



Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 25 July 2022 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Matthew Miller-Hall (Chair), Julia Archer, Signe Biddle, Colin Cossburn, Emily Fish, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Lawlor, Charlotte Smith, Tom Stannard & Steve Waters.

Clerk(s)

Parish Clerk (Christopher Read)

Apologies

None.

County & City Councillor(s)

Cllr Jackie Porter (Hampshire County Council [HCC] & Winchester City Council [WCC])

Cllr Steve Cramoysan (WCC)

Cllr Jane Rutter (WCC)

Members of the public

None.

PC/22/127 – Public question time

None.

PC/22/128 – Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

It was agreed for the current recommendations for meetings to remain on the agenda.

PC/22/129 – Appointment of Councillor(s) to committee(s)

The committee appointments were agreed:

- Planning & Highways – Cllr Lawlor

PC/22/130 – To receive written reports from City & County Councillors and Parish Councillors following external meetings

County report – A copy of the County Council report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting (see attached). Cllr Porter gave a short summary of her report to the meeting.

City Council report – A copy of the City Council report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting (see attached). The City Councillors gave a short summary of their report to the meeting.

PC/22/131 – Proposed community garden near Edinburgh Road

Councillors discussed this proposal with input from Cllr Jane Rutter (WCC), who had been involved in the proposal. Further discussion has been held by residents with WCC.

Cllr Rutter noted that the land is designated as housing land, but this does not mean it will get built on.

Discussions regarding this item including future maintenance and ownership are ongoing.

PC/22/132 – Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27 June 2022

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

PC/22/133 – Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting on the 27 June 2022

None.

PC/22/134 – To receive the minutes of the committees:

- Recreation & Amenities Committee – Before the meeting all Councillors had received a copy of the minutes for the meeting held on the 15 July 2022.
- Finance, Administration & Remuneration Committee – Before the meeting all Councillors had received a copy of the minutes for the meeting held on the 13 July 2022.

The Clerk gave a presentation of the accounts for the period ending 30th June 2022.

Play area renewal budget – It was agreed to ratify the proposed budget for the renewal of Eversley Park play area of £100,000.

- Planning & Highways committee – Before the meeting all Councillors had received a copy of the minutes for the meeting held on the 19 July 2022.

PC/22/135 – Co-option policy (including timescales and advertising of current vacancy)

A copy of the policy had been distributed to Councillors. It was agreed to adopt this policy with 1 abstention.

It was also agreed to for the co-option to fill this vacancy to take place at the meeting on the 30th August 2022. This will also be advertised in the upcoming newsletter.

Action – It was agreed to advertise the intention to fill the vacancy via co-option as above.

PC/22/136 – S106 agreement for land at Lovedon Fields – meeting with Winchester City Council

A meeting between the representatives of Winchester City Council, Cllr Miller-Hall, Cllr Smith and the Clerk took place on the 26th July 2022.

Winchester City Council will be providing costings and advice on the open space at Lovedon Fields. This information will be discussed at the August Finance committee meeting, and the subsequent full council meeting on the 30th August 2022.

PC/22/137 – Update of emergency plan (currently for flooding) including out of hours Parish Council issues

No further update on this.

PC/22/138 – Neighbourhood Plan & Village Design Statement

It was agreed to setup a steering group including Cllrs Archer, Cossburn, Gordon, Miller-Hall & Smith.

PC/22/139 – Listing of agenda items

After discussion, it was agreed for non-regular agenda items to include a brief synopsis.

PC/22/140 – Council Maintenance setup

After discussion, it was agreed to refer this back to the Recreation & Amenities committee.

PC/22/141 – Communications [incl. Website /Facebook / Newsletter / Monthly Comms. etc.] – including CPR Training

Cllr Smith reported that the newsletter was nearly ready to go to print.

The Clerk had obtained updated pricing for both the printing and fulfilment (inc. postage) cost.

Culverland Press Ltd had provided the following prices:

Printing

- FSC certified paper (non-recycled) = £497.00
- FSC certified paper (recycled) = £614.00

Fulfilment (including postage)

Cost for fulfilment (enveloping and addressing) and postage (3rd class) = £1,420.00

The Clerk noted there may be a very small variances on the total cost based on the final number required.

It was agreed to proceed with the recycled paper option at a total cost of £2,034.00.

PC/22/142 – Neighbourhood plan & Village Design Statement

This item was included on the agenda twice in error.

PC/22/143 – Clerk's Notices

SSE invoice for cable damage – The Clerk noted that whilst replacing a rotten wooden dragons post outside Tubbs Hall, the Maintenance Technician damaged an underground cable. Having measured, the cable had not been laid to the required depth.

Subsequently, the Maintenance Technician has received an invoice for repairing the cable. He has asked if the Parish Council would be willing to write to SSE to query this invoice on the basis that the cable had not been laid correctly, including the depth.

Action – It was agreed for the Clerk to write to SSE as above.

PC/22/144 – Chair’s Notices

None.

PC/22/145 – Items for discussion at the next meeting on 25 July 2022

Clear out of Parish Council office and shed

Meeting Closed at 20:58.

Signed:

Date:

County Councillor Report for Parish and Town Councils for July 2022

There is an HCC consultation on Community Transport out at present, deadline 24th July, which I urge you to complete on behalf of your constituents. Go to 'have your say' on hants.gov.uk to see the consultation. The County Council is formally recording their disappointment that the £5.4m Active Travel bid to Government resulted in an award of just £0.68m, and that they were not successful in receiving any Bus Back Better funding for 22/23. The original BBB fund was announced as £3bn, then cut back to just £1.4bn, resulting in 31/79 bids being successful. Add to this, the pressure on commercial services at present: Covid, shortage of passengers and drivers etc are playing their part in this. This puts considerable pressure on the County's transport discretionary funding which includes a taxi run-bus services, CANGO, community bus grants and support for smaller link buses such as the 95 and the 240.

However, good news: HCC received a flood aid grant of over £0.74m, which included Phase 1 of the Outer Winchester scheme. HCC claimed an additional sum of £0.243 m for phase 2 of this scheme in Feb 22, which will be spent in this financial year.

This can be seen in detail on para 80, page 49 of the ETE Decision Day Notice on the 18th July.

There is still time to respond to HCC's new Catchment Management Plans: deadline 21st July. Go to 'have your say' on hants.gov.uk to see the consultation.

HCC also negotiated £9.4m developer contributions in 21/22, mainly used to provide road improvements and school places, including special school places which are still under considerable pressure.

HCC has also received £0.8m to develop a business case for a Mini-Holland for Winchester: the bid focus is to improve walking and cycling to and from the city centre, and potentially introduce some Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN's) in the city too. All of this will be subject to public consultation. *More detail on para 75, page 46 ETE Decision Day Notice, 18th July.*

Please note that CIL funded schemes for Winchester district totalling £0.303m are carried forward to 22/23 from 21/22. Some of these are in the Itchen Valley Division.

Kings Barton roads: I know that many Parishes are affected by decisions made by Cala and HCC about the final road system at Kings Barton. A new County Executive (Cabinet) has just been formed, and so I am afraid the pressure to get this right for all residents both in Kings Barton and across the north of Winchester has started anew with correspondence and a conversation with the new Exec Member, Cllr Heron. He has agreed to meet me to see the roads (as they are now) this month too.

Ecogen's application is still awaiting a decision. I know that a site visit was held w/c 4th July, but I do not have any confirmation of a further consultation, or a decision date, though I am pressing for this.

We are living in an increasingly digital world: you may find it useful to receive gov.uk updates from Julia Lopez MP – as far as I know she hasn't resigned yet! This update includes guidance for online access / applications for the right to work, right to rent and DBS checks. All of this assumes however that you can access these forms online, and retain a copy for yourself. Using a public computer at the Library may be residents' only form of online access. At present, Library staff can help if you need a paper copy of a form. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/digital-identity-certification-for-right-to-work-right-to-rent-and-criminal-record-checks?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=41af6fec-ecac-42a0-a893-2be19a28af4c&utm_content=weekly

Ukraine update: despite requests, HCC has refused to contemplate using Cornerways for refugee housing.

The Government has now said that Britain will take Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (often shortened to UASC) from Ukraine- this is a whole new challenge to add to those coming from other parts of the world and HCC councillors are expecting a full update on the implication and actions w/c 11 July.
Cllr Jackie Porter: tel/text 07973 696085, email Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk, website www.jackieporter.co.uk

Report from WCC Councillors to the meeting of Kings Worthy Parish Council 25.7.22

Kim Bishop Walk

Work has been going on to upgrade Kim Bishop walk, between Wesley Road and “Top field”. The contractor will be bringing in a heavy-duty roller next week to complete the job. The circular path has been scraped, and will have the fine material laid, and then this will be rolled also. Assuming no unforeseen events, it should be completed by end of w/c 25th July.

Estates Improvement plan

We are seeing the first indications of the estate improvement plan for WCC Springvale’s estate. There will be a consultation period for residents, to influence priorities and to optimise changes to better meet needs, which we expect to see start over the summer period. We will keep the Parish council updated as the specifics such as which areas are in scope as they become clearer.

Local Plan

The Local Plan is now going through other sense checks for landscape, sustainability, heritage, and accessibility - and policies and sites will go out to first formal public consultation from the beginning of Nov to mid-December.

Planning applications

Planning applications for new additional houses remain on hold, due to the Phosphate issue. For those who are not aware, this is similar to the now resolved Nitrate issue. Phosphates are leaking into the water courses and causing environmental damage. Phosphate leakage is related to the population so the crude lever being used by the agencies is to stop any planning applications that would lead to an increased population until a solution can be agreed that requires those agencies to remove their veto. It seems that planning applications for extensions etc to existing houses are still being processed through.

That doesn’t mean we won’t see planning applications put forward as developers may want to progress things to establish what show stopping reasons are determined as sufficient to prevent their planning application getting through, but any plans for significant developments will effectively be on hold.

Major Redevelopment Projects

WCC is re-launching consultation on the Station Approach area, now to include Network Rail’s car parking areas as well as the Carfax site, cattle market and the ACF’s Newburgh House. No proposals are presently being put forward – the initial stages are to allow suggestions and ideas to be put forward by local residents as well as other various stakeholders. Obviously following the pandemic the way people work and travel has been revolutionised. Will those changes remain in place? All options will be looked at during these initial stages.

The Central Winchester Regeneration is moving into the next stage, with various bids from partner organisations now being looked at. ‘Meanwhile uses’ for most of the building on the site are being put into place, or plans for demolition are being brought forward. Also under consideration for development is the ‘depot site’ next to the new Sports and Leisure Park - some proposals are currently being evaluated, but there is a clear steer from the local community about what is needed there in addition to possible options for improved leisure facilities.

Major development – expectation management.

From time to time we see grumbles on community forums such as Worthy Community or Next door and so on, that nothing is happening. It is important to realise that a lot of work is done before spades or diggers go into the ground. Whenever public money or assets are involved in a proposed development, there are defined governance processes to go through. These set standards on all sorts of steps that the Council must go through including public consultation and procurements processes. There are also always people or groups who oppose the proposed development, some in a constructive way and others less so. Some of these groups will take any opportunity they get to trip the process up which can lead to judicial review threats or may indeed lead to a judicial review.

Sometimes this may be the right thing to happen, other times it is not. Winchester with its highly educated and affluent community has its fair share of people willing to do this. This tends to extend the time it takes before the council can actually move to the next step. The reality is that projects such as Central Winchester Regeneration are progressing even if it is not obvious. People need to be patient and trust that the people doing the work have a tricky job to navigate their way through the statutory requirements.

Kings Barton

We have not in the past routinely reported on Kings Barton matters. Mainly because it is much more relevant to Headbourne Worthy than it is to Kings Worthy. However, there are aspects of this development which may well be relevant to some in Kings Worthy. As noted, Cllr Cramoysan is the new Chair of the Kings Barton Forum which is a governance structure to help facilitate and govern parts of the Kings Barton MDA. Jackie attends in her capacity as Hampshire County Councillor and Jane as a WCC councillor and Chair of Headbourne Worthy parish Council.

As you surely know, there has been some concern about traffic through the Kings Barton Estate when the whole thing is finished. The concerns centre on road safety, noise and pollution. There is a campaign group making the case for Andover Road to be kept in place rather than repurposed into an Active travel route for all of North Winchester, and access road for residents. While superficially some will think this solves a problem it has potential to create others, including encouraging more traffic into the Carfax City road junction which anyone who lives in the Worthys knows is already a bottle neck that can lead to long tailbacks along Worthy Lane and Worthy Road. The experts on the subject are Hampshire County Council's Highways team, not councillors nor residents. We are encouraging HCC to ask their team to reassess the situation and to include the impacts on the Worthy Lane /Worthy Road of their plans.

Kings Barton paths and cycle routes

1. Much work has recently been done on various paths, some permanent, some only interim. One such interim path is a link for parents to walk their children from phase 1a to the school. The surface is rough, so not comfortable for buggies or children wishing to cycle/scoot. We have raised this with Cala. However, it should at least not turn to mud in any rain.
2. It is now possible to cycle from Stoke Road/Courtenay Road alongside Barton Meadows to the bridge under the railway, then across on surfaced tracks to phase 1a. The barriers which were so annoying for cyclists at the Courtney Road entrance have been replaced by new ones designed to stop vehicles using this route.
3. From Well House Lane railway arch there is now a new zigzag path from the traffic lights to access the Ridgeway path that runs over to the Barton Farm Primary school academy. While the new piece of path is tarmac and made to be a shared foot path/cycle route, the Ridgeway has not yet been designated as a cycle path by HCC, nor has it been upgraded as such. We are working on that in two ways. A) We have challenged Cala to provide their plans for how they intend to link the paths with the parts of the estate that they are responsible for. B) We are challenging HCC to share their plans for their upgrades and how they dovetail with Cala's.

Jane Rutter, Steve Cramoysan and Jackie Porter

22nd July 2022.

Management Accounts for the period ending 30th June 2022

Income

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Community Infrastructure Levy	£0.00	£0.00	£6,639.43	£6,639.43
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£176,413.00	£44,644.36	£43,930.05	-£714.31
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£4,022.00	£1,005.50	£549.00	-£456.50
Planning & Highways	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities	£6,116.70	£1,263.23	£1,852.00	£588.77
Totals:	£195,551.70	£46,913.09	£52,970.48	£6,057.39

Expenditure

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Community Infrastructure Levy	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£89,596.00	£27,890.63	£22,396.59	£5,494.04
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£8,483.00	£3,416.32	£2,440.02	£976.30
Planning & Highways	£11,405.00	£330.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities	£85,048.89	£23,674.64	£21,539.32	£2,135.32
Totals:	£203,532.89	£55,311.60	£46,375.93	£8,605.67

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date*	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Actual Year to Date Position	-£7,981.19	-£8,398.51	£6,594.55	£14,993.06

Memorandum Position - Excluding CIL Income and Expenditure

Memorandum Year to Date Position:	-£7,981.19	-£8,398.51	-£44.88	£8,353.63
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Balance Sheet for period ending 30th June 2022

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	£11,390.90
Unity Trust Tailored Deposit Account	£96,722.44
Sub-Total:	£108,113.34
<u>Investments/Deposits</u>	
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)	£5,260.27
Sub-Total:	£145,260.27
<u>Other</u>	
B4B Procurement Card	£8.06
Debtors	£1,810.75
Prepayments	£0.00
Sub-Total:	£1,818.81
Total Current Assets:	£255,192.42
Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	£2,014.09
Received on Account (inc. Precept)	£43,715.74
PAYE Payments Due	£285.00
NI Payments Due	£603.67
Pension Payments Due	£1,024.45
VAT to be Paid	£13.14
VAT to be Reclaimed	-£5,900.74
VAT that has been Reclaimed but not received	£0.00
Total Current Liabilities:	£41,755.35
Current Assets Minus Liabilities:	£2131,755.35
Earmarked Funds in Reserve	
Church Green Reserve	£3,182.49
Play area maintenance reserve	£44,053.22
CIL Reserve	£75,509.38
Total Current Liabilities:	£122,745.09
Net Assets	
Profit & Loss Accounts Brought Forward	£62,673.12
General Reserves (inc. £19,297.65 for tree works)	£21,424.31
Profit & Loss Year to Date	£6,594.55
Total Net Assets:	£90,691.98