

# **Kings Worthy Parish Council**

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2013  
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

**Present:** Councillors – S.White [Chairman], P. Allen, R.Barnes, I.Gordon, S.Newell.  
M.Prince, K.Reiners, J. Steventon Baker, Martin Taylor

HCC Cllr J. Porter; WCC Cllr J. Rutter

Clerk; Colin Arnett

12 Representatives from the Village Community Organisations and members of the public

### **AP/13/01 Chairman's Welcome to Parishioners and Guests**

Cllr Sarah White welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that they appreciated the new format of local organisation displays.

### **AP/13/02 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs M. Hallisey and D.Welstead, WCC Cllr Robert Johnston and PCSO Chris Martin

### **AP/13/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2012**

The minutes were agreed as a true record; had been signed by the Chairman and copies made available to those attending.

### **AP/13/04 Parish Council Chairman's Report**

Cllr White gave a synopsis of her year as chairman.

Cllrs Bohle and Sign had resigned during the year. In their place Cllrs Allen and Newell had joined with one vacancy remaining. Cllr Sign had been the longest serving member of the Council with an interest in the Recreation and Amenities Committee, particularly with regard to upkeep of the Burial Ground on Lovedon Lane. Cllr Bohle had a background in engineering and brought his expertise to several of our projects.

Colin Arnett and Adrian Reeves continue as clerks to the Council.

## **AP/13/04 Parish Council Chairman's Report cont.**

The major events which the Parish Council were involved with during the year included the Olympic Torch Relay and the Queens Jubilee celebrations. Both were a great success with some 60 volunteers involved in the relay and an obelisk/sundial being unveiled to commemorate the jubilee.

Other initiatives have included; litter picks, dog fouling, stagecoach buses; and to improve communications with a new website and monthly communications bulletin.

## **AP/12/05 City Councillors Report – Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter**

Cllr Rutter distributed their annual report [copy attached].

She congratulated the Parish Council on another successful year and highlighted her and Robert's attendance at the monthly Parish Council meetings and their involvement in WCC planning issues and the next Worthys Festival in September.

## **AP/12/06 County Councillors Report – Jackie Porter**

Jackie distributed her annual report [copy attached].

She highlighted just some of the initiatives undertaken this year had included; the resurfacing of Springvale Road; the extension at the school; improvements to the footpaths around the school [incl. a 20mph zone].

## **P/12/07 Parish Council Committee Chairman Reports**

### **Finance – Cllr Malcolm Prince**

Cllr Prince gave a graphic presentation of the income and expenditure over the past year. A surplus was achieved of some £7K which enabled us to set a deficit budget reducing the precept for 2013-14. The monies in reserves remain at recommended levels.

We tendered for a new Grounds Maintenance contract and after a rigorous selection process appointed Green Smile Ltd for 3 years starting on the 1 April 2013.

Our income for the past year was less than previous due to a reduction of S106 funding from WCC. This scheme will shortly be ending, so councillors are endeavouring to spend the balance outstanding.

A grant of £23K has been received from HCC for a path across Eversley Park to improve accessibility for all.

### **Planning and Highways – Cllr Ian Gordon**

Members continue to comment on the planning applications made to Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park for developments within the parish. Support is often given to individual applications when the planners say "no".

## **Planning and Highways – Cllr Ian Gordon cont.**

New street lighting is to be introduced in 2014 as part of the Private Finance Initiative from HCC. The lamps in all areas will be replaced on a like for like basis and will provide a whiter light to reduce shadows with an energy saving and will be dimmed from midnight until 5am to save power.

Councillors have been involved with WCC on the Core Strategy [Local Plan Part 1 & 2]] reviewing possible development sites to meet targets set out in Local Plan Part 1 of 250 dwellings by 2031.

The garages at Tesco Express continue to be ongoing challenge, however members are working with all parties involved to improve matters.

Cllr Gordon expressed his gratitude to the Parish Clerks who without their help the committees work would be great deal harder.

Cllr Gordon went on to explain some of the detail contained in the Local Plan Part 1. Several sites around the village are termed as being Rural Exception Sites where properties can be built outside the village settlement for rental. Conditions state that these properties can only be let to people on the WCC waiting list that are from Kings Worthy or have strong Kings Worthy connections. However before any decisions are made to develop these sites the Parish Council would seek to hold a public meeting to allow parishioners to decide where these sites should be.

## **Recreation and Amenities Committee – Cllr Sarah White**

The newly appointed Grounds Maintenance Contractor and maintenance technician are ensuring that our public recreation areas are maintained to a high standard. Renovation of the football pitches at Eversley Park has been a priority.

Projects this year have included; cricket nets; new fencing at Legion Lane; refurbishments of seats and picnic tables; a tree survey and the shortly to commence path across Eversley Park.

Projects for the coming year include; new flowerbed outside Tubbs Hall; swing for disabled children; playground at Church Green; Bus Shelter at Nations Hill/Springvale Road; refurbishment of the play area at Fryers Close.

### **AP/12/08 Question Time**

Questions were forthcoming regarding; the reporting of street lighting faults; the development at Hookpit Farm Lane; cycling on the new path at Eversley Park [children only] Barton Farm traffic; the junction of the A33/Lovedon Lane/Park Lane.

### **AP/12/09 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 12 May 2014 at 7pm at Kings Worthy Community Centre.

Derek Brockway proposed a vote of thanks for the excellent work of the Parish Council over the past year.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm and the public were invited to partake of refreshments and to visit the various displays from local organisations.

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