

Kings Worthy Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday, 13 May 2019 at 19:30 in
Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Chair of the meeting:	Cllr Sarah White	Clerk to the meeting:	Christopher Read Lucia Foster-Found
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Attendees:		Apologies given:
Cllr Ian Gordon	Cllr Charlotte Smith	Cllr Karen McCleery
Cllr Mandy Hallisey	Cllr Derek Smith	Cllr Les Haswell
Cllr Dorry Lawlor	Cllr Martin Taylor	
Cllr Stewart Newell		
Cllr Tracey Anderson		

Winchester City Council (WCC)	Cllr Jane Rutter, Cllr Malcolm Prince
Hampshire County Council (HCC)	Apologies from Cllr Jackie Porter

Members of the public:	17
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APM/19/1 – Chairman’s welcome to parishioners and guests

Cllr White welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their support.

APM/19/2 – Open discussion about the Spring bus service

Various issues had been raised during the last Parish Council Meeting at which a representative of Stagecoach had been present. E.g. matters of poor timekeeping, speeding on Church Lane, lack of helpfulness by the drivers etc.

It was suggested to the members of the public that they keep a note of specifics i.e. particular drivers and accurate timings so that these can be reported back to Stagecoach.

Public comments included quite a number of very positive comments on the service, including:

- Wonderful to have such a frequent service.
- Lucky to have such patient drivers who, for example, made allowances for child with a broken leg.
- Drivers wait for passengers to sit down before moving off (as they are supposed to).

And some negative feedback with suggestions:

- 09:10 is quiet but the 09:30 is much busier as this is the time that the Bus Pass qualifies for use. Thought needs to be given as to which type of bus is used (double or single decker).

- At school, college start and finish times, double-deckers should be used – also at pinch points.

Some negative feedback regarding passengers and other road users was also mentioned:

- School children have been verbally abused on the buses by older commuters who feel that there are too many children using the service.
- Commuters often do not have the right change and cause delays.
- Other road users can be inconsiderate, obstructing the buses etc, which can also cause the bus to be delayed.

APM/19/3 – Parish Council Chairman’s Report – Cllr Sarah White

Cllr White is stepping down as Chair and thanked all of her fellow councillors for their help and support over the past year, in particular, Cllr Newell. Thanks were also extended to:

- Noel McCleery who has stepped down from the Council after 4 years of hard work.
- the Chairs of each committee.
- Martyn Smith and Green Smile for maintenance.
- City Councillors.
- County Councillors.

Another busy year in which Kings Worthy have three new Councillors; Cllr Tracey Anderson, Cllr Derek Smith and Cllr Charlotte Smith.

Projects/occurrences of note:

- The footpath from Top Field to Legion Lane is now an official right of way. Other applications relating to footpaths leading to, and around Top Field are pending.
- Housing approval has been passed for Top Field, but the remaining open space will be retained and go to Fields in Trust in due course.
- Attractive memorial bench and plaque for Dennis Welstead have been installed.
- HAB. KWPC remain optimistic that the flower meadow will be handed over in due course.
- Communications – the Newsletter, Facebook, Noticeboards and Website mean that KWPC is well served for information dissemination.
- Solar panels on the roof of Tubbs Hall are now in place.
- Litter pick, Pimms stall etc.
- Parish Councillors will be running the Pimms tent at the Worthys Festival.

Forthcoming Projects

- Neighbourhood Plan.

APM/19/4 – To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Malcolm Prince praised the achievements and running of the KWPC and indicated that he also gives this positive feedback to the Winchester County Council. He made especial mention of the Newsletter which he said was very relevant and informative on local issues and items of interest. He also extended his congratulations to Cllr Jane Rutter for her re-election to the Winchester City Council.

APM/19/5 – To receive a report from the City Councillors

Cllr Rutter passed on Cllr Porter's apologies. She also praised the KWPC and thanked them for their support.

APM/19/6 – To receive reports from the Parish Council Committee Chairs

[Finance Committee Report](#) – see attached. Introductions and thanks were made.

[Recreation and Amenities Report](#) – see attached. Introductions and thanks were made. Additional points of note:

- [Kim Bishop Walk](#) – much improved, now with sloping gradient and no steps, unstable wall removed, dog poo bin installed etc.
- [Burial Ground](#) – trees have been thinned out and there was a Councillor working party to remove the chippings. The central cremation area will have a metal arch and climbing plants to make it more attractive and private and resurfacing is being investigated.
- [Tubbs Hall Mound](#) – was a problem as it was difficult to see over, however it is now lower and landscaped with shrubs and seeded with wildflowers.
- [Eversley Park](#) – Green Smile do a great job of maintaining the pitches etc. A sub-committee has been formed to look at replacing all the play areas over the next 15 years.
- [Lengthsman](#) – this has been a useful addition to the Parish and he has been tasked with cleaning bus shelter, signs, trimming hedges, clearing ditches etc.
- [Dog Fouling](#) – this remains a problem in spite of various strategies (spraying it with paint to highlight, enlisting public help to police it etc). It has been strongly suggested that anyone seen letting their dog foul in public spaces be reported to the Dog Warden. This will be robustly pursued to prosecution which the Dog Warden says will have a considerable impact in deterring others as the fine is substantial.
- [Hedgehog Homes](#) – a number were commissioned by KWPC and made by 'The Shed'. These will be installed soon.

[Planning and Highways Report](#) – see attached. Introductions and thanks were made.

APM/19/7 - Public Participation and Question Time

[Cart and Horses Junction Update](#) – Lighting and CCTV have been installed and speed limit has been reduced. Improvements are being made in a piecemeal fashion. Cllr Rutter pointed out that the CCTV recordings are only kept for a week, so she asked that any near misses or accidents be reported to her/[Parish Council](#) as soon as possible after the incident. This is to enable a case to be built for a roundabout. [Cllr Anderson](#) said this information needs to be disseminated as widely as possible and requested it be posted on the [Parish Council Facebook page](#).

[Cart and Horses Junction Road Clutter](#) – It was also suggested that the amount of signage, cones etc there add to the distraction and thus makes the junction more dangerous.

[Parking Plan for Kings Worthy](#) – Installation of double yellow lines etc is a work in progress – particular area under review is Fraser Road.

Tesco Junction – There has been a survey, the counters for which were on the road but have since been removed and KWPC await the results of the survey.

Ramsay Road – Enforcement have said that they have no powers in this instance as the building is sound. Cllr Gordon has said that he will organise an on-site meeting with the various authorities to discuss.

Meeting Closed:

21:15

Signed:

Date:

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Finance, Administration & Remuneration

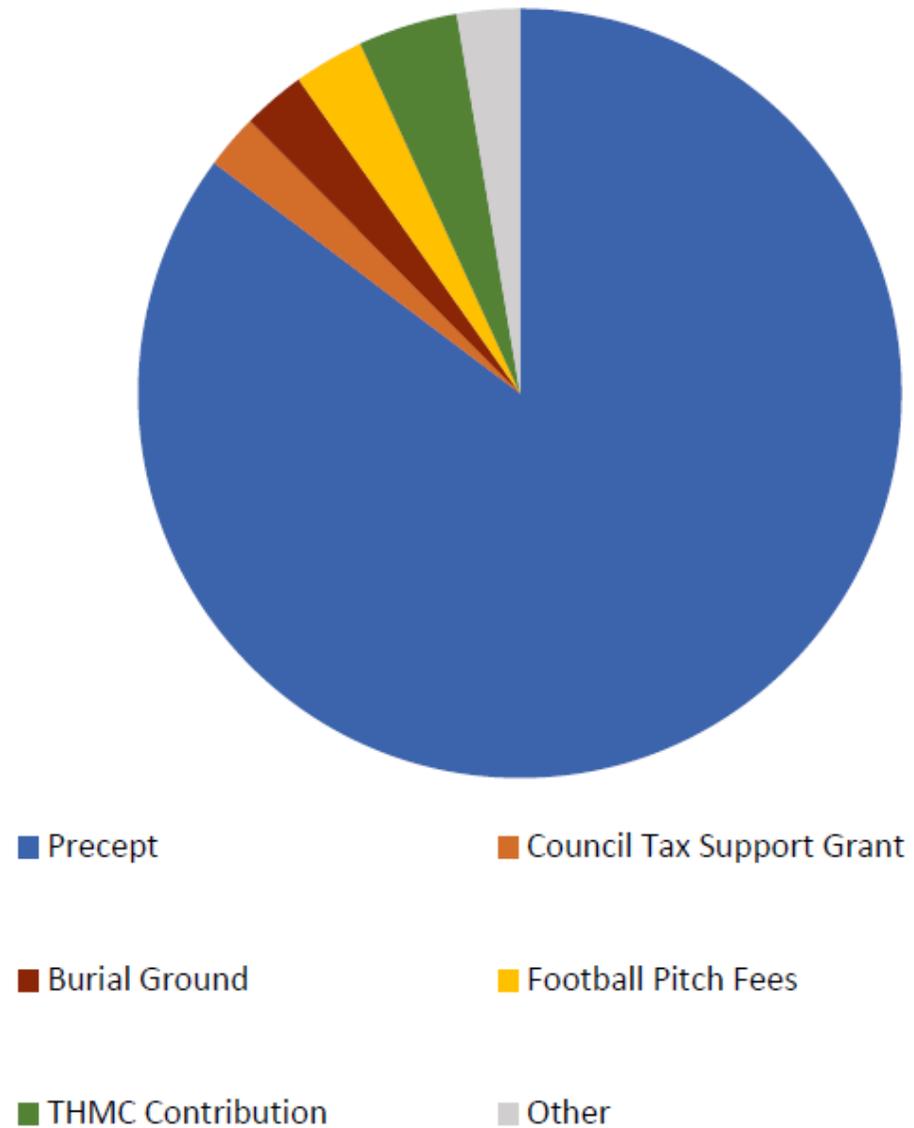


Income

Total Income: £155,563, £2,658 surplus

Income breakdown:

- Precept: £132,579
- CTSG: £3,588
- Burial Ground: £4,117
- Football Pitch Fees: £4,610
- THMC Contribution: £6,565
- Other Income: £4,104



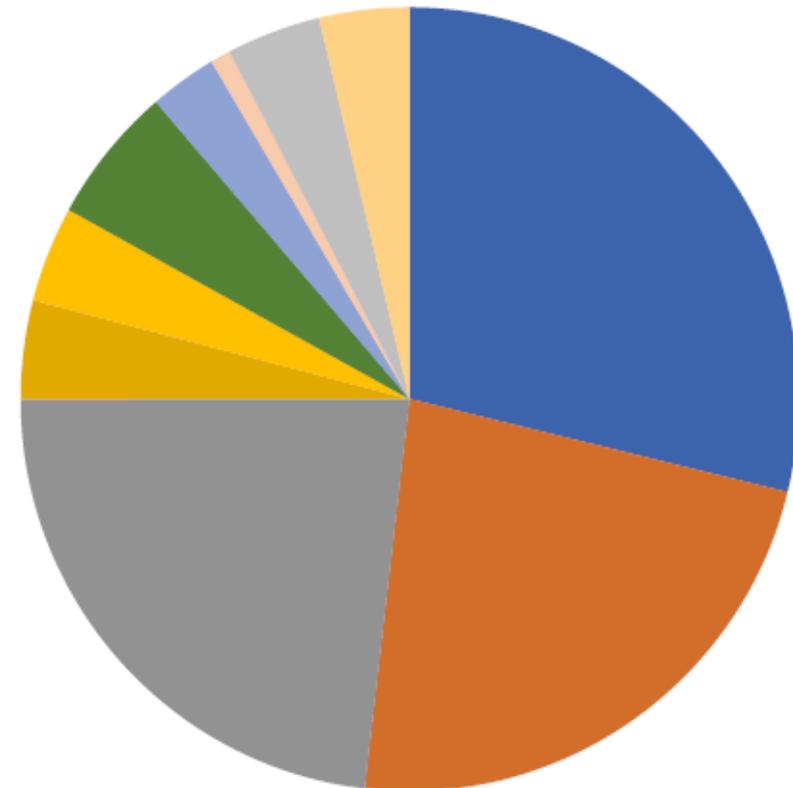
Expenditure (exc. CIL)

Total Expenditure: £155,975, £3,052 overspend (exc. CIL)

Income over Expenditure:

For 2018/19 there was a deficit of £3,052 against a planned deficit of £8,526.

This was due to savings made by the council and the moving of some expenditure into the following year, due to unforeseen circumstances.



- Staff costs
- Grounds maintenance
- Other maintenance
- Administration & Legal
- Professional Costs
- Kings Worthy Community Centre
- Grants/Elections/Other
- Communications
- Streetlights

Grants awarded in 2018/19

Beneficiary of grant	Grant amount	Summary of purpose of grant
Kings Worthy Preschool	£ 20.00	Purchase of a raffle prize for fundraising event
PCC of Kings Worthy	£ 150.00	Grant to help run a summer lunch club for under privileged children
St Marys Village Fete	£ 500.00	Grant towards costs of holding the village fete
3rd Winchester Scouts Group	£ 500.00	Grant towards the cost of a new heating system in their hall
Worthys Conservation Volunteers	£ 300.00	Grant towards the cost of insurance and materials
Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 1,000.00	Grant towards the cost of running the service
Kings Worthy Guides	£ 860.20	Grant to purchase new programme resources for all Brownies, Guides, Rainbows and Rangers
Victim Support	£ 200.00	Grant to purchase security items
Worthys Youth Football Club	£ 250.00	Grant towards the cost of mobile goals
Worthys History Group	£ 85.00	Grant to purchase a plaque identifying historical building Springvale Road
Worthys Festival	£ 1,000.00	Grant towards the costs of running the 2019 Worthys Festival
St Martys Village Fete	£ 300.00	Grant to cover the cost of public transport and first aid
Kings Worthy Parents, Teachers and Friends Association	£ 1,500.00	Grants towards the cost of constructing a woodland classroom
Worthys Conservation Volunteers	£ 250.00	Grant to purchase of 50x dormouse boxes



Where our funds are held

Bank accounts

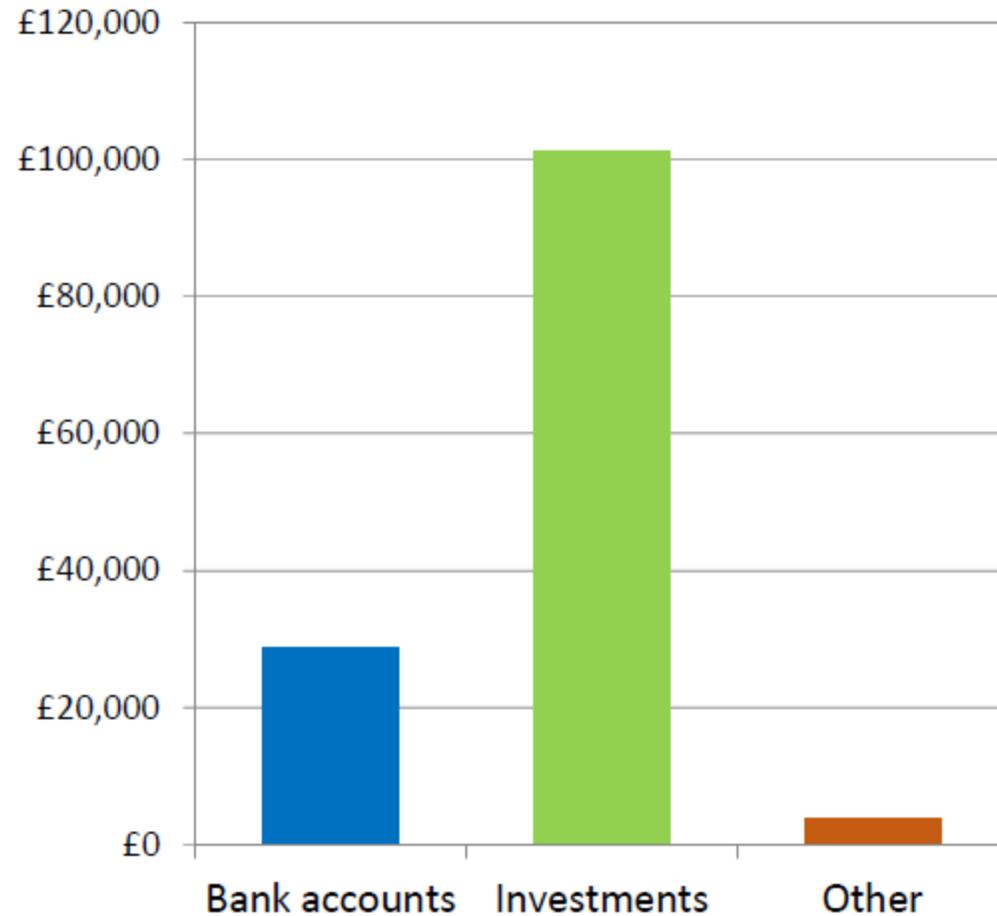
Funds readily available to KWPC held in bank accounts or similar.

Investments

Funds held in variable access deposits.

Other

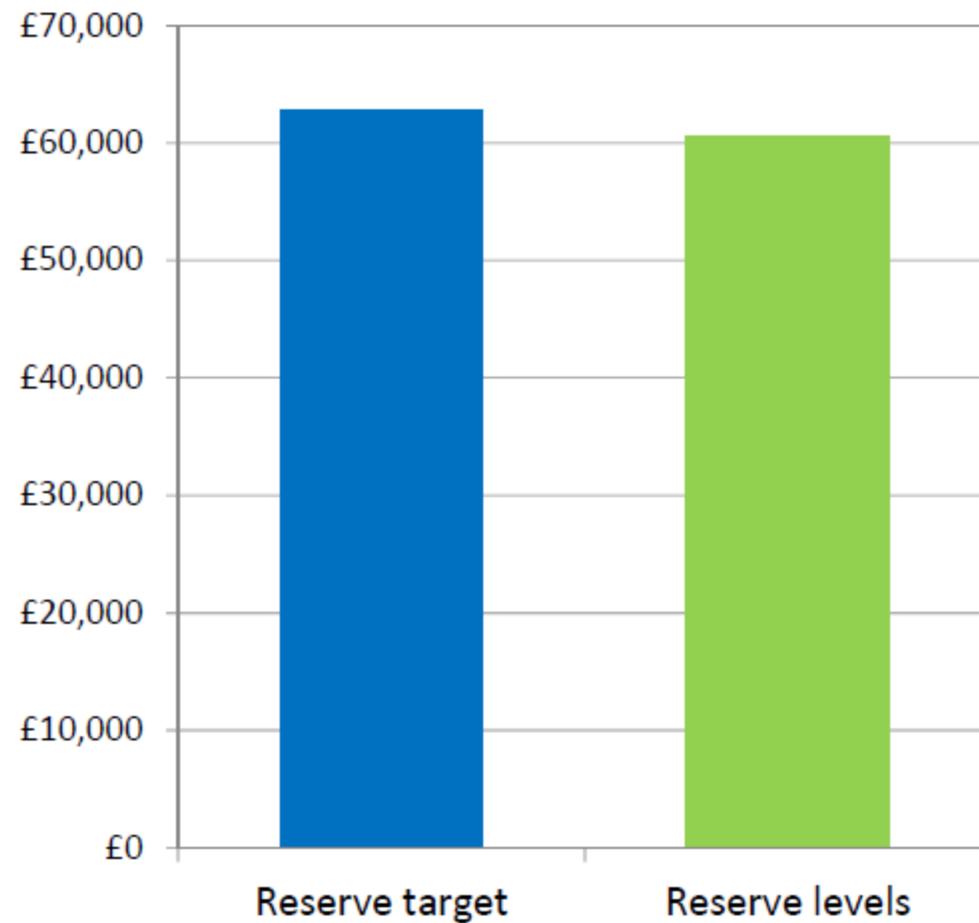
Funds prepaid or owed to the Parish Council.



Net assets

Bank accounts

Kings Worthy Parish Council's target for unallocated reserves is 50% of core annual expenditure.



Next Year (2019/20 Budget)

Total Income = £171,335

Precept: £155,017

(Council Tax Support Grant paid by WCC has been withdrawn entirely resulting in a loss of income of £3,588

The increase in the precept equates to £10.90 for the year, based on the band D average.

Kings Worthy Parish Council is the 4th largest Town/Parish Council in Hampshire by tax base.

However our rate of precept is 12th out of 47 councils, per band D average.

Total Expenditure = £178,059

Planned Deficit = £6,725

Deficit this year (2019/20) due to some costs from last year being moved into 2019/20



Changes to our employed personnel

- Richard Hanney, our current clerk (from July 2017) (20 hours) is retiring due to health issues following a mild stroke last year
- We have appointed a new Assistant Clerk (20 hours), Lucia Foster-Found, who has started in April 2019
- Our new Clerk, Chris Read (37 hours) has been promoted from Assistant Clerk



GDPR

- Came into effect about a year ago -
- SIX PRINCIPLES
- Lawfulness, fairness and transparency. Transparency: Tell the subject what data processing will be done. ... (new emails for Councillors)
- Purpose limitations. ...
- Data minimisation. ...
- Accuracy. ...
- Storage limitations. ...
- Integrity and confidentiality.



Recreation & Amenities



Kim Bishop Walk



Burial Ground



Bike Planters



Skate Ledge



Kings Worthy Green - landscaping



Eversley Park



Planning & Highways 2019

Good evening ladies & gentlemen!

Now, Planning may not seem like the most attractive of subjects to be talking about, although it can be an emotive topic that causes much discussion. For instance, residents may not always want buildings or additions to buildings next door to them, or overlooking them. However, from an objective planning perspective, one has to look at plans to see if there is a bona fide "Planning" reason to object to an application.

Many of you will remember Winchester City Councils Local Plan Part Two, which required the Parish to find sites for 250 homes within the Parish settlement boundary and to provide a five-year land supply. Originally, the time frame covered was up to 2031 and it is now being reviewed every five years. Consequently, we are now starting to look at the period of time from 2031 to 2035. This area covers all of the Parish with the exception of Abbots Worthy which is in the area of the Southdown National Park, however it does cover an area of Headbourne Worthy.

We are on target to meet the requirements up to 2031 – and although moving on to 2035 is going to be a challenge for the Parish Council, we believe we can meet the new requirements, whilst continuing to protect the village boundary as it is. How long we will be able to achieve this however rests on what the City Council are directed to do by Central Government.

There are still quite a few major developments that have been approved by the City Council, which form part of our requirement to meet the 250 properties under LPP11. They are as follows, the site of the Grove in front of Kings Worthy school, the site known as Dildawn off Tudor Way and 95 to 105 Springvale Road. Some of our residents are asking what is being done with regards to finishing the development in Lovedon Lane (now known as Eversley Gardens). We have been assured by the developers that all should be completed within the next few months with the developer discharging all that is required by the planning permission.

Over the last year we have built up an excellent relationship with the planning department which has been very helpful reducing the number of times that the Parish Council have had to call in an application to have it considered by the Planning Committee of the City Council. It has been very useful whilst talking to developers on larger developments.

Top Field, this is still ongoing and should be going before Winchester City Council's planning committee this month. We have worked not only with the City Council but also with Top Field Action Group to achieve a satisfactory outcome that is beneficial to the village, we believe we have achieved this in that apart from the building of thirty-five houses. Also, the remainder of the land known as Top Field will be retained for the village in perpetuity. Originally the plan was for 35 houses 25 social with ten to be sold on the open market - these ten allowing the city council to purchase all the remainder of the land for the public in perpetuity. Following discussions with the City Council the houses that were to be sold on the open market will be marketed in a way that allow those living in the village and wishing to get on the housing ladder to do so. With the majority for rent to people who live in the village who are currently living with parents etc. and need housing, the requirements will be initially for people who are living in the village and have done so for a period of time. If there are insufficient people to fill the rented properties, the next level would be for people with very strong village connections to be offered accommodation in the complex.

Plans have recently been lodged to develop the property used by the Police known as Kings Worthy Court. The plan is to convert the modern building into social housing, with the house itself to be

converted into apartments. At present it looks as if the development will be self-contained, with more than adequate parking available within the site.

In addition, the Planning & Highways Committee have looked at the safety of the path that runs from Springvale Road to Edinburgh Road where it crosses the heights at the end of Churchill Close. We asked Hampshire County Council to install safety barriers to slow people down, most especially children, and make them aware of the danger of cars crossing the path at this point. HCC said they did not have the funds, so the Parish Council gained permission from HCC to install gates on either side of the entrance.

Many of you have seen the speed sign that has been used around the village. It could measure if vehicles were exceeding the speed limit for the particular area, and it told them to slow down. We also shared the sign with other parish councils, but it has become unreliable. Consequently, the Parish Council has ordered a new sign to be used in the parish. It is more accurate and records the exact speed of the vehicle passing, details of which can be stored. We can then pass this intel onto the police, with a view to setting up police speed cameras that are capable of recording the speed of vehicles and thus being able to prosecute offenders.

Finally, the Parish Council Planning Committee have robustly objected to the proposed paper recycling plant on part of the North Winchester farm (Egg Farm). Whilst the current owners have gained permission for a storage & distribution operation on the site, they have now sold the site to a company currently operating in Alresford that recycles waste paper. The application is currently with Hampshire County Council who give permission to this style of operation.

The Parish Council recently agreed to create a Neighbourhood Plan. This will enable us to more robustly challenge proposed development within the village. The plan once drawn up will have to be examined and if found to be sound it becomes a legal document which will mean that Winchester City Council planners will have to have regard for our neighbourhood plan. Another benefit of a Neighbourhood Plan is that the Parish currently receives 15% Community Infrastructure Levy (Cil) money from developments within the village. However, with the Neighbourhood Plan in place this would increase to 25%, with HCC not having spent any of the Cil money they have received from developers! If we have more money, then we may be able to carry out more projects within the parish – for example contributing towards the building of parking areas within the village where there are problems or similar.

Finally, you will have heard, or seen, that Hampshire County Council have switched off the street lights for which they are responsible around the village. However, the Parish Council having saved money on the street lighting budget have decided to leave the lights that they control on - although they will be dimmed between midnight and 5am. We believed it necessary to leave them on for safety.

As you can hear, we are a very busy committee who have a difficult task in balancing development within the village.

Ian Gordon

Chair Planning & Highways