



Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 30 October 2023 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Collin Cossburn, Emily Fish (Charmian), Ian Gordon, Philip Horne, Charlotte Smith & Steve Waters.

Clerk(s)

Parish Clerk (Christopher Read)

Anita Husz (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies

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

Cllr Signe Biddle (the council resolved to approve Cllr Signe Biddle's reason for absence)

Cllr Mandy Hallisey (the council resolved to approve Cllr Mandy Hallisey's reason for absence)

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

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

County & City Councillor(s)

Cllr Steve Cramoysan (Winchester City Council [WCC])

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

Members of the public

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PC/23/159 – Public Questions Time [Please note that this is the only time that the public are able to speak and is limited to 5 minutes per subject]

None.

PC/23/160 – St. John's Homeshare – community update

No available to attend.

PC/23/161 – Impact of COVID-19 (including meeting recommendations)

It was agreed to keep the current recommendations.

PC/23/162 – Co-options to fill Councillor vacancy on the Parish Council

The Clerk noted that no applications had been received.

Action – It was agreed to re-advertise until the next Parish Council meeting.

PC/23/163 – To receive written reports from City & County Councillors and Parish Councillors following external meetings – (meetings with Lovedon Fields manager companies)

A copy of the City & Council reports had been circulated to the Councillors before the meeting (see attached). Cllr Steve Cramoysan (WCC) summarised his reports.

The Clerk noted that the meeting with the Lovedon Field management company had taken place and we will liaise with them on the plans for the site including the allotments.

PC/23/163 – To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

(Cllr Jackie Porter arrived at this point.)

PC/23/164 – Matters arising from the meeting held on the 25 September 2023

None.

PC/23/165 – To receive minutes of the committees:

- Recreation and Amenities Committee – 12 October 2023 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.
Cllr Fish noted that due to the remaining space available at Burial Ground, and lack of adjacent land to extend into, we are no longer able to offer out of parish interments.
- Finance, Administration & Remuneration Committee – 18 October 2023 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The Clerk/RFO gave an update including the accounts.

The Clerk gave an update on the Outturn & Budget; no changes were made.

- Planning & Highways Committee – 24 October 2023 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.

Cllr Cossburn gave a presentation on Speed Sign Data (SID).

PC/23/166 – Eversley Park play area renewal – update on tower installation

The Clerk noted that one of the planning conditions for the permission is to hold a meeting between a site manager, local planning authority tree officer and arboricultural consultant. This meeting is being arranged. We will also be requesting that the permitted site fencing proposal be amended to allow the rest of the play area to remain open.

The contractor has confirmed that they are happy to dispose of the soil if it is moved to move to the car park.

It was agreed for Cllr Cossburn to liaise with local farmers to move the tower back to Eversley Park and move the soil.

The Clerk noted that the contractor has asked to use a more local soil supplier and will provide samples for the Council, and our grounds contractors, to review before laying.

PC/23/167 – To receive the external auditor’s report for the year ending 31 March 2023

The Clerk showed a copy of the external auditor’s report, no actions or comments had been raised.

PC/23/168 – M3 Junction 9 briefing – update

Cllr Cossburn and Cllr Biddle attended the meeting and Cllr Cossburn gave an update to members.

PC/23/169 – Communication [inc. Website / Facebook / Newsletter Monthly Comms. Etc.]

The Clerk noted that the newsletter will be ready soon.

PC/23/170 – Creation of a potential Council WhatsApp group

Defer to the January meeting.

PC/23/171 – Parish Council email provider including potential alternatives

The Clerk noted that 4 email systems are alternative Google Workspace, Proton Mail, Office 365, Zoho mail. It was agreed that the office will send Councillors information on the user interface of the proposed systems.

Action – Send round proposed email systems.

PC/23/172 – Potential electric car charging points

No update yet.

PC/23/173 – ID card policy

The Clerk had created a data breach report, including how and why it had occurred, and shared this with all involved. One of the recommendations in this report was the creation of an ID card policy.

Action – Draft a policy for agreement.

PC/23/174 – Parish Council shed – update

Cllr Waters stated that he sorted out the Parish Council shed with Cllr Lawlor.

Action – Clerks to confirm if the British Heart Foundation kit in the shed can be returned.

PC/23/175 – Items for inclusion in Council communications

None.

PC/23/176 – Clerk’s Notices

None.

PC/23/177 – Chairman’s Notices

None.

PC/23/178 - Items for discussion at the next Meeting - 27 November 2023

Burial Ground parking availability

Action - This is to be discussed at the next R&A meeting.

Meeting Closed at: 20:47

Signed:

Date:

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Report from WCC Councillors – Kings Worthy Parish Council 30.10.23

EcoGen expansion – County Council planning application

As of the time of writing we have not heard about the date when this planning application will go to the County Council regulatory committee. We do though have reason to believe that it could come up on Wednesday 15th November. If it doesn't make that meeting, the next scheduled date is 24th January – unless an extraordinary meeting is called. We will advise as soon as we know.

Stop Press: This morning we received an email stating that the case will be heard on 15th November. Advice will follow over the coming days.

The Spring Bus Service

Further to our report on this subject for the last KWPC in September. Thanks to Cllr Dorry Lawlor for sharing her collated report containing responses to her Facebook post. Steve and Dorry had a helpful meeting discussing what is within our powers. Steve believes Dorry has fixed a meeting for Stagecoach Ops manager to meet KWPC on Friday 3rd November. Steve is working with two City Council colleagues including one who works as a bus driver and another with experience of managing public transport operations to work out what means if any the City Council has to influence Stagecoach. The approach being taken is to recognise that WCC has no authority over the bus services, but to engage with Stagecoach to understand the causes of service cancellations and to explore what if anything WCC might do, or whether as WCC councillors we can campaign for change elsewhere.

We think that a co-ordinated plan between Parish, City & County councillors has the best chance of making a difference.

Jackie is also raising questions with the relevant officers at County Council to determine what influence HCC might have over the privatised not subsidised services.

Henry Beaufort School Bus

Concerns have been raised about whether the School buses from Kings Worthy to Henry Beaufort would continue. Recently, HCC school transport team have issued notices to some parents that the entitlement to use the bus for free would be withdrawn. A 1944 Law states that children who live less than 3 miles **safe walk** from school are not entitled to a free bus place, unless they have special needs, or qualify for free school meals. Initially HCC resisted the appeals, but after lobbying by Jackie this was overturned.

Jackie has now received a letter from HCC to say that Worthys school buses will continue until or unless there is a safe route to Henry Beaufort that is within the 3 mile distance. This though does suggest that if safe routes of less than 3 miles emerge, such as across Kings Barton, we may see HCC try to reduce their bus obligations. We are monitoring the situation closely and will make the case as strongly as we can that the school bus services continue for all.

Waste & Recycling

Winchester City Council is conducting a consultation about Waste & Recycling. As you know, there a nationwide programme has been underway to better standardise waste & recycling across the country. Responses to this survey will help to inform the City Council's decisions on how it plays its role with collections, and also inform its negotiations with the County Council on the decisions it makes on processing of waste. Here is the link to the survey:

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/communications/were-rethinking-recycling/>

Sir John Moore Barracks

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is progressing proposals to bring forward new development of somewhere between 750 & 1000 homes at Sir John Moore Barracks. There are several events the public can go along to on 10th & 11th November to see outline ideas and to hear about yours. This can also be done on line. Details are available here: <https://sirjohnmoorewinchester.co.uk/>

Park & Open spaces

Winchester City Council recently designated Top field as a Field in Trust, giving it further protections.

Jane is working with local residents to establish elements of the open green space between North Rd & Castle rise as a community garden. Headbourne Worthy Parish Council has taken on the first of the Public Open Spaces in Kings Barton.

Thank you – KWPC Clerks

We are grateful for help from the Parish Council clerks for information that has helped us to identify who the responsible authorities are for Trees and other green spaces in a number of situations including Mortimer Close/Mount pleasant and Willis Way, and also for actioning a report of lengthsman work needed on paths in the North Rd area.

Public Toilet Upgrades -

As mentioned verbally at the last meeting, the budget for the upgrades on Toilet facilities was agreed in a Cabinet meeting on 13th September. This includes Toilets at Worthy Lane & Chesil Street Car parks, Abbey Gardens, Market lane, Discovery Centre (Now the Arc), and Middlebrook St (the Brooks).

To find the details Google Winchester City Council committee meetings; select cabinet and then select the date of the meeting. Or find the link here if viewing an electronic copy of this report.

<https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=4253&Ver=4>

Phosphates and Planning Applications

No substantial change, although the City Council is initiating steps to upgrade the performance of sewage treatment works that it operates, which will improve the water quality released by these and provide nutrient certificates which will free up some additional council house building subject to planning approval.

City Council News

The latest City Council News can be found via <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/news>

It includes information on CIL projects and there is a “Consultation on new Statement of Community Involvement” which is consulting on how the community would prefer to engage on Planning Matters”. There is also a piece on how to provide feedback on the Polling Places Review.

Jane Rutter, Steve Cramoysan and Jackie Porter – 30th October 2023

Reminders:

Major Developments and regeneration.

Meet and Greets will take place every other Wednesday from September through to December - each slot is 30 minutes.

The meet-and-greets are a chance for Jigsaw, City Council Partner, to listen to the thoughts and hopes of those interested in the future regeneration of the city and understand opinions ahead of any initial designs being developed. These sessions form part of an initial period of listening and discovery with local residents, businesses and other local organisations. With over 2000 years’ worth of history, experiences and stories to understand, Jigsaw is taking the next few months to learn about what matters to the community and those living in the wider district.

To reserve your space, please email info@partnershipsandplaces.co.uk.

For further information on Central Winchester Regeneration

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/regeneration/5744/central-winchester-regeneration>

County Report to Parish and Town Councils, Parish Meeting for October 2023

Tory-run Hampshire council says it faces 'financial meltdown'

Hampshire County Council announced in its Cabinet paper due to be heard on the 10th October that without help it will be forced to make drastic cuts to local services to avoid bankruptcy.

The expected deficit revenue budget in 2025/26 year is expected to be £132 million.

Added to that deficit, there are still £70m worth of annual planned savings in '21 and '23 that haven't happened yet.

The Council has published the paper for Cabinet indicating how they could reduce their budget by a significant sum, but it still leaves £57million in recurring income still to find.

All cost lines have been considered for reduction or rethink and many voluntary organisations will miss out.

Consultations are planned for each subject, but the strain on the public finances is terrible. Even grants given to Councils are being taken away soon after they are given.

Bus Improvement Grants

So it was good to hear the news that a sum of just under £8m over two years had been granted recently to HCC bus to implement the 'Bus Back Better Improvement Plans +'. I raised the matter of the poor timekeeping, and the importance of the dwindling numbers especially on 'The Spring'. I have been assured that the officer will take up the matter again with staff and feed back to me. This scheme is aiming to counteract the poor service which is leading to intermittent use, but the aim of the scheme is to provide good, reliable services which are self-funding even when the money runs out in 25/26. But this is also the year of the proposed cuts.

School transport is covered by a different budget- this year it cost approx. £50m for 13500 children.

I have been assured that the Henry Beaufort school buses in the Worthys will remain in place, at least for a few years.

HCC took over on-street parking on October 1st. In his first answer to my question at HCC Council on the 28th September, Cllr Adams Kings said that introducing charges to park in my division (including on Alresford's shopping streets, 'wasn't on his radar', but that doesn't rule out changes in future. I urge you to be vigilant too, as there's a strong case to preserve free parking in a market town for the sake of the economy.

The HCC officer has contacted me about a yellow line request in Micheldever -which is helpful- because the uncertainty of the arrangements meant that it was stuck on a list. It indicates to me that the service, so long in limbo, is up and running again.

You can see the full range of Council questions -and answers- by going to www.hants.gov.uk, search 'your council', then 'calendar,' and then click on 'Full Council 'on the 28th September. Questions start at about 11 am (1 hour into the webcast) and last about half an hour, or you can click on them from the agenda.

Libraries are now within Children's Services and the business is doing well with increased library take up. There are lots of groups too and their intention is to start holding classes there too, working in range of materials on a variety of topics. If you have children, please use your local library if you can. Thank you!

County consultation on Adult Services Provision (care homes) is currently continuing until 12th November. Details in my September report.

M3 Junction 9 NSIP work continues. HCC is the highway authority and as such is purely involved with the design of the highway. They have declared at the Public Enquiry meetings that they do not need a design code (which makes your section of motorway relevant in ecology and landscape to your area) or that they have discussed the carbon footprint with NH. This is disappointing, but these other matters are being covered by the other host authorities: WCC and SDNP. I am liaising with all three.

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Management Accounts for the period ending 30th September 2023

Income

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	Forecast Outturn	2024/25 Draft Budget
Community Infrastructure Levy	£9,507.31	£4,801.19	£16,956.39	£12,155.20	£16,956.39	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£184,096.44	£76,581.70	£82,744.63	£6,162.93	£198,278.53	£188,600.42
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£7,930.97	£3,304.57	£915.00	£-2,389.57	£5,319.47	£7,950.78
Planning & Highways	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities	£7,633.65	£1,815.94	£9,188.50	£7,372.56	£11,980.85	£9,990.86
Totals:	£209,168.37	£86,503.39	£109,804.52	£23,301.13	£232,535.24	£206,542.07

Expenditure

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	Forecast Outturn	2024/25 Draft Budget
Community Infrastructure Levy	£83,447.38	£0.00	£80,866.08	£80,866.08	£84,566.08	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£107,921.03	£48,835.20	£41,236.99	£7,598.21	£111,962.19	£104,272.03
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£11,120.16	£4,838.86	£4,484.25	£354.61	£10,281.71	£11,015.99
Planning & Highways	£11,070.00	£549.78	£173.01	£376.77	£11,070.00	£11,860.58
Recreation & Amenities	£94,196.54	£40,181.67	£38,759.80	£1,421.87	£144,445.26	£80,856.14
Totals:	£307,755.10	£94,405.51	£165,520.13	£90,617.54	£84,566.08	£0.00

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date		
Actual Year to Date Position	-£98,586.74	-£7,902.11	-£66,707.00	-£47,813.50	-£129,789.99	-£1,462.68

Memorandum Position - (Excluding CIL income, CIL expenditure, play area spend)

Memorandum Year to Date Position:	-£6,269.15	-£12,703.31	£8,194.08	£20,897.39	-£32,221.11	-£1,462.68
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Balance Sheet for period ending 30th September 2023

Bank Accounts	
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	£18,541.11
Unity Trust Tailored Deposit Account - 2.75% AER	£175,544.08
Sub-Total:	£194,085.19

Investments/Deposits	
Nationwide variable (35-day notice) – 3.1% AER	£85,000.00
Sub-Total:	£85,000.00

Other	
B4B Procurement Card	£199.04
Debtors	£139.42
Prepayments	£0.00
Sub-Total:	£338.46

Total Current Assets:	£279,423.65
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Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	£14,358.46
Received on Account (inc. Precept)	£91,496.02
PAYE Payments Due	£496.56
NI Payments Due	£1,196.74
Pension Payments Due	£1,597.24
VAT to be Paid	£9.55
VAT to be Reclaimed	-£5,745.14
VAT that has been Reclaimed but not received	£0.00
Total Current Liabilities:	£103,409.43

Current Assets Minus Liabilities:	£176,014.22
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Earmarked Funds in Reserve	
Play area maintenance reserve	£38,053.22
CIL Reserve	£5,786.25
Total Current Reserves:	£43,839.47

Net Assets	
General Reserves (inc. £24,727.65 for tree works)	£198,881.75
Profit & Loss Year to Date	-£66,707.00
Total Net Assets:	£132,174.75