

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 October 2014
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present: Councillors: Stewart Newell [Chairman], Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Judith Steventon Baker, Martin Taylor, Denis Welstead and Sarah White.

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

HCC: Cllr Jackie Porter

PCSO: None

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

Public: 6

PC/14/120 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from, Phil Allen and Dorry Hudson.

PC/14/121 Public Question Time

- A representative of 3rd Winchester Scouts stated that the Scouts were fully committed to working with other organisations in the village over the provision of community facilities. Cllr Newell undertook to arrange the meeting between councillors and the Scouts.

PC/14/122 Youth Options

Caroline Kirkman from Street Reach made a presentation on the work of this charity. Its work covers Winchester, Alresford and Micheldever. With the exception of Micheldever, youth workers meet with local youth on the streets rather than at a hub. The youth workers go out in pairs, for their safety, and are on the streets for 1.5 hours out of each 2 hour session; the remaining half hour is used in preparation and on writing up confidential case files.

For one evening a week in Kings Worthy the cost would be £80 a week, equating to £3840 for 48 weeks in a year. It was stressed that this work was a long term project and is not based on them running youth clubs as the target individuals don't engage with clubs.

Action

Cllr Newell

The Chairman thanked Caroline for her presentation.

PC/14/123 Local Plan Part 2 Update

LPT2 has now been approved by WCC cabinet and full council and will be out to public consultation from 24 October to 5 December. The parish council is working closely with Winchester City Council (WCC) and will be holding a public presentation / consultation meeting on 10 November (15.00 to 19.00) at Tubbs Hall. This will be attended by Councillors, WCC Planning Department staff and the promoters of the Lovedon Lane site. A meeting between councillors, WCC planners and HAB design is to take place on Wednesday 22 October to finalise the details of this event.

Discussion took place as to whether or not to respond to the letter, in the Hampshire Chronicle, from Drew Smith. By a majority it was agreed that Cllr Taylor would draft a letter of response which would be sent to Cllrs Newell and Gordon for approval.

Cllr Taylor

PC/14/124 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillor, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings

- **Police** – No report received. Cllr Gordon reported on the crime prevention event held outside Tubbs Hall.
- **County Councillor** – Cllr Porter's report was tabled (copy attached).

The Parish Council was encouraged to respond to the Countryside Service consultation.

Councillors

Cllr Porter suggested placing banners at the village entrances to advertise the public consultation meeting, on Local Plan Part 2, which is to take place on 10 November.

Cllr Porter had met with the Chief Constable to discuss local policing levels.

Consultation with parents is taking place over a proposal for the Kings Worthy Pre-School to join with Kings Worthy Primary School which would then cover ages 2-11. This consultation closes on 9 November.

- **City Councillor** – Cllr Rutter presented the report and highlighted items from it (copy attached).

A proposal was being submitted to WCC to implement a reduction in bus service subsidies. As a consequence Stagecoach would wish not to provide services on The Spring after 7 pm in the evenings.

Cllr Rutter had attended a flooding scrutiny meeting and it was noted that the Flood Action Group is linked with the County

Council's emergency centre. Cllr Rutter reported that groundwater levels at City Mill are higher than this time last year.

(Cllrs Rutter and Porter and 3 members of the public left the meeting)

- **School Governors Report** – Nothing to report other than that Cllr Gordon had attended a meeting on exclusion from school.
- **External Meetings** – Cllr Gordon reported on the planning bus tour and showed some photographs of local developments.

Cllr Steventon Baker reported on a meeting of the Winchester Mediation Service. The papers are to be circulated to all councillors.

- Cllr Welstead reported that he had been asked to become a trustee of the Jubilee Hall.
- Cllr Newell had attended a County resilience event.

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PC/14/125 Kings Worthy Community Centre & The Lionel Tubbs Hall – lease agreement between Parish Council and Winchester City Council

Parish Council have approved the lease subject to clearance by the council's solicitors; this is still awaited.

(One member of the public left the meeting)

PC/14/126 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 22 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2014 were amended to remove (PC/14/107) the words "Cllr Barnes agreed to lead the project team to implement this" and to remove Cllr Barnes from the action column for this item. The minutes, as amended, were then agreed and signed by Cllr Newell.

(Post meeting note – PC/14/103 The closing date for comments on the latest planning application for "Top Field" has been changed again and is now 22 October 2014).

PC/14/127 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22 September 2014

- **PC/14/106 Drains and Gullies** – It was noted that the drains / gullies along Springvale Road are now on the contractor's to do list for cleaning and that the farmer has been asked to cut the hedge adjoining his land near the junction with Nations Hill.
- **PC/14/104 A33 junctions** – The realignment of the junction with the B3047 is to go ahead with the proposal to reduce speed limits being

implemented at a later date. The deceleration lane at the junction with Lovedon Lane is to be removed.

- **PC/14/106 Footpaths** – There are particular issues with three footpaths:
 - 1) Springvale Road to Lovedon Lane
 - 2) Somerville Close where it is necessary to walk in the road
 - 3) Legion Lane to Eversley Park

It was agreed to carry on the investigations as to responsibilities and to action accordingly.

There had been no progress in respect of the footpath at Abbots Worthy House.

Cllr Porter / Clerk

- **PC/14/106 Policy S9 on Footpaths** – Deferred to next meeting.
- **PC/14/106 Future s106 Agreements** – It was agreed that the agreements would need to be tighter for future rural exception sites or for sites including rental accommodation, in order to better protect the housing opportunities for local people.
- **PC/14/106 St. Mary's Close** – It has been confirmed by WCC that the business operating there was not in breach of any regulations. Cllr White agreed to chase up the Rights of Way Department.
- **PC/14/106 Fence at Lower Broadview** – This work has been completed.
- **PC/14/106 Cleaning of Bus Shelters** – This work, at Abbots Worthy and Fryers Close, was still outstanding and is to be chased up.
- **PC/14/109 Consultation on Boundaries** – The Clerk was tasked with submitting a response to include a ward merger with Headbourne Worthy.

Cllr Allen

Cllr White

Clerk

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(The last two members of the public left the meeting)

PC/14/128 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 30 September 2014

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following:

- The planning application for “Top Field” has been submitted to WCC.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 2 October 2014

- Cllr White presented the minutes and highlighted the issue of the

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fencing around the Eversley Park children's s play area. It was agreed to submit the quotation to WCC for approval to use s106 monies on this project.

Finance Committee – 15 October 2014

Cllr Taylor presented the draft minutes and specifically highlighted:

- The Clerk gave a presentation to members of the figures for the month ending 30 September 2014 [copy attached]. The current surplus on current account is £21,085.00. This is £30,411 better than the budgeted position at the half year. The underspending on tree works and nearly £6,000 received in bank interest in September, from the termination of two fixed term deposits, are the main contributors to the surplus. Expenditure on tree works will be contained in the October accounts.

- Grants to be paid out were agreed as follows:
Victim Support £200

PC/14/129 Report from BDO LLP on 2013-14 Annual Return

The internal auditor confirmed that the comments attributed to her by BDO LLP were incorrect and that she had not highlighted any issues on the Annual Return 2013-14. The Clerk had spoken to the audit manager who had agreed that there was an issue and had promised to call back once her investigations had been carried out; no call back has yet happened. A member of staff had agreed to send out a revised statement but this had not yet been received either. If nothing had been received by the end of the week then the chairman was to write to BDO formally requesting a response.

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Chairman**

PC/14/130 Communications inc. Website, Facebook / Newsletter / Monthly Communications / Twitter / email etc.

It was agreed that all items of publicity would go through the Communications Group, including crime notifications etc. The next newsletter would not be prepared yet because of the leafleting advertising the LPT2 consultation meeting.

It was agreed to consider approaching local farmers about them holding supplies of sandbags and sand for emergency flood prevention purposes.

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PC/14/131 Co-Option of Councillors

The Chairman had written to Cllr Reiners, on 24 September, advising that non-attendance at the next Parish Council meeting would mean that she would cease to be a member of the council. It was reported that no reply had been received and that, therefore, the Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Reiners stating the situation and thanking her for her contribution to the Parish Council.

(Post meeting note: an email was sent by Cllr Reiners an hour before the meeting but not read until just after the meeting closed. In that email Cllr Reiners resigned from the council and said that a formal letter would be sent.)

An email of resignation from Cllr Torkington had also been received and it was therefore agreed to go ahead and advertise two vacancies for councillors as soon as possible.

PC/14/132 Clerk’s Notices

The Clerk presented a schedule of meeting dates for 2015. The Parish Council dates had been previously agreed and councillors were asked to contact the Clerk if they required any amendments to be made.

Cllrs

PC/14/133 Chairman’s Notices

The Chairman reported on the Drew Smith public meeting held on 13 October.

Complaints have been received about the parking in Loader Close by parents and supporters of football clubs. It was agreed to contact Worthys Youth Football Cub and Worthies Sports and Social Club to ask them to request that home team players and supporters car share as much as possible.

Cllr Newell

(Cllrs Steventon Baker and Welstead left the meeting)

PC/14/134 Items for the Next Meeting

Budget 2015-16
Neighbourhood Wardens

PC/14/135 The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 17 November 2014.

The meeting closed at 22.32

Signed..... Date.....

County Councillor's Report

October 2014 Report to Parish Councils

October is Stoptober! National scheme for encouragement to stop smoking: go to Quit4life

Following on from our conversations last month, October 13 to 19th is a week highlighting Sexual Exploitation of Children. Schools will be discussing it with the children- we are all being asked to "think the unthinkable." We received information about the ways in which Hampshire manages this- which does exist, especially in urban areas.

Countryside review taking place- deadline 24th October. Please respond as a Parish Council and as horse riders, bikers, runner, ramblers - maybe even off roaders?

Schools are expanding across the area as communities grow exponentially. The County Council expects to spend £238m on Children's Services in the next three years, most of it in schools, some in Children's Homes. It expects to create an additional 8000 more school places at Primary by 2016, followed by up to three new secondary schools by 2020. This is the first time since 1980.

Housing: We desperately need houses for our young and old, but I am concerned that the projected size for Kings Worthy will lead to children having to be educated 'out of village.'

However when the children for whom we are creating the additional 8000 places are 20-25, they will need homes too. This brings the dilemma into sharp focus.

Extra Care plans are being made at Chesil Street, enabling people needing higher levels of care to remain in their own homes. I am concerned about the access for this unit into the town. Another extra care facility will be built at Barton Farm.

Flooding mitigation- I have sent the updates from HCC for your communities. I don't have an exact date yet.

Mobile Library will cease at Fraser Road due to the low number of users. This doesn't surprise me- it is a quick trip to Winchester, the School opens its library for the parents and siblings and there is a book exchange at the Tubbs Hall, so residents are quite well served.

New Hospital: time line is as follows:

Autumn- CCG Consultation (unfortunately now already late) Planning permission through 2015. Start building 2016, work to be completed by 2018. Likely cost £150m (I think it will be much higher if HCC's estimates of 30% increase in building costs are true).

Winchester City Councillors' Report to Kings Worthy Parish Council 20th October 2014

LOCAL PLAN PART 2

We welcome the new consultation on 10th November on the proposed development site off Lovedon Lane. However, we have been approached by several concerned local residents who consider that this scheme is significantly different from the scheme which was chosen as a result of the PC's public consultation. We are doing our best to promote the meeting, so that anybody with these concerns can bring them to the PC so that they can be reassured. We would like to challenge the PC to be more robust in its approach to the developer, to maximise 'community gain' from any development, and include the provision of new sports facilities nearer the proposed new football pitch as a minimum.

SILVER HILL

The controversial Silver Hill planning application has been deferred to the next Planning Committee on Thursday 11th December, with a site visit on Tuesday 9th. The courts have thrown out the objection by Cllr Kim Gottlieb, but he may appeal – we await any further developments.

RIVER PARK LEISURE CENTRE

We await the report of the Informal Scrutiny Group, but this is proving to be another controversial issue which may run and run.

NEW SCOUT/COMMUNITY YOUTH FACILITIES

We are aware that the Scouts are urgently looking for a site for a new, modern community/scout building, as their present 'hut' is becoming unfit for purpose. We wholeheartedly support their quest and ask that the PC looks on their efforts positively, as they, together with the Guide Movement, represent one of the most effective and growing youth activities group in our community and deserve our support. They are hoping to work with the whole community to improve facilities for young people. Any new larger development coming to the village should be considered as to whether it might offer the site that they are seeking.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

We are still awaiting the initial proposals on City Council new boundaries. These are likely to be three member wards, and with a reduced number of councillors, from 57 to 45, this will mean significantly larger city wards. It is likely that Kings Worthy will have to share its new, three councillors, with several other parish councils – potentially Sparsholt, Crawley, Headbourne Worthy and Littleton.

The City Wards are still supposed to represent distinct communities. Should the Parish Council be minded to ask for City representatives which represent our community, they should suggest alternatives: a two member ward including Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy would work on the numbers.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Management Accounts for the period ended 30 September 2014

2013/2014 Budget £	2014/2015 Budget £	2014/2015 Budget ytd £	Actual ytd £	Variance ytd £	2015/16 Budget £	Income Item/Descripti
Income: Summary						
116,200	118,109	59,042	65,988	6,946	0	Finance (inc. Precept)
4,584	4,800	2,400	2,400	0	0	THMC Income
7,000	7,050	3,296	25,418	22,122	0	Recreation & Amenities
0	0	0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways
127,784	129,959	64,738	93,806	29,068	0	Total Income
Expenditure: Summary						
70,453	67,763	37,089	28,344	8,745	0	Finance
57,258	61,344	30,790	44,378	-13,588	0	Recreation & Amenities
7,500	7,000	3,500	0	3,500	0	Planning & Highways
135,211	136,107	71,378	72,721	-1,343	0	Total Expenses
127,784	129,959	64,738	93,806	29,068	0	Total Income
135,211	136,107	71,378	72,721	-1,343	0	Total Expenses
-7,427	-6,148	-6,640	21,085	30,411	0	Income less expenses
0	0	0	0	0	0	Transfer from Reserves
-7,427	-6,148	-6,640	21,085	30,411	0	Net Surplus (deficit) for year

