



Kings Worthy Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting
held on Monday, 22 May 2023 at 19:30**

Held at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Matthew Miller-Hall (Chairman), Emily Fish (Vice-Chair), Signe Biddle, Colin Cossburn, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Lawlor, Charlotte Smith, Tom Stannard, Steve Waters, Christopher Read (Clerk), Anita Husz (Assistant Clerk).

Members of the public

Two.

APM/23/01 – Chairman’s Welcome to parishioners and guests

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APM/23/02 – Apologies for Absence

Former Parish Council Chair

Former Parish Council Vice-Chair

Hampshire County & Winchester City Councillor Jackie Porter

APM/23/03 – Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 May 2022 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

APM/23/04 – Parish Council Chairman’s Report

Cllr Matthew Miller-Hall as Chair gave a report.

The Recreation and Amenities Committee have had a busy year.

- Re-doing Eversley Park Play Area
- Bench installed for Queen Elizabeth platinum Jubilee
- The Church Green heritage bollards will soon be installed

Fraser Road play area suffered a suspected arson attack but we have now managed to re-open half of the play area, and the adult exercise area.

The Music Festival on Eversley Park and spring litter pick were great success.

Thanks were extended to the following people:

- Green Smile for their maintenance efforts
- MRS services and Lengthsman
- R&A committee
- Clerk and RFO Christopher Read

APM/23/05 – To receive a report from the County Councillor

A combined City & County council report had been prepared and was presented to the meeting (see attached).

A parishioner asked about whether food waste bins are going to be provided by the city council. Cllr Porter Councillor noted this is under discussion as part of the contract renewal.

Cllr M. Hallisey noted that there are lots of ongoing issues with buses being missed, and not just the Spring. Parishioners have written to stagecoach but have not had replies.

APM/23/06 – To receive a report from the City Councillors

See above.

APM/23/07 – To receive reports from the Parish Council Committee Chairs

Finance, Administration & Remuneration committee

A presentation on the Councils Finances was given to the meeting (see attached).

Planning and Highways committee

Cllr Biddle gave a verbal report to the meeting on the work undertaken by the Planning & Highways committee and highlighted the following:

- Ecogen application – The Parish Council have represented the views of the Parish at the Hampshire County Council. We have also stated that we are not happy that Hampshire County Council found the proposed road changes to be acceptable.
- Tudor Way application – The proposals for this site have recently changed.

Recreation & Amenities committee

Cllr Hallisey gave a verbal report to the meeting on the work undertaken by the Recreation & Amenities committee in the last 12-month including the refurbishment of Eversley Park play area.

It was agreed to consider producing a certificate and/or gift for children who undertake litter picking in the Parish.

APM/23/08 – Public Participation and Question Time

- A parishioner asked for an update on the Lovedon Fields s106 agreement and land transfer. The Clerk & Chair noted that the transfer agreement has been received and is being reviewed. The amendments to the s106 agreement will be discussed with the management committee once the transfer is complete.
- A parishioner asked about planning any group response to Ecogen. Cllr Biddle stated that yes, we will be responding but we are one voice, and the public should respond individually.
- A parishioner complained that the grass is often left too long in places around the village. Cllr Porter stated that this is due to a “no mow May” initiative to help wildlife but will take their comments back to HCC/WCC for consideration.

Meeting Closed at 20:24

Signed:

Date:

City and County report for The Worthys ward May 22nd , 2023

Ecogen has chosen to try again -applying for variation to conditions 7 and 13 again under a new application .

HCC/2023/0259 deadline for comments to planning@hants.gov.uk by 26th June 2023.

I have put details on Worthys Community facebook page (tagging your Chairman) and copied the full letter which has been sent to previously interested parties on my website.

This is *very frustrating* as applicants are given a second chance- but if this fails they are likely to appeal. The noise element on which it was challenged before has been addressed (in their opinion) but ...

There are elements of their application which must be challenged again: road width for any two large vehicles (not just their own) including conflict with farm vehicles, pedestrian and cycle safety, the access across both bridges, and pedestrian access around the entrance to the site, the strong bends in the roads preventing good sightlines as well as disturbance from noise, vibration and dust.

Councillor roles for the 23/24 municipal year

Cllr Cramoysan is the Kings Barton Forum chairman; their next meeting is in July.

Cllr Rutter is Chairman of Planning at WCC

Cllr Porter is Cabinet member for Place and the Local Plan.

Winchester City Council has 45 seats: Liberal Democrats have 30 seats, Greens 2, Conservatives 12 and independent 1.

The Council is therefore under Lib Dem control.

Jane Rutter was re-elected this year. We await the ID cards report but turnout wasn't high this time.

The Cart and Horses junction

The request to Cllr Nick Adams- King for Parish and City Councillors has so far been refused, but only this afternoon, after I met briefly with Nick a Teams invitation has gone out to Parish Councils and City Councillors to meet online at 12 noon on Thursday 25th May- this week. As it is such short notice, he said he would arrange a second group with a little more notice. In a couple of weeks' time.

Estate Improvements in Kings Worthy

These are still planned to be completed by end 2024 . Local consultations have taken place, designs re-drawn up and costings being sought before a date can be confirmed. WCC has confirmed this is still a priority for the Housing team.

Flooding works

There are still problems with standing water after heavy rain across the length of the Springvale Road. The Flood team, led by Susanna Hope at HCC, know this and are investigating how this can be managed further. The meeting has been put back to 3pm on Thursday the 8th June, because the Littleton works have had to be put back due to a local difficulty which must be resolved before we know the timetable for other works.

Meanwhile if you have new flooding concerns, please contact Susanna or James Laver.

Green Waste (Brown) Bin collection

Some residents have been complaining that their brown bins have not been emptied.

I enquired: 2 bank holidays gave residents to do a lot of gardening which resulted in fuller than normal brown bins. The teams were overwhelmed and had to go back to empty their lorries more often. Please, if your bin isn't emptied, report back on the app or website and LEAVE OUT YOUR BIN. It will be emptied asap. I also know of people who because their bin wasn't collected, tried another spot on the perimeter of their property, adding to the confusion. Please try to stick to one location if you can? Thank you.

Kings Barton Neighbourhood Centre, the road , the open space and detailing

The plan for the centre is still not confirmed, and I believe there is another round of consultation with stakeholders due very soon.

Checking last week, the road design is still not finalised for Winchester Avenue or the north and south junctions from the development onto Wellhouse Lane.

Active conversations are ongoing between HWPC and the Community team at WCC regarding commuted sums and it is expected that this will be finalised 22.05.23.

The HCC bus team has met with HWPC and me, and has agreed to carry out an unbiased online survey for bus use in KB. It is hoped the results will be back before the Forum in July.

M3 Junction 9 consultation

The first days of the NSIP process took place on the 16th (programme) and 17th (Open Floor Hearing)

Please consider taking an active part in this inquiry: there's a lot at stake for Worthys residents. Thank you.

My Open Floor submission as your county councillor is online on Jackie.porter.co.uk

The SDNPA, city and county are actively involved in this application and attend every meeting,. Speaking as necessary.

HAB:

The City is progressing in its role as enabler between KWPC and the liquidators.

Lovedon Lane surfacing

As sent out, the cracks are being filled but we still don't have a date for a complete and final resurface. We all know it seems much quicker to deliver as one operation, but HCC seem determined to break down the process, creating destruction regularly.

Central Winchester Regeneration is progressing.

The first spade went into the ground for the St Clements medical centre, hopefully to be complete by Christmas 2024. It is the first medical centre to be built post-Covid with a new virus management design.

Both are subject to archaeological excavations.

We will have more news on both of these next month.

School Bus routes are again under scrutiny: currently school transport costs £44m per annum,, They were trying for a budget of £26m but this aspiration has been lost as the brunt of expensive wage costs bites.

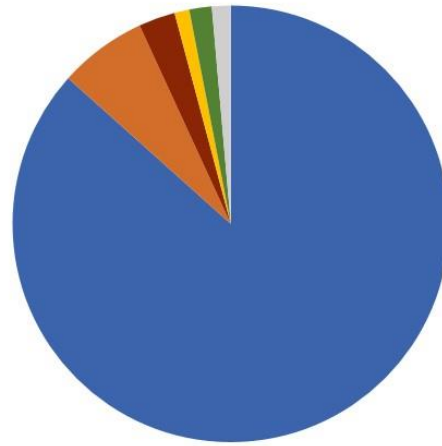
Cllr Jackie Porter, Cramoysan and Rutter.

Income

Total Income: £201,871

Income breakdown:

- **Precept:** £174,863
- **CIL:** £13,149
- **Burial Ground:** £5,481
- **Football Pitch Fees:** £2,212
- **THMC Contribution:** £3,359
- **Other Income:** £2,807



- Precept
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- Burial Ground
- Football Pitch Fees
- THMC Contribution
- Other

Expenditure (exc. CIL)

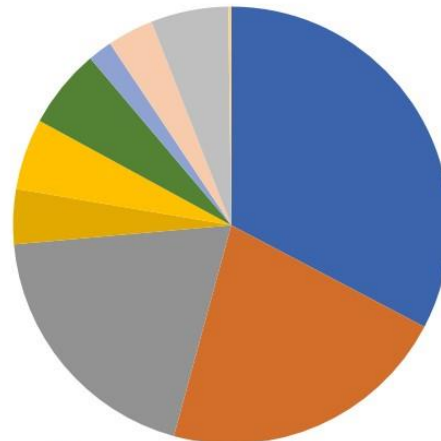
Total Expenditure: £163,987 (excluding CIL)

Income over Expenditure:

For 2022/23 there was a surplus (excluding CIL) of £10,833 against a planned deficit of £7981.

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

This includes a reduction in energy costs on streetlighting & bus shelter refurbishment.



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

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Income

We received £13,148.53 in additional CIL funds.

Expenditure

Month	Description of expenditure	Amount
Mar-23	Purchase of two wheelchair accessible picnic benches for Eversley Park play area	£2,005.58
	Total:	£2,005.58

Grants awarded in 2022/23

Beneficiary of the grant	Grant amount	Summary of the purpose of the grant
Worthys Local History Group	£908.00	Installation of a Broadview history board
Citizens Advice Winchester District	£800.00	Develop and support their advice delivery service to meet increased demand as a result of the cost of living crisis.
Victim Support	£150.00	Purchase of security items provided free of charge to victims.
Kings Worthy Parent Teacher Friends Association	£1,000.00	Help with costs towards of a replacement bespoke bird hide/wildlife lookout

Where our funds are held

Bank accounts

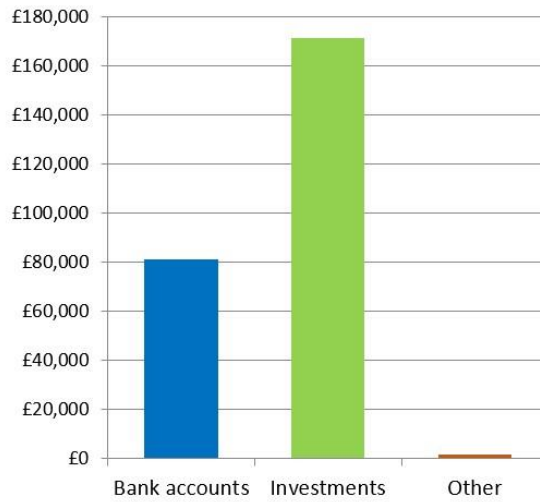
Funds readily available to KWPC held in bank accounts or similar.

Investments

Funds held in variable access deposits.

Other

Funds prepaid or owed to the Parish Council.

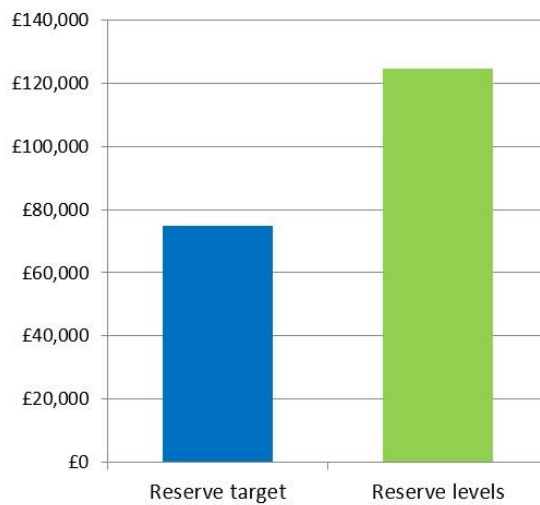


Net assets

Bank accounts

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

Our reserve levels exclude CIL funds received during the 2022/23 financial year.



Next financial year (2023/24)

Total Income = £209,168

Precept: £182,992

The increase in the precept equates to £4.00 for the year, based on the band D average.

Kings Worthy Parish Council is the 5th largest Town/Parish Council in Winchester district by tax base.

However our rate of precept is 14th out of 48 councils, per band D average.

Total Expenditure = £307,755 (including play area spend of £97,374.21)

Planned Deficit = £6,269 (excluding Eversley Park play area spend)

Deficit this year (2023/24) due to some costs from last year being moved into this year.