Council (HCC) have recently agreed to implement a charging system for people using Hampshire waste recycling centres from outside the County. No usage charge is to be levied on people from within Hampshire as long as you register your vehicle. HCC will be operating an Automatic Number Plate Recognition system to enforce this scheme and those that don't register may be charged.

You can register up to 3 vehicles per address and registration can be done online (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc>) and should take approximately 2 minutes. For those without internet access, you can register via phone on 0300 555 1389.

The £5 charge for those not registered, or from outside the county, will come into force from 1st April 2020. Charges for soil/rubble, plasterboard and asbestos remain unchanged.



Youth Council

The Parish Council is looking into the possibility of forming a Youth Council. Three of our Councillors have been tasked to investigate this. This Youth Council would consist of a number of 11-17 year olds, whose main task will be represent the younger members of our community. This would operate under the umbrella of the Parish Council, with one of our Parish Councillors sitting on this Council also.

The main aim would be to give the younger members of our Parish a voice on the Parish Council, helping us better understand their needs within the community. We will publish more details about this in the Spring.



[New Table Tennis Table at Eversley Park](#)

We are happy to announce the installation of our new Table Tennis Table at Eversley Park. Funding received from housing developments within the Parish, called the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), was used to provide this additional sporting facility.

The table was officially opened on the 1st September by Adrian Reeves, a former Clerk to Kings Worthy Parish Council and avid table tennis league player. This opening was well attended and local table tennis table players provided coaching to members of the Parish. There were even some exciting unofficial games between the regular players.

We are also happy to report that since then, the table is being very well used across all age groups.

However sadly, we must also report that a couple of months on from the opening there had already been some damage to the table. The damage has clearly been caused by the table having been stood on. Fortunately, the damage was minor and the table is still usable. However, we would urge anyone witnessing misuse of this table to contact the Parish Council.



[Broadview](#)

The Parish Council will be undertaking the clearance of another section of both Upper and Lower Broadview. Whilst these works may look dramatic, full clearance allows us to retain as many suitable trees as possible, whilst removing any undergrowth that may be affecting their long term health. Once the sections are cleared of unwanted vegetation and the number of retained healthy trees is assessed, we will be proceeding with a planting scheme to ensure the area is renewed with native species.



Traveller Encampment

As most parishioners are aware, back in August, we had a traveller encampment on the lower football pitch at Eversley Park. A Councillor was informed of their arrival on the evening of Monday the 5th August and immediately notified the Parish Clerk. He went straight out to assess the situation and then contacted the Police. The travellers had cut through a padlock securing the access gate.

The following morning the Clerk, accompanied by a Police Community Support Officer, the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the Assistant Clerk, attended the site. A welfare check was carried out (as required by law) and the travellers were formally asked to leave the site, as they were trespassing. At this time there were 12-13 caravans present and they told the Parish Council they would be there for 1-2 days.

The Police were asked to remove the travellers from the Parish Council's land but this could only be done if a number of criteria had been met under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. These criteria had not been met but the encampment was reassessed regularly, including daily visits to check the site.

After discussion with Councillors, it was agreed to involve bailiffs to evict them from the site. The alternative was a court order which would have taken considerably longer. Over the next two days more travellers arrived on the site.

The bailiffs arrived on Thursday morning and served an eviction notice to vacate the site by 8pm that night. The following morning, having checked they were still on-site, bailiffs arrived and the travellers vacated the site upon their arrival.

Subsequent to their departure, the Parish Council employed a specialist cleaning team from Winchester City Council to clear up the site. Unfortunately, the travellers had caused damage to the surface of our football pitch. Luckily this was repairable by our Grounds Maintenance Contractor.

We would like to thank Parishioners for their support and understanding during this time. The Parish Council are now in the process of reviewing our security measures on all sites, with increases in security being made where required. This will hopefully prevent any further encampments on Parish Council land.

The Parish Council would like to thank both the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their hard work in resolving this matter.



[Eversley Park Footpath](#)

Due to the cracks and condition of the path, we are still looking into costings to reseal it. The decision to reseal with a colour, as it presently is, or to redo it in black, will depend on the cost. We will keep you informed as this progresses.



[Eversley Park Play Area Fence](#)

You may have noticed the fence around Eversley Park play area has experienced extensive corrosion of the metal framework and decay of the wooden slats. The current fencing is no longer available as an off-the-shelf product and to remove it and replace with RoSPA (The Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents) approved alternative may cost in excess of £19,000. Consequently, the Parish Council has investigated the option of dispensing with an enclosing fence entirely; as is the case at the Church Green play area.

It has been taken into consideration that the play area itself is contained within a park and not close to main roads, thus there is no legal obligation to have a fence. Having no fence would have the added benefit of incurring no future maintenance and would, undoubtedly make the routine Eversley Park grounds maintenance simpler. Funds saved from the removal, rather than replacement of the fence, can then be diverted to improving and maintaining the play equipment itself.

The Parish Council welcome any comments from the parishioners; both in favour and against the removal of the fence. All comments will be taken into consideration when Councillors make their final decision.



Parish Council Vacancies

There are currently 3 vacancies on Kings Worthy Parish Council for a Parish Councillor.

Councillors serve as representatives of the community to both help improve and maintain the Parish amenities and deal with various issues around the village.

The vacancies will be filled via co-option at our Parish Council meeting on the **23rd March 2020**.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or would like more information, then please visit our website or contact the Parish Office.

Councillor Emily Fish

We are glad to welcome our new Councillor Emily Fish. She has joined both our Recreation & Amenities and Finance, Administration & Remuneration committees. Since joining in June, we have already benefitted from her valuable input.



A Fond Farewell To Three Of Our Councillors

Unfortunately we must bid farewell to three of our Councillors who have decided to stand down.

Karen McCleery had served five years on the Council and was involved with our Planning & Highways committee, serving as both a member and committee Vice-Chair. As a trained nurse, she was also involved with the creation of our Heartstart Kings Worthy defibrillator network.

Derek Smith was elected onto the Council in July 2018 and was also involved in our Planning & Highways committee. As a former builder, his knowledge of construction was invaluable when considering planning applications.

Sarah White had served over eleven and a half years on the Council and was our longest serving member. She has been involved with all 3 of our committees through her tenure and was twice Chair of the Parish Council. She has made invaluable contributions to numerous projects over the years.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Karen, Derek and Sarah and wish them all the best for the future.

Your Parish Councillors



Les Haswell
PC Chair
P&H



Martin Taylor
PC Vice-Chair
FAR Chair



Tracey Anderson
FAR



Emily Fish
R&A
FAR



Ian Gordon
P&H Chair
FAR



Mandy Hallisey
R&A Chair
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Dorry Lawlor
R&A Vice-Chair
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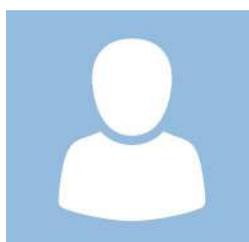
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R&A



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P&H= Planning & Highways

FAR= Finance, Administration & Remuneration R&A= Recreation & Amenities

Parish Office & Parish Meeting room

Kings Worthy Community Centre (Tubbs Hall), Fraser Road, Kings Worthy, SO23 7PJ

Office opening hours: 10.00am - 3.30pm (Mon - Fri)

Meetings:

Our Recreation & Amenities meetings are usually on the 1st Thursday of the month; at 19:30 (excluding August & December).

Our Finance, Administration & Remuneration meetings are usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 09:30.

Our Planning & Highway meetings are usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 19:30.

Our Parish Council meetings are usually on the 4th Monday of the month, at 19:30.

All meetings are open to the public. Please note meeting dates are subject to change and a list of dates can be found on our website, or by contacting the office.