

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 May 2015 at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present:

Chair of the meeting: Stewart Newell (Chairman)

Councillors: Bob Barnes Ian Gordon
Mandy Hallisey Karen McCleery
Noel McCleery Michael Short
Judith Steventon Baker Martin Taylor
Denis Welstead Sarah White

Winchester City Council: Robert Johnston
Jane Rutter

Hampshire County Council: Jackie Porter (Part)

Clerk: Christopher Read

Public & reps: 16

AP/15/01 Chairman's Welcome to Parishioners and Guests

Cllr Stewart Newell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AP/15/02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hudson.

AP/15/03 Minutes for the Meeting held on the 12 May 2014

One amendment was made changing "elevate" to "alleviate". The minutes were then signed as a true record of the meeting.

AP/15/04 Parish Council Chairman's Report

Cllr Newell welcomed and noted the 3 new councillors; Cllrs Karen McCleery, Noel McCleery and Michael Short.

Flooding –

Cllr Newell gave a short presentation on the flooding issue around the village, presenting the following:

- There has thankfully been no flooding in the village this year.
- The Parish Council now have a Flood Action Plan in place. This details the role of the Parish Council in the event of further flooding and also contains emergency contact information for parishioners. There is also a list of local volunteers whom are willing to help out if more flooding occurs but more volunteers are welcome. There is a schedule of properties at risk included in the plan to help prioritise resources. The plan has been published and both Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council's emergency departments have

copies. The Parish Council are operating a rota of councillors meaning a councillor will be on duty 24/7 during the flooding season. This plan is likely to expand to include other emergencies that could occur. Kings Worthy's County and City Councillors, along with Steve Brine MP, have worked hard to try and obtain funding for more drainage along Springvale Road but to no avail due to the current economic climate. Hampshire County Council have carried out a drainage survey with cameras; identifying many blockages and issues, for which a schedule of works has commenced. These works are being carried out to try and get the current drainage system working as efficiently as possible.

Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2):

Cllr Newell gave a short presentation on the current draft Local Plan Part 2, presenting the following:

- Further public consultation was held in November, with a December closing date. The Kings Worthy element of the data had 57 comments from local residents and organisations. This is being collated by Winchester City Council for integration into LPP2. The plan is to be submitted to the Government Inspector for ratification in October 2015. The Government inspector has given a date of June 2016 for the outcome. This plan does include the open space from the Lovedon Lane development being transferred to the Parish Council, however discussion on this development is currently ongoing.

Cllr Newell gave thanks to the committee chairmen, all other parish councillors and both the Clerks.

APM/15/05 To receive report from City Councillors
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City Councillor Robert Johnston –

Cllr Johnston (WCC) noted the current ongoing process for the Silver Hill development and the re-development of the station approach. Cllr Johnston (WCC) also stated that the boundary changes coming into effect are not in relation to the actual boundaries of the parish. The new electoral ward will involve Headbourne Worthy and the new Army Camp being combined into the current Kings Worthy Ward, creating a new 3 member ward. Cllr Johnston (WCC) stated that this is to be his last Annual Parish Meeting as he will not be standing for re-election next year.

City Councillor Jane Rutter–

Cllr Rutter (WCC) gave a short presentation on the following:

- The bi-annual Worthys Festival is in September this year. The Meeting of the festival committee will be at 8pm on the 13 May, in the Parish Council's meeting room and people who would like to help are more than welcome to attend.
- Cllr Rutter informed the meeting that she has been nominated as Deputy Mayor of Winchester, taking effect from the 20 May 2015. If re-elected next year, Cllr Rutter (WCC) will then become the future Mayor of Winchester.

APM/15/06 To receive report from County Councillor

Cllr Porter (HCC) gave a short presentation on the following:

- Hampshire County Council have decided to reduce the number of meetings to 4 a year in an effort to reduce costs.
- HCC Highways are resurfacing Mountbatten place this week.
- There is now a waiting list for the walking bus route which uses the new path at Eversley Park.

- HCC are resurfacing the footpath from Edinburgh road to Springvale Road as it is well used but in need of repair.
- The re-development of the B3047/A33 Junction is being held up by Highways England but is progressing.

APM/15/07 To receive reports from Parish Council Committee Chairmen
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Recreation & Amenities – Cllr Sarah White

Cllr White noted the 2 new members of the Recreation & Amenities committee; Cllrs Bob Barnes and Michael Short. Cllr White also thanked Phil Allen, previously a Parish Councillor, for his hard work and continued advice on trees and footpaths.

Cllr White gave a short presentation on the current activities of the Recreation & Amenities (R&A) committee, as follows:

- Eversley Car Park has been recently resurfaced, which was one of Cllr Newell's projects from his time as R&A chairman. This allows for more space whilst improving the layout and surface of the car park.
- The Parish Council have been continuing with the Bag It Bin It campaign. A stencil has been used to spray the Bag It Bin It logo on the ground, at entrances to trouble spots. Deposits have also been directly sprayed with paint to make the offenders aware that their activities are being monitored and noted. There are 14 dog bins within the parish, it was also noted that all the green WCC litter bins are now dual use to allow dog faeces to be disposed of within them. One repeated offender has received a visit from a Police Community Support Officer, for education to prevent further offences. Cllr White urged residents to report offenders to the dog warden or PCSO.
- The Parish Council are trying find out who owns the boundaries along footpaths around parish, to ascertain who's responsible for the cutting of the hedges/trees adjacent to the paths. The Parish Council are also looking into making the paths to, and through Eversley Park, permissive cycle paths. The Parish Council will be holding public consultations on this shortly.
- The Parish Council have recently installed an accessible swing at Eversley Park, for children with mobility problems, or problems with sitting upright. The Fencing around the playground has been extended to allow for the new swing which also removed a redundant strip of muddle grass, created by the installation of the new path.
- The popular three cycle roundabout at Eversley Park, having been repaired several times, has now been replaced due to wear.
- The Parish Council has begun a schedule of works to improve/reinvigorate the Parish areas with trees. This includes the removal of some poor quality trees at Hinton Park, which are to be replaced with fruit trees to form a community orchard. Tree works on upper and lower Broadview have also taken place. The works on Broadview are part of a 7-10 year plan to allow the areas to regenerate.
- The Parish Council are continuing with their ongoing maintenance requirements whilst also progressing with several projects, such as; a revamp of our new cremation area at the burial ground, in conjunction with students from Sparsholt college. The Parish Council are also receiving tenders for a new under-5's playground on Church Green, which will now be situated at the bottom left corner, looking from London Road.

Finance – Cllr Martin Taylor

Copies of the finances figures are attached (see appendix A)

Cllr Taylor gave a short presentation on the Parish Council's finances, as follows:

- The Tubbs Hall income, money received from the management committee for running of the premises, is as budgeted. The Parish Council income does includes S106 developers contributions, hence why the figure appears to be inflated, compared to the budget. Finances income has also been increased due to interest received on maturing fixed term deposits. £108,000 of the Parish Council's income is from the precept and council tax support grant.
- The Parish Council's expenditure is low due to capital projects that are not yet completed. R&A expenditure also includes S106 developer's contributions. R&A have also had to pay for treatments to eradicate Chafer Grub on our football pitches, which appears to have worked. Unfortunately there is also Chafer Grub on Church Green. The only Planning & Highways expenditure is for street lighting.
- The precept per household has decreased due to the total amount being spread over more dwellings. Interest on fixed deposits next year will also be down due to the economic climate.
- The Parish Council is placing £100,000 in varying fixed terms deposits. Our reserves are within the recommended guidelines. Our internal audit was carried out recently, which the Parish Council passed with no problems. The Church Green fund is a sum from the development of the Church Green Close, which is being commuted to pay for the maintenance of Church Green.

Cllr Taylor also highlighted the list of grants the Parish Council have made in the last financial year. (see appendix B)

Cllr Taylor presented a list of projects paid for with S106 monies and Parish Council funds (see appendices C & D, respectively.)

Cllr Taylor presented a list of tree works carried out by the Parish Council in the past year (see appendix E)

Cllr Taylor gave a summary of the public attendance at the both the full Parish Council, and sub-committee meetings, as follows:

- Full Parish Council – 34
- Recreation & Amenities – 7
- Planning & Highways – 93
- Finance – 0

Planning & Highways – Ian Gordon

Cllr Gordon gave a short presentation on the current activities of the Planning & Highways (P&H) committee, as follows:

- The Parish Council make comments on applications to the relevant planning authority,

either supporting or objecting to said applications. Any public letters of support, or objection are taken into account, if available, when the application is considered. Constructive suggestions are also made on applications where the committee feel it would be beneficial to the application. The committee do make contact with the planning officers in regards to certain applications and actively present their views at Winchester City Council planning committee meetings, if necessary.

- The Parish Council was represented at the recent WCC planning committee meeting to discuss the application to erect 50 dwellings on Top Field, with an additional 7 dwellings on the adjacent 'Dildawn' site. We were able to give the Parish Council's views on the unsuitability of the site. We were also able to reassure the WCC planning committee members that social and affordable housing will be provided within our 250 dwelling Local Plan Part 2 plan.
- We do encourage parishioners submitting planning applications to attend our P&H committee meetings so the committee members can make any comments/suggestions on the application, before it is considered by the planning committee for official comment. In the past this has been a very useful and successful practice with people taking on board these comments/suggestions and amending their plans accordingly.
- The Parish Council have worked closely with WCC's Strategic Planning Department in delivering a cogent and realistic plan for the 250 dwellings Kings Worthy will be required to construct by 2021. Kings Worthy were one of the few Parish Councils that held public consultations to allow the public to decide which required rural exception site would be selected for Local Plan Part 2.
- The Parish Council have been proceeding with Hampshire County Council led street light public finance initiative, carried out by SSE. With the exception of Lovedon Lane and Stoke Charity Road, the installation of the new energy efficient lights has been completed. The contractor has also got to return to change some of the streetlight heads in the conservation area, which were supposed to be of the 'Heritage' style, which are more in keeping with the surrounding aesthetic. We have been assured this will be completed shortly. The inclusion of more streetlights have brought some roads up to a standard which allows the adoption by Hampshire County Council. This will allow the Parish Council to not only further reduce it's energy costs but also reduce ongoing maintenance costs, as well.
- The Parish Council are continually working with HCC Highways department to improve the roads around the Parish. Work on the Cart & Horses junction is to start imminently but unfortunately has been delayed by Highways England (formerly Highways Agency). The status of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Springvale Road has been actively pursued and we have been assured that public consultation will be proceeding shortly. The TRO will be dependent on the public consultation so please submit a response if you wish to see the speed limit reduced, or maintained at the current speed.
- The Parish Council continue to monitor the drainage issue along Springvale Road to ensure that all works HCC have committed to carry out are completed. The ditch adjacent to the King Charles public house has been cleared, with new drainage being placed under Lovedon Lane, adjacent the entrance to the car park. The majority of the pipework under Springvale Road has been cleared. Increased road sweeping has been requested to help alleviate the amount of detritus being pushed into the drainage system.
- The Parish Council are working with HCC to improve the cycle network within the Parish. We are hoping to extend the Worthy Lane cycle path, along London Road.

APM/15/08 Public Question Time

Cllr Jane Rutter (WCC) asked the Parish Council to make a statement on the potential community hall at Eversley Park. Cllr Newell stated a working party to discuss the issue has been created, which representatives of the Parish Council attend. The working party are reporting back to Parish Council at the Monday Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council has no policy for this matter as yet and we need to ensure there is support from the public for a new hall and to ensure there no legal issues precluding its possible progression.

Cllr Jackie Porter (HCC) stated that the Cornerways site is now being looked at for development. Cllr Jackie Porter (HCC) is trying to get County Council to ensure the site is provided for the elderly. Whilst the Grove site is also being considered for further development. Cllr Newell noted that the current Kings Worthy LPP2 plan has allocated properties within its 250 for the site.

A member of public had researched the history of the Cornerways site and would like to see the old green area re-instated. He also stated that he had spoken with the arboricultural inspectors during their recent inspections, they indicated they had concerns regarding the large beech trees in Hinton Fields. Cllr Newell stated that the Parish Council have inherited many trees which whilst are nice to have, are also liabilities. Cllr Gordon also stated that for the Lovedon Lane development, the developer will ensure all trees will require no work on them for several years.

The same member of public also mentioned the lack of open space in Kings Worthy and errors with the WCC Open Space Plan. Cllr Newell stated that the Parish Council are contacting WCC on the issue.

Cllr Porter (HCC) stated that HCC and the SDNP are conducting a feasibility study for the 'opening up' of the old railway from Alresford to Kings Worthy.

Cllr Newell thanked everyone who attended.

The meeting closed at 20:54.

Signed.....

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Appendix A

Management Account Summary					
2013/14			2014/15		
Actual	Income		Budget	Actual	Variance
123,357	Finance (inc. Precept)		118109	124678	6569
4,376	THMC Income		4800	4800	0
4,418	Recreation & Amenities		7050	33159	26109
0	Planning & Highways		0	0	0
132,151	Total Income		129959	162636	32677
	Expenditure				
72,258	Finance		67763	60537	7226
49,574	Recreation & Amenities		61344	94203	-32860
5,807	Planning & Highways		7000	6807	193
127,638	Total Expenses		136106	161547	-25440
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4,513	Income less expenses		-6148	1090	7237
0	Transfer from Reserves		0	0	0
4,513	Net Surplus (deficit) for year		-6148	1090	7237

Appendix A
Next Year (2015/16)

Income Item/Description	Actual ytd (£)	2015/16 Budget (Agreed) (£)
Finance (inc. Precept)	124,678	120,509
THMC Income	4,800	4,800
Recreation & Amenities	33,159	6,200
Planning & Highways	0	0
Total Income	162,636	131,509
Expenditure Item/Description		
Finance	60,537	70,047
Recreation & Amenities	94,203	65,184
Planning & Highways	6,807	7,545
Total Expenses	161,547	142,776
Total Income	162,636	131,509
Total Expenses	161,547	142,776
Income less expenses	1,090	-11,267
Transfer from Reserves	0	0
Net Surplus (deficit) for year	1,090	-11,267

Appendix A
Assets and Liabilities

			2014/15	
	Current Assets			
	Debtor Control Account		854.50	
	Nat West Current Account		10685.79	
	Nat West Reserve Accounts		131306.03	
				142846.32
	Current Liabilities			
	Creditors Control Account		20919.21	
	Purchase Tax Control Account		-5049.92	
	PAYE		261.60	
	National Insurance		340.40	
	Pension Contributions		218.32	
	Long Term Liabilities			
	Church Green Fund		30120.00	
				46809.61
	Total Assets less Total Liabilities			96036.71

Appendix B

<u>Grants awarded 2014-15</u>		£
Worthys Conservation Volunteers	Cost of insurance renewal	300
Tubbies Playgroup	Toys, insurance & advertising	150
Kings Worthy Primary School	Activities	500
Worthys Local History Group	Updated roll of honour	270
PCC of Kings Worthy	Church Fete	475
Green Smile Ltd	Clearing up after church fete	50
Winchester Live at Home Scheme	Befriending at Home Service	250
Worthy Runners	Contribution for website & posters	100
Pre-School Learning Alliance	Contribution towards fundraising cost	150
Tubbs Hall Management Committee	Kings Worthy Christmas	100
Kings Worthy Pre-School	Contribution to fundraising costs	150
Victim Support	Volunteers' expenses & training	200
Worthys Festival	Festival 2015	600
Kings Worthy Primary School	Outdoor play equipment	500
On behalf of Worthys Local History Group	2 History boards & lecterns	675
<u>Not Yet Paid</u>		
3rd Winchester Scout Group	Equipment etc.	350
		4820

Appendix C

Projects funded by S106 money from developers

Car park resurfacing	£22,175
Bicycle mill at Eversley Park	£5,220
Total	£27,395

Appendix D

Projects funded by Parish Council

Boat swing frame seat at Eversley Park	£1,080
Additional fencing at Eversley Park	£2,000
Installation of accessible swing	£5,401
Xerscape sign at Fraser Road	£390
Total	£8,871

(7.65% of total precept and Council Tax Support Grant)

Appendix E

Tree Works

Fallen beech tree at Eversley Park	£90
Emergency tree work at Broadview	£53
Tree works sites 1-10	£6,540
Beech tree at Hinton Park felled	£1,000
Beech tree at Hinton Park felled	£2,000
Cut back trees by football pitches	£50
Tree works at Broadview and Hinton Park	£3,000
Total	£12,733

Budget for tree works for 2014/15 was £10,000. Also
£10,000 for 2015/16