

Kings Worthy Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 12 May 2014
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present:

Councillors:

Sarah White (Chairman)
Bob Barnes
Mandy Hallisey
Stewart Newell
Kerstin Reiners
Denis Welstead

Phil Allen
Ian Gordon
Dorry Hudson
Malcolm Prince
Judith Steventon Baker

Clerks:

Chris Read
Adrian Reeves

Representatives from the Village Community Organisations:

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AP/14/01 Chairman's Welcome to Parishioners and Guests

Cllr Sarah White welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AP/14/02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Martin Taylor and HCC Cllr Jackie Porter.

AP/14/03 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 May 2013

The minutes then agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed and dated at the first Parish Council meeting following the last Annual Parish Meeting.

AP/14/04 Parish Council Chairman's Report

Cllr White gave a summary of her year as Chairman.

She highlighted the Parish Council's use of the Website, Facebook and Parish Noticeboards to communicate effectively with Parishioners.

Cllr White gave a brief overview of the consultations held since the last Annual Parish Meeting, as below:

- Springvale Road Speed Survey – which is currently with Hampshire County Council
- Church Green Play Area
- Local Plan Part 2 – 4 Public events were held to gather feedback on the LPP2 site selection.

- Flooding – Questionnaires had been distributed to gather data on who and how people were effected.

Parishioners were also asked how they wanted information distributed to them. Parishioners still favoured the previous methods of distribution of; Newsletters, Leaflets and Noticeboards. Parishioners did express an interest of having information emailed to them. Social media was still not being fully utilised by parishioners despite its launch 12 months ago.

400 parishioners have viewed the Springvale Road flooding consultation and approximately 100 made comments. There was little reference to the Kings Worthy Parish Council website made in the comments.

Community Involvement –

Recently the Parish Council unveiled a copy of the 1750 ‘Godson Map’ of Kings Worthy, produced for us by Worthys local History Group.

A History Board, organised by a local group of residents, was recently unveiled by Dame Mary Fagin (Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire). This board explains the origins of the street names of some of Kings Worthys streets. The area around the board will be sewn with a mixture of grass and poppy seeds.

Another Litter Pick is planned in the Parish in June. The Parish Council ran a Pimms stall at the Kings Worthy festival and will once again be running a Pimms stall at the next village fete.

Major Changes –

Our Parish Clerk Colin Arnett retired from the Parish Council in January after 12 years of service and a retirement party was held in his honour. Our Deputy Clerk Adrian Reeves has now taken over as full Parish Clerk. Christopher Read, our new Trainee Clerk, has recently joined us and is continuing to attend various training courses with the Parish Council’s support. We have discovered he is very good with IT and is working well with our new Clerk.

AP/14/05 To receive a report from City Councillors

A report was given from our City Councillors (see attached)

AP/14/06 To receive a report from County Councillor

A report was given from our County Councillor (see attached)

AP/14/07 To receive a reports from Parish Council Committee Chairmen

Finance – Cllr Malcolm Prince

Cllr Prince stated that he had enjoyed his time as the Chairman of Finance Committee but that this would be his last report. He thanked all three Clerks for their hard work.

Cllr Prince gave a presentation on the income and expenditure over the past year. Cllr Prince noted that the Parish Council’s accounts were at a level that would be the “envy of some

companies". Last year's internal audit fee was reduced due to the excellent nature of the Parish Councils finances and financial procedures.

Budget System – The Parish Council only spend where we have a budget or know where money is coming from.

Last financial year the Parish Council had a surplus of £2659.00 based on an approximate total spend of £130,000, against budgeted loss. (Cllr Prince presented a graph to the meeting).

Next financial year the Parish Council has budgeted for a loss of approximately £6,000. This is due to a reserve for tree works to be carried out of £10,000. The Parish Council have budgeted for professional contractors to help avoid any risk.

The Parish Council currently has approximately £135,000 in readily releasable assets (from both accounts and easily obtainable sources). The Parish Council must maintain a level of at least £75-80,000. There is currently approximately £40,000 in the Parish S106 Play & Sports funds, which are held by Winchester City Council. The Parish Council obtains the majority of its income from a precept, paid for through your council tax. The Parish Council precept figure is currently approximately £60.00 a year per household. The current precept per household is lower than 4 years ago due to the Parish Council's efficient use of resources. The Parish Council are increasing the precept this year by 1.9%, to help cover inflation and other costs.

The Parish Council have a grant budget of approximately £4,100 for local organisations. These grants are usually up to £1,000 per organisation. These grants are not for business purposes, organisations that can use other funding sources (such as Citizens Advice Bureau) or for religious reasons.

1/3 of Parish Council across Hampshire don't get Council Tax Support Grant, which the Parish Council do receive. Tubbs Hall Management Committee share 50% of the costs of maintaining and running the building. The Parish Council have 3 fixed term deposits with varying terms, which are currently earning 4% interest.

Expenditure by Key types –

- Maintenance – This is increasing rapidly and now accounts for approximately 43% of the total spend.
- Salaries & Training – The office is now manned full time during the week.
- Street Lighting – New energy efficient lights have been installed which will reduce costs as the Parish Council pays for electricity and maintenance.

A Parishioner asked whether the street lights will have reduced burning hours. Cllr Prince responded that there have been 6 additional lights installed. After 6 months the lights will operate at 75% brightness, decreasing to 50% after midnight.

Planning & Highways – Cllr Ian Gordon

Cllr Gordon noted that there had been a lot of Planning Applications in Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy recently. The Parish Council continue to support their decisions at Winchester City Council planning committee meetings, if necessary. Cllr Gordon stated that he speaks to the WCC planning officers and reports back to the P&H committee, to get a more information and a

better scope for applications. Cllr Gordon noted that as well as planning applications, the Parish Council also report on issues such as illegal signage.

Local Plan Part 1 is now complete and in place and the Parish Council are progressing with the Local Plan Part 2.

(Cllr Welstead and 1 member of the public left at this point)

Under the Local Plan part 2, the Parish Council have worked with WCC to identify sites for the 250 homes that must be built by 2031. The current plan has identified 3 sites, with parishioners selecting the Lovedon Lane site (SHLAA Site 365).

The Parish Council have also been involved with the improvement of the Cart & Horses Junction. The Parish Council have obtained figures as to how many accidents at the junction required the attendance of the emergency services. The Parish Council have then moved forward with trying to get improvements made to the junction.

Cllr Gordon reported on the streetlights currently being installed around the village. They will take approximately 3-4 weeks to settle in. Although dimmer, the white light produced by the new bulbs reduce shadowing. A couple of streets will be to the correct lighting density for adoption by Hampshire County Council. Lighting in the conservation area will be of a heritage style, to in keep with the surrounding area. If parishioners are finding the new lighting to bright, shields can be requested.

A parishioner asked “Do HCC want up to date surveys for the Springvale Road Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)?” Cllr Gordon responded that the last survey carried out was before the resurfacing and hopefully further surveys will go ahead in the coming weeks. Once these are complete HCC will hopefully produce a TRO for consultation. HCC have not previously surveyed, this was carried out by the Parish Council.

A Parishioner asked “What saving will the HCC Public Finance Initiative (PFI) make?” Cllr Gordon responded that the Parish Council’s energy costs will be coming down as the new energy efficient lighting is installed.

Recreation & Amenities – Cllr Stewart Newell

Cllr Newell thanked all the committee members and the clerks, for their valued help. Cllr Newell reported the completed footpath across Eversley Park, to the school was now completed and was installed to try and elevate traffic congestion by the school. Cllr Newell reported that new bus shelter has also been installed at the bottom of Nations Hill.

Cllr Newell reported on the recent autumn/winter storms which have exacerbated the problems with trees in the area. Tree can be assets to the Parish Council, but can also liabilities. The Parish Council currently have a programme of tree works, which is to be carried out this year.

Cllr Newell highlighted the issue of dog fouling in the Parish, particularly around Eversley Park. Dog shows and competition should help to appeal to offenders.

Cllr Newell highlighted the works planned to go ahead;

- An under 5’s play area is planned for Church Green, subject to change of covenant.

- The resurfacing of the Eversley Park car park is to go ahead at the start of the school holidays.
- More sprayed stencils to discourage dog fouling are to be applied.

A Parishioner asked a question regarding the dog fouling, and how to report it. Cllr Newell responded that it had been suggested that members of the public ask the offender to pick it up but there are concerns about possible personnel threat from this. There is no longer a dog warden for the parish and thus the public will need to report any offences, direct to WCC.

AP/14/08 Flooding

There was a major problem with flooding along Springvale Road in February and March. Cllrs Gordon and Allen met with City Cllrs, Headbourne Worthy Parish Council's Chairman, Southern Water, Environment agency and HCC, to discuss the problem.

The Parish Council performed flow rate tests and found the flow to be twice as fast at the Headbourne Worthy end of Springvale Road. However, the drainage system simply couldn't cope with flow rate, with approximately a third of the system not operating correctly. The Parish Council is developing an action plan in case further flooding were to take place in the future.

A survey has been produced and distributed by electronic and/or paper copies, which were sent to every household on Springvale Road and Roads/Closes, with access onto Springvale Road. Information about this survey was also placed in the Parish Council's website and in the Hampshire Chronicle. 80 responses were received, 28 being paper and 52 being electronic. It was noted that nobody had been evacuated but residents were severely inconvenienced.

Approximately 50% of the forms completed were from Springvale Road itself. Difficulties residents had faced were;

- Accessing their properties
- Use of full property
- Disruptions to toilet facilities

One of the questions on the survey was pertaining to how prepared residents were. Some residents had pumps and sandbag but the majority were not prepared. It was noted that getting hold of sandbags was a problem. Other difficulties are as follow;

- Difficulties contacting agencies and obtaining up to date information.
- Getting information on obtaining sandbags and/or pumps.
- Road Closures happened either too early or too late.
- Signage erected was misleading and impacted on businesses.
- Residents had to drive through flood water to access their properties.

Those whom responded to the survey also stated that they were satisfied with the Parish Council's leaflet deliveries and placement of information on the Noticeboards/Website.

Only 18 of the responses wanted an independent public forum on flooding. A great deal of evidence was collected for further discussions regarding preventative works such as drainage improvements. The Parish Council are forming a major incident plan, which will include flooding.

The Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) and WCC held a flooding clinic approximately 2 weeks ago; leaflets for which were distributed along Springvale Road. CAB and WCC are still happy to be contacted for advice.

A Parishioner asked “when the authorities began to act?”. Cllr White responded that other authorities started to act once water had reached the road.

Another Parishioner asked “Are Hampshire County Council responsible managing for flooding risk?”.

(5 members of the public left at this point)

Cllr Allen responded that the County Council are responsible for drainage of roads, under the Land Drainage Act 1991.

(2 members of the public left at this point)

A Parishioner made a comment regarding possible drainage issues for the proposed dwellings in Lovedon Lane and monies being collected by the water board for surface water runoff, in areas with soakaways.

(2 members of the public left at this point)

AP/14/09 Police Report

See attached.

Parishioners asked Police Community Support Officer Chris Martin several questions regarding law & order, which are listed below.

- Q- Can the police support the prevention of dog fouling?
- A- Both the Police Constable and PSCO can assist but are now thin on the ground. However, we can patrol hotspots to try and catch people committing the offence.
- Q- Can you act on evidence from witnesses and/or is video evidence useable?
- A- The Police could support specific campaigns.

(1 member of the public left at this point)

- Q- What will happen in regards to stray dogs now Kings Worthy no longer has a dog warden?
- A- The Police can deal with dangerous dogs and dog antisocial behaviour, but not stray dogs.

(1 member of the public left at this point)

- Q- What should be done if air rifles are used to shoot wildlife on public land?
- A- If the air rifles are used in an antisocial way then please report this to 101 and if necessary, the rifles can be seized

AP/14/10 Question Time

None.

AP/14/11 Next Meeting – 11 May 2015

The meeting closed at 21:12.

Signed.....

Date.....



Hampshire Constabulary

Working for Safer Communities



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When it's less
urgent than 999

Winchester Rural North SNT –

Kingsworthy Crime Statistics

For the period 24/02/14 until 25/04/14
Prepared by PCSO 13466 Kerry Croutear

Please note, mental health concerns, neighbour disputes, harassment, and similar offences are not included on this report. Therefore, if you compare the figures to those on Crime Reports they may differ.

<https://www.crimereports.co.uk/>

3 x Reports of cars splashing pedestrians during the floods. (26/2, 3/3 & 11/3)

5th March – report of a lawnmower and leaf blower being taken from a gardeners van outside an address in Church Lane.

6 x reports of nuisance bikes on the field and old railway line off Hookpit Farm Lane (7/3, 14/3, 20/3, 24/3, 28/3, 31/3). A bike was seized from a local youth on 15th April, in the nearby area.

26th March – Report of nuisance youths jumping through gardens, no trace of youths on Police arrival.

29th March – Report of nuisance youths climbing scaffolding.

9th April – Report of cold callers knocking door to door selling items. No trace of male on Police search of the area.

We are working hard with local NHW members and Margaret Filley to increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) within the Kingsworthy area, we are actively recruiting new co-ordinators, please contact me if you know of any residents who maybe interested in becoming a co-ordinator. In addition to this we have received a grant from Councillor Jackie Porter to purchase NHW leaflets, which will be distributed throughout the area.

Continued parking issues at Kingsworthy School, double yellow lines have now been put in place in Hinton Fields, which hopefully will help alleviate some of the issues.

Thank you to all who helped local residents and ourselves during the floods.

Our Twitter account is now set up: <https://twitter.com/WinchRuralCops>

Any queries or questions please contact me:

PCSO 13466 Croutear, Mobile: 07901 102445

Winchester Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team, Alresford Police Office 101

Report to the annual meeting of Kings Worthy Parish Council Monday 12th May 2014: Cllrs Jane Rutter and Robert Johnston

During the election campaign, candidates for the City Council are asked to limit their comments to factual statements and brief reporting back. This is a brief summary of this year: we welcome any questions.

- ❖ **Barton Farm:** The controversial development at Barton Farm (which was only given planning permission after appealing to the Secretary of State) has now received detailed planning consent for the first two phases of construction. These will be at either end of the development site. One of the first things to be built will be an access road onto the site from Andover Road. This should be starting in the autumn. Jane is a member of the Barton Farm Forum, which is a liaison group between the City Council, local parish councils, the Winchester Trust and the developer. Jane has argued successfully for more space to be made available for a couple of small community buildings within the housing areas, such as scout huts, and argued for every effort to be made to direct the traffic away from the Worthys and along the Andover Road for access to the motorway network.
- ❖ **Boundary Changes:** The Boundary Commission is currently looking at City Council ward boundaries and the number of councillors. The City Council has already voted on whether to continue with election by thirds, as at present, or a move to 'all out' elections every four years, and voted to keep election by thirds. If everything else remained equal, this would have no impact on the situation here in Kings Worthy. But the Boundary Commission is required by law to restrict wards to three member wards if election is by thirds. This means that Kings Worthy is likely to be part of a much larger area for future City Council elections. The situation will be exacerbated if as is expected the Commission also requires the number of City Councillors to be reduced from the current 57 to around 45. If the Parish Council (and local residents) wish to continue the strong link between their local representative on the City Council and this community, they will need to convince the Electoral Commission that a special case needs to be made for the Worthys, to remain a 2 member ward, or even become a one member ward, depending on how the numbers work out.
- ❖ **Flooding:** All of your local representatives worked hard over the period of the flooding to disseminate information to help and to provide practical support like sandbags. Jane liaised with the City Council and the Parish Council to organise and publicise last week's Flood Clinic, which helped local residents to apply for financial relief. We will be working with Jackie Porter from the County Council to ensure that the necessary work to improve drainage along Springvale Road is done.
- ❖ **Road Safety Improvements:** We continue to work with colleagues at County and Parish level to improve road safety for all in Kings Worthy. In particular we have been working to improve the Cart & Horses junction and other crossing points along the A33, to improve safety for pedestrians along Church Lane and to reduce the speed limit along the whole of Springvale Road. We are delighted that the path across the park to the school and the school time-limited 20pmh restrictions on Church Lane have been such a success.
- ❖ **Worthys Festival:** Please see separate report.
- ❖ **Local Plan Part 2:** The detailed planning aspect of the Local Plan is now well advanced, and we have been interested to see the results of the community consultation exercise undertaken by the Parish Council. The suggestions for the required housing development over the next 20 years in Kings Worthy (a total of 250 new homes – but counting from April 2011, so there are only about 150 left to find space for) will be discussed by the City Council and included in the final report which will be sent for approval to the government's inspectors later this year or early next.

Thank you.

County Councillor Annual Report to the Kings Worthy Parish Council

Keeping you informed

- Publishing monthly news in the Parish Magazine
- Distributing Focus
- Writing a monthly report for the Parish Council to keep you informed on HCC and updates to KW matters
- Regularly updated website www.jackieporter.co.uk
- Liaising with other parishes, the County Council, businesses, the city council, housing associations etc.

Working practically and actively on the quality of educational opportunities for children

- School governor- increasing the number of school places for children in the Worthys.
- Close liaison with other primary schools and secondary schools too, including creation of a masterplan for Henry Beaufort School working towards Barton Farm and 2020.
- Chairman of Trustees of Pre school, raising standards of the teaching& learning of children who attend.
- Chairman of Trustees at Tubbs Hall, a venue offering excellent opportunities at an affordable price for children and young people.

Seeking safer journeys through and out of the Worthys by foot, bicycle, public transport or private vehicle

Keeping up pressure on Hampshire County Council to deliver projects supported by the public:

- 30mph along Springvale Road
- Path across the park- now used by 100's of children and adults every day.
- Reduced speeds and improved layout at the junctions on the A33

- Traffic management on Church Lane, achieved 20mph lit warning signs, yellow lines.
- Better surfaces on specified roads and footways
- Lobbying for improved footway from Nations Hill to Eversley Park.
- M3 junction 9 improvements, from initial paper written in 2009.
- Working with residents on access and highways matters, bus routes
- Improved lighting on Springvale Road

Liaising with residents and groups to support local projects

- Food walk through the County Farms (creating walk / open space for residents)
- To Honour a Promise project at Morn Hill, following research by local historian
- Adding names to the War Memorial
- Sea Lords information board
- Worthy's Conservation projects
- Watercress Way from Alresford to Kings Worthy
- Active participation in the Worthy's festival and fete.

Supporting residents and businesses through difficult times

- Chasing public companies and organisations when they fail to provide a good service
- Following up Adult Services and Children Services matters
- Involvement with Good Neighbour project
- Surgery/coffee mornings at Tubbs Hall
- Flooding support.

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