



Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 28 November 2022 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Signe Biddle, Colin Cossburn, Emily Fish (Chairman of the meeting), Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Charlotte Smith, Tom Stannard & Steve Waters.

Clerk(s)

Parish Clerk (Christopher Read)

Apologies

Cllr Julia Archer (the council resolved to approve Cllrs Archer's reason for absence)

Cllr Dorry Lawlor (the council resolved to approve Cllrs Lawlor's reason for absence)

Cllr Matthew Miller-Hall (the council resolved to approve Cllrs Miller-Hall's reason for absence)

County & City Councillor(s)

Cllr Jackie Porter (Hampshire County Council [HCC])

Cllr Jane Rutter (Winchester City Council [WCC])

Members of the public

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PC/22/206 – Public Question Time [Please note that this is the only time that the public are able to speak and is limited to 5 minutes per subject]

Cllr Porter (as Chair of the Tubbs Hall Management Committee) noted that subsequent to her meeting with the Parish Council, she has applied for a grant of up to £10,000 to improve the energy efficient of the building. They will be looking at lighting upgrades, building insulation, improvements to the heating system and an electric vehicle charging point.

PC/22/207 – Impact of COVID-19 - meeting recommendations

It was agreed to retain the current recommendations.

PC/22/208 – Vacancy for parish councillor - update

Awaiting advice from WCC.

PC/22/209 – To receive written reports from City & County Councillors and Parish Councillors following external meetings

County Council report (see attached) – A copy of Cllr Porter's report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Cllr Porter summaries her report including the Hampshire

Minerals & Waste plan. She added that the North Winchester Farm (Ecogen) application is being sent to the HCC regulatory committee on the 14th December and that the current recommendation is for refusal.

City Council report (see attached) – Cllr Rutter gave a summary of the City Council report a copy of which had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.

Cllr Rutter noted that she will be speaking at the HCC regulatory committee meeting mentioned above.

Cllr Rutter also noted that WCC are undertaking a local governance review and this may include Kings Worthy.

Cllr Porter noted that there may be some objections to the selection of site KW02 in the local plan and that the Parish Council should respond whether for or against.

(Cllr Rutter left the meeting at this point)

PC/22/210 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 October 2022

A vote was held to approve the minutes with 8 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

PC/22/211 – Matters arising from the meeting held on 31 October 2022

PC/22/186 – Potential collection for retiring owners of Kings Worthy post office – The Clerk has obtained advice from both the Hampshire Association of Local Councils and the Internal Auditor. If we act as the for funds then would need to account of the money within the Council's accounts. The Parish Council accounts are not currently setup for cash collection and/or accounting.

It was agreed ask the Worthy Community Facebook group to see if they would be able to run a collection, particularly given their reach within the community.

PC/22/212 – To receive the minutes for the committees

- Recreation and Amenities (R&A) Committee – 10 November 2022 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.
 - Cllr Smith raised a tree quotation she had obtained from Worthy Plants for the supply and planting of 12 trees at a total cost of £1,744.00. It was agreed to proceed with this quotation.
- Finance, Administration & Remuneration (FAR) Committee – 16 November 2022 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.
 - Grant to Victim Support – It was agreed to ratify the grant of £150.00 to the Citizens Advice Winchester Branch.
 - Church Green bollards – A vote was held to ratify this decision with 8 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

It was therefore agreed to ratify the decision at the Finance committee to accept the contribution for the bollards (£530.44), installation quotation from M.R.S. Services (£960.00) and the purchase of bollards from Marshalls (£1,933.03).

- Planning & Highways (P&H) Committee – 22 November 2022 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.
 - Cart & Horses junction – An in-person meeting has been requested.
 - Ecogen application – The committee will decide who will speak on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - Police & Crime Commissioner visit – It was agreed that this can take place on a Saturday and will be in the new year.

PC/22/213 – Cart & Horses junction – update including proposed resolution from Itchen Valley Parish Council

It was agreed to defer this item to the Planning & Highways committee.

PC/22/214 – Ratification of the re-advertisement of the Eversley Park play area renewal tender – including revised dates and amended requirements.

Due to the notice period required the tender was restarted with a closing date of 23rd December. This re-advertisement also included the ability to submit electronic submission and removal of shortlisting. It was unanimously agreed to ratify these changes.

PC/22/215 – To receive the statement of accounts and management reports for period ended 31 October 2022

The Clerk have a presentation of the accounts for the period ending 31 October 2022; no changes were made.

Monthly accruals – Cllr Cossburn asked if the monthly accruals are made for M.R.S. Services monthly charges, particularly given the issue obtaining invoices from him.

The Clerk confirmed that accruals are not made as they do vary.

Action: It was agreed to obtain advice from the internal auditor on whether we should start accruing monthly.

PC/22/216 – To receive the draft forecast outturn (2022/23) & draft budget (2023/24)

The Clerk of the draft forecast outturn and budget; no changes were made.

PC/22/217 – Recruitment of Deputy Clerk – update

No applications had yet been received. If no applications are received, it was agreed to advertise this role on Total Jobs the Monday after the closing date.

PC/22/218 – Parish Council office arrangements – update

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

PC/22/219 – Potential opening of Tubbs Hall as a warm space

A meeting is being arranged with Tubbs Hall Management Committee (THMC) St Marys Church and Headbourne Worthy Parish Council is being arranged. Cllr Fish and Gordon volunteers to attend this meeting on either 30th November, or 7th December.

THMC have agreed that they will apply for any grant funding.

PC/22/220 – S106 agreement for the land at Lovedon Fields – including costings for maintenance from Winchester City Council

Chair will be writing to WCC to chase all remaining information to enable us to make a decision.

PC/22/221 – Communications [incl. Website / Facebook / Newsletter Monthly Comms. Etc.]

Cllr Smith noted that the next comms will include the play area dates and are due in January but might be before Christmas.

PC/22/222 – Clerk's Notices

Tree at Eversley Park for ratification – It was agreed to ratify £325.00 of urgent expenditure for Tom Fisher Tree care for the remove a small fallen tree at Eversley Park.

Fire doors in Tubbs Hall – The Clerk noted that the door at the entrance to Tubbs Hall itself is dropping slightly. The Clerk also noted that he had recently been notified that a flooring contractor, not hired by the PC, had trimmed to the bottom of the door (without PC permission). This was some time ago when the hall flooring was fitted.

The Clerk had obtained a quotation from EDSB Ltd, at a total cost of £670.00, to adjust and rectify the issues. However, they do not provide any guarantee of the fire rating of the door set.

Cllr Cossburn noted that due to the length of the travel from the hall to the fire exits, the door in question may not need to be a certified fire door, and thus the regulations may not apply.

Action: It was agreed for Cllr Porter (as Chair of THMC) to speak with WCC and their contractors Osborne about this.

Action: Cllr Waters will contact someone he knows about this work once he has heard from Cllr Porter.

PC/22/223 – Chairman's Notices

It was noted that there may be a potential extra-ordinary meeting in December for recruitment and budget setting.

PC/22/224 – Agreement of meeting dates for 2023

A list of dates had been circulated before the meeting.

Due to the additional bank holidays in May, it was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on the 22nd May 2022.

Cllr Cossburn noted that the R&A meeting had been moved until 19th January 2023.

PC/22/225 - Items for discussion at the next meeting on the 30 January 2023

Last minute apologies.

Fraser Road Insurance update.

Meeting Closed at 21:00.

Signed:

Date:

County Councillor Report to Councils November 2022. jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk

There are two Reg 18 Draft Plans out for consultation from this month:

Minerals and Waste Plan	HCC : Website address not yet published. Find it by searching 'have your say' on hants.gov.uk	8 Nov 22 to 31 Jan 23
Winchester Local Plan	WCC www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk	2 Nov 22 to 12 Dec 22

I have sent out a link to slides for the HCC presentation a few weeks ago and will be hosting the Parish and other events online and at the sites across the district. If you'd like this sent again, please let me know. I have made an appraisal of the HCC plan in my role as County Councillor and will be sharing this with each community as necessary, seeking your views back so that I can reflect your points as well as my overall view. If you believe that your Parish or area is likely to be affected, you can request a briefing from HCC.

You may wish to look at this presentation and draft plan in your meetings, pp 10, 11 in the presentation cover the development management policies: significantly it removes policy 14 which related specifically to community benefits. Pages 13 and 14 relate to Minerals policies, pp. 16,17,18 relate to Waste policies and then from p 19 the presentation covers site allocations. It is worth looking through all of these as some may be in adjacent wards or traffic may have to travel through 'your roads'.

The ONS has published more granular data from the 2021 census. Go to the Office for National Statistics website to see the latest publications dated 2nd November 2022. This is a powerful set of data looking at age, living arrangements, household size and education/deprivation etc. It is worth looking at for your area as we go into the new Plans above. This is an example, looking by age:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/articles/demographyandmigrationdatacontent/2022-11-02>

Last month I spoke about the future financing of HCC. The situation was described by the Director of Corporate Operations as 'dire'. The County Council Network states that councils were facing a deficit before the current threat of austerity measures, and now much worse due in part to:-

- Social care of special needs children being educated and cared for, and then becoming adults 21-70
- No Fair Funding review as originally promised (Hants compares low to their peer group counties)
- Growing population, increasing elderly population, incl. a lost younger group changing post Brexit
- Inflation of capital costs, cost of goods, etc
- Salary upgrade partly due to improvement in Living Wage
- Restricted % Council tax /social care increases year has revalued % income received as council tax.

The HCC Leader tells us: he continues to lobby prime ministers, chancellors & local MP's for a better deal.

As a result of the pressure on finances, there is a rearrangement in the number of Directorships at HCC: with one for Adults, one for Children, one for 'Universal Services' which includes transport, roads and countryside services. Both Felicity Roe and Stuart Jarvis are leaving, which is sad. They are both very competent, experienced officers for whom I and many others hold in high regard.

I understand there will also be a department looking specifically at Hampshire 2050.

You will be aware of the spate of accidents at the Cart and Horses junction: one on the 25th October proved fatal for a local resident. Tragedies like this bring high emotions and I have spoken with our MP as well as local residents and county officers about the demand for change here. This junction is in many ways the pivot of the Itchen Valley division and the junction is used by many of us. A deputation will be made to the County on the 29th November. If you are interested in knowing more about this, please contact me.

On a happier note: **Hillier Arboretum is opening for a 'light up' experience** from 24 Nov to 31 Dec 2022 4.30-8pm (except Christmas Day. It promises to be a great evening out; you should book via their website.

Report from WCC Councillors to the meeting of Kings Worthy Parish Council

28th November 2022

Cart & Horses Junction

The petition at www.winld.org.uk/safech now has over 2,200 signatures. We were grateful to local residents David Learmouth and Caroline Kirkman who made an impressive presentation to Hampshire County Council last week calling for a safer Cart & Horses Junction. Officers assure us that changes will be considered once the results of the inquiries into the fatal crash are completed.

M3/J9 Consultation

Your councillors have continued to talk to National Highways, most recently about the plans for the actual construction works. These will impact our community significantly and we are of course keen to minimise this impact and maximise the amount of traffic which is sent along the longer but official detours. Discussions continue.

Kings Barton

Discussions continue over the controversial proposals for the main access road to the new Kings Barton development. Currently part of Headbourne Worthy Parish, the local council has set up a working group to try and include more local residents, and develop a close working relationship with the Kings Barton Residents Association. They are currently looking at taking on play areas and open spaces in the development, whilst looking carefully with the City Council at possible local governance consultations in the near future. Such a consultation would be wide-ranging and include neighbouring parishes.

Local Plan

The consultation on the new Local Plan runs until **December 14**. There are many opportunities for both the Parish Council and local residents individually to have your say and find out more at localplan.winchester.gov.uk

Planning applications:

The log jam continues to build up with no realistic solution yet agreed for the problem of excess phosphates being washed into our sensitive River Itchen catchment area. This means that no planning applications that will add to the problem of phosphates in our water system is being determined at the moment. There are several controversial applications backed up in this log-jam. It is important that when a solution is finally agreed – and it will be – that these applications are considered properly and so it is important that those wishing to make representations should be well prepared in case an agreement is found. In that case there are likely to be some extra Planning Committee days factored into the calendar.

Ecogen

This is a planning application going through the County Council's planning process. Whilst the date for comments has officially passed, you are still able to write to the planning department with your comments – Jane has copied her latest message to them at the end of this report. We do urge all Parish Councillors and other residents to add their voices to the objections to the latest attempt by Ecogen to manoeuvre around the strict conditions that were applied for good reason to their original planning application. Proposals for 'improving' Lovedon Lane – including reducing the width of the already too narrow footpath on the old railway bridge – would be laughable if they didn't carry such serious consequences for the local community. We continue to object to their proposals for expansion. We are hoping the officers will reject the application, but it may go to their Planning Committee in December.

Anti-Social behaviour

Please continue to report any anti-social behaviour to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or local police and other agencies, copying in your local councillors if you think a policy change of some kind would help the situation.

[The Central Winchester Regeneration](#) is moving into the next stage, with various bids from partner organisations now being looked at. Also under consideration for development is the 'depot site' next to the new Sports and Leisure Park - Jane and Steve attended a recent public exhibition at the Sports & Leisure Park which set out some of the ideas being discussed for the Depot Site. The results of that public consultation will be evaluated and the Cabinet will be making further proposals soon.

Jane Rutter, Steve Cramoysan and Jackie Porter 28th November 2022.

Email to planning@hants.gov.uk Re application 21/00832/HCS

Attn Sam Dumbrell

Dear Sam,

I am writing to OBJECT to proposed road 'improvements' to Lovedon Lane in an attempt by Ecogen to render their application to double lorry movements along Lovedon Lane and Stoke Charity Road acceptable. These proposals do no such thing.

Firstly, to propose to reduce the width of the footway over the disused railway bridge on Lovedon Lane is downright dangerous. This footway is already too narrow, and I and many local residents feel unsafe walking along it as traffic – particularly HGVs, thunder past at the current speed limit of 40mph – or more as is often the case. If anything, this footway should be made wider, with traffic required to give way in single lane running – this is a place where people commonly report slight collisions with the loss of wing mirrors. It is only a matter of time before a more significant collision occurs at this narrow bridge.

Lovedon Lane and Stoke Charity Road are regularly used by cyclists, as well as walkers and horse riders – at least it used to be used regularly before the Ecogen lorries rendered the road impassable for anybody but the most intrepid and determined users. Cyclists, horse riders and walkers have literally been **run off the road** by these lorries – completely out of scale in this rural area – and so much bigger, faster and more frequent than former occasional farm vehicles and lorries to and from the egg farm. As a council, and for the health of residents and the climate, we are trying to encourage active travel. It's impossible along Lovedon Lane at present, and these proposals will just make a very difficult situation even worse.

The proposals to widen the road around the very narrow, steep and blind railway bridge on Stoke Charity Road and at the entrance to the site are laughable. As the applicant's own report has stated, such widening is very likely to fail quickly and cause even more problems for other road users. The wider parts do nothing to eliminate the bling corner, and the whole road here is narrow and rural in character – with verges which are constantly being damaged by vehicles being run off the road trying to avoid collisions with the large HGVs.

The reality of the situation is that this waste transfer plant should never have been given permission to operate from this site in the first place. It is too far from the major road network, and the impact of the current allowance of HGVs is taking a terrible toll on local residents and degrading the local road network still further. Ideally the business should be transferred to a different site much closer to the motorway network. In the short term, given the serious impact such inappropriate lorry movements are having on the local community and facilities, strict speed limits should be imposed on lorry movements. The proposed changes to the local roads will do nothing to alleviate the problems being caused to local residents and other road users, and in many cases exacerbate a difficult and dangerous situation.

I completely reject the suggestion that these proposed road changes will enable the safe use of Lovedon Lane and Stoke Charity Road for an increase in lorry movements to the Ecogen Site, and completely OBJECT to both this application and to the application to increase lorry movements.

Cllr Jane Rutter
Past Mayor of Winchester (2016-17)
Representing the Worthys on Winchester City Council
Liberal Democrat

Management Accounts for the period ending 31 October 2022 including forecast outturn (2022/23) & budget 2023/24)

Income

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	2022/23 Forecast Outturn	2023/24 Budget
Community Infrastructure Levy	£0.00	£0.00	£13,148.53	£13,148.53	£19,657.63	£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£176,413.00	£103,346.56	£102,643.41	-£703.15	£175,610.52	£175,436.82
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£4,022.00	£2,346.17	£1,281.00	-£1,065.17	£4,022.00	£10,292.29
Planning & Highways	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities	£6,116.70	£2,630.30	£5,282.60	£2,652.30	£5,478.60	£5,575.00
Totals:	£195,551.70	£108,323.02	£122,355.54	£14,032.52	£204,768.75	£191,304.10

Expenditure

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	2022/23 Forecast Outturn	2023/24 Budget
Community Infrastructure Levy	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£75,509.38	£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£89,596.00	£56,741.72	£52,236.49	£4,505.23	£91,891.47	£103,344.65
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£8,483.00	£5,829.45	£4,925.64	£903.81	£8,921.95	£15,747.49
Planning & Highways	£11,405.00	£5,394.16	£0.00	£4,624.16	£10,605.60	£12,540.11
Recreation & Amenities	£85,048.89	£45,684.79	£36,365.91	£9,318.88	£98,749.59	£81,135.24
Totals:	£203,532.89	£113,650.11	£93,528.04	£19,352.07	£285,677.99	£212,767.49

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	2022/23 Forecast Outturn*	2023/24 Budget
Actual Year to Date Position	-£7,981.19	-£5,327.10	£28,827.50	£34,154.60	-£80,909.24	-£21,463.39

Memorandum Position - Excluding CIL Income and Expenditure

Memorandum Year to Date Position:	-£7,981.19	-£5,327.10	£15,678.97	£21,006.07	-£25,057.49	-£21,463.39
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* The Forecast Outturn includes £100,000.00 spent on the renewal of Eversley Park play area

Balance Sheet for period ending 31 October 2022

Bank Accounts	
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	£12,894.61
Unity Trust Tailored Deposit Account	£153,794.05
Sub-Total:	£166,688.66
Investments/Deposits	
Nationwide variable (35-day notice)	£55,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (45-day notice)	£42,313.17
Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (90-day notice)	£42,686.83
United Trust Bank Variable (100-day notice)	£0.00
Sub-Total:	£140,000.00
Other	
B4B Procurement Card	£93.80
Debtors	£0.00
Prepayments	£0.00
Sub-Total:	£93.80
Total Current Assets:	£306,782.46
Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	£675.08
Received on Account (inc. Precept)	£72,859.56
PAYE Payments Due	£285.00
NI Payments Due	£495.81
Pension Payments Due	£738.18
Other Creditors (awaiting advice from HMRC before payment)	£4.89
VAT to be Paid	£0.00
VAT to be Reclaimed	-£1,116.86
VAT that has been Reclaimed but not received	-£2,829.22
Total Current Liabilities:	£71,112.44
Current Assets Minus Liabilities:	£235,670.02
Earmarked Funds in Reserve	
Church Green Reserve	£1,984.49
Play area maintenance reserve	£44,053.22
CIL Reserve	£75,509.38
Total Current Liabilities:	£121,547.09
Net Assets	
Profit & Loss Accounts Brought Forward	£62,673.12
General Reserves (inc. £19,297.65 for tree works)	£22,622.31
Profit & Loss Year to Date	£28,827.50
Total Net Assets:	£114,122.93