

Kings Worthy Parish Council

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 4 April 2013
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present:	Councillors:	Sarah White [Chairman] Phil Allen Stewart Newell Kerstin Reiners
	Clerk:	Colin Arnett
	Public:	Paul Cordle [for item RA/13/50]

RA/13/46 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hallisey. **Under the National Code of Local Government Conduct, Cllr White declared an interest in the Worthies YFC and took no part in the discussion relating to football.**

RA/13/47 Public Question Time

None

RA/13/48 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 March 2013

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting with one amendment – RA/13/36 Sundial – delete “conferred” – add “concurred” and were signed by Cllr White.

RA/13/49 Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 7 March 2013

- **RA/13/34 Dog Fouling** – Members discussed details of new signage. The clerk had received no response to his request for permanent signage. Cllr Newell had sourced commercial sign manufacturers who would produce signs at a cost of £15 each. It was agreed that the red warning circle should be removed from the sign as this would confuse the message to dog owners. Cllr White and the clerk are to discuss new signage on their visit to the HCC Sign Shop **Action – Cllr White and the clerk**

- **RA/13/34 Dog Fouling cont.** Members agreed that the stencil spray over deposits would be a deterrent and that the clerk check with the Highways Authority on its use. **Action – the clerk**

Cllr Reiners highlighted the “Green Walkers Scheme” which has been introduced in Durham and would look into the availability of stencils and templates. She also agreed to rewrite the leaflet to give out to parishioners to discourage dog fouling. **Action – Cllr Reiners**

RA/13/49 Matters Arising from the Meeting of the 7 March 2013 cont.

- **RA/13/34 Nations Hill/Springvale Road Bus Shelter** – the clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with HCC to include Cllrs Newell & Reiners. **Action – the clerk**

RA/13/50 Project Updates

- **Church Green Play Area** – Cllr White welcomed Paul Cordle [Landscape Designer] to the meeting.

She outlined member’s views on the repositioning of the area away from the church graveyard where a smaller scheme is required with a boundary of a very low hedge. The play equipment should be unobtrusive in green or brown; no sand or water; no tunnel; no swings; a slide and a mini-assault type course with a wobble-board walk; and community planters.

Cllr Reiners agreed to contact the Little Fishers, Beavers and Rainbows with regard to the usage of the planters. **Action – Cllr Reiners**

Members suggested that Paul meet with Cllrs Reiners, Newell and Clare Welland of Headbourne Worthy PC to discuss the proposals.

Action – Cllrs Reiners and Newell

- **Eversley Park Path/Steps** – the clerk was asked to chase the contractor for a start date for the work. **Action – the clerk**
- **Fryers Close** – Members agreed that the refurbishment of this area should be deferred until the Church Green Play Area had been completed. Cllr White agreed to undertake a consultation with neighbours to ascertain their thoughts on improvements. **Action – Cllr White.**
- **Byelaws** – Cllr White and the clerk are to visit the HCC Sign Shop to discuss options for the signs. Members agreed that the logo should be included with the sign being tall rather than long. **Action – Cllr White and the clerk**

Members discussed having a professional designer add the words “Abbots Worthy” to our logo and the clerk was asked to research the original designer and obtain a quotation for the work.

Action – Cllr Reiners and the clerk

- **KWCC Raised Flowerbed** – Revised drawings had been received from Charlotte Smith. Members approved the design, although rejected the need for steps on the slope. The clerk was asked to share them with our Maintenance Technician to cost the work. **Action – the clerk**
- **Swing for Disabled Children** – Cllr Newell had research suitable swings. Members approved his recommendation of a model costing £472 and asked that it be put to the Finance committee for approval.
- **Hookpit Farm Lane Footpath** – Cllr Allen and the clerk are to respond to the letter from WCC Legal Services enclosing a copy of our original letter to the Planning Department. **Action – Cllr Allen and the clerk**

Cllr Reiners expressed her concern regarding the mud in the area caused by the developer.

RA/13/51 General Maintenance/Equipment Repairs

- **Playground Equipment** – the work on repairing the toddler roundabout at Eversley Park and the wet-pour surfacing in the Fraser Road exercise area needs completing when the weather permitted.
- **Sundial** – Members asked the clerk to clarify the situation with regard to the NSEW letters. **Action – the clerk**

A site meeting had been arranged with the supplier of the sundial on Wednesday 17 April 2013 to review the rusting unit.

Action – Cllrs White and Welstead

- **Eversley Park Litter Bin** – the clerk was asked to chase the repainting of this bin. **Action – the clerk**
- **Grounds Maintenance Contract** – Cllr White reported that a review meeting had been arranged with Green Smile on the 2 May 2013.

RA/13/52 Tree Inspections/Maintenance

- **Broadview** – the clerk was asked to chase the quotation for cutting back the ivy on two trees on Broadview. **Action – the clerk**
- **Hinton Fields/Broadview** – the clerk was asked to write to the householders at 2 The Woodlands and 24 Hinton Fields indicating that they had trees requiring attention. **Action – the clerk**

- **Eversley Park** the clump of beech trees adjacent to the children's playground requires attention. The clerk was asked to clarify with our solicitors the time-scale for obtaining the boundary details for Eversley Park and if this was going to take more than 4-6 weeks the full tree survey at Eversley Park would be delayed. In that case the arboricultural consultant would be asked to review the beech trees adjacent as a priority.

RA/13/53 Burial Ground – Registrar's Quarterly Report [Copy attached]

Members noted the latest report.

Cllr White outlined the approval of a parishioner [J.Cooper] being buried who had lived outside of the village for over five years.

Members agreed that Sparsholt College be approached to design enhanced planting for the shrub beds. **Action – the clerk**

Members agreed to recommend that there should be no increase in the fees for 2013-14.

RA/13/54 Playground Inspections

Members asked the clerk to share the report with our maintenance technician and to agree with Cllr White the remedial work to be undertaken.

Action – Cllr White and the clerk

RA/13/55 Website

Members agreed that a Facebook page for parishioner's comments would be useful. **Action Cllrs White/Reiners and the deputy clerk**

RA/13/56 Community Infrastructure Levy [CIL]

Cllr White outlined the contents of a consultation document which had been received. Members generally agreed with her conclusion not to comment on the proposals, but wished to read the full document themselves – this would be circulated.

Cllr Allen would complete the mapping regarding CIL for WCC. **Action – Cllr Allen**

RA/13/57 Items to be considered for the Monthly Communication

No items were forthcoming.

RA/13/58 Clerk's Notices

- **Football Pitch Fees 2013-14** – Members recommended that these be increase as follows;

Junior Teams – from £9.00 to £9.10

Junior Teams using an Adult Pitch – From £12.00 to £12.10

Adult Teams – from £32.50 to £33.00

- **Worthys YFC Celebration Day** – a request had been received from the Worthies YFC to use the middle pitch for a celebration day in June.

Members agreed that a decision would be made after consultation with Green Smile bearing in mind the need to renovate them.

Action Cllr Allen and the clerk

[Post meeting Note – it was decided that the middle pitch would not be available for the event, but the area of the small junior pitches could be used with whatever markings are needed]

- **Dog Bins** – a request had been received from a parishioner for the provision of additional dog bins on Lovedon Lane. The clerk was asked to respond enclosing a map of bin locations and indicating the WCC bins are dual use.

Action – the clerk

All councillors were asked to keep an eye out for gaps in the provision of bins.

- **Fryers Close** – Cllr Allen asked the clerk to again attempt to clarify with WCC whether a commuted sum was forthcoming from the developer.

Action – the clerk

RA/13/59 Chairman's Notices

None

RA/13/60 Items for the next Meeting's Agenda

None

RA/13/61 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled at 7.30pm on the 2 May 2013. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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Date

Registrar's Report

The following burials/cremations have taken place since the 3 January 2013

Date	Name	Address	Plot No
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Burials

11.01.13	Kenneth Alfred Frank RICKMAN	9 North Road	173
16.01.13	Margaret Eva RALPH	34 Willis Waye	121
06.02.13	Brenda IRWIN	13 Mears Road	96
22.03.13	Joan COOPER	35 Richard Moss House	174

Cremations

19.04.13	Elizabeth FLYNN	14 Springvale Road	99
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