

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15 April 2013
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Phil Allen [until 22.21], Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Malcolm Prince, Judith Steventon Baker [until 22.38], Stewart Newell, Kerstin Reiners and Denis Welstead [until 22.21]

HCC: Cllr Jackie Porter

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

Clerk: Colin Arnett

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PC/13/42 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hallisey & Taylor and PCSO Chris Martin.

PC/13/43 Public Question Time

2001-2011 Census – Cllr Prince gave a graphic presentation to members of his analysis of the data as it affects the parish - the highlights were;

- Population has increased by 9.6% with a 50% increase in the 0-4 & a 60% increase in the 60-64 age ranges between 2001 and 2011
- Households had increased from 1630 to 1870 a 14.72% increase
- A profile of the property bedrooms, 36% were 3 bedrooms, 25% each for 2 and 4 bedrooms, and 7% for 1 and 5+ bedroom properties
- Car ownership of 1.54 vehicles per household, more than the percentage for England, the South East and Winchester as a whole.
- A health profile, again concept of good health in Kings Worthy, was better than in England, the South East and Winchester as a whole

He agreed to circulate the details to members.

PC/13/44 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **Police** – PCSO Chris Martin’s report had been circulated [copy attached]. Members noted the contents. Cllr Welstead shared with members his satisfaction of the 10min response to an incident on Hookpit Farm Lane.

- **County Councillor** – Jackie Porter presented her report [copy attached].

She highlighted the government “bedroom tax” which is beginning to generate requests to move; the meeting on the Springvale Road speed limit and the street lighting where HCC have agreed to replace similar units in the conservation area.

Cllr Steventon Baker asked about the spring water outside of Tesco Express – nothing can be done as it is a natural water source.

Cllr Reiners asked if the resurfacing of Springvale Road could include the length from Bentley Close to Headbourne Worthy.

She shared with members the highway improvement proposals for the junctions of the London Road and Lovedon Lane onto the A33 which is scheduled to be undertaken in May 2014. Members of the Planning & Highways Committee were asked to consider the proposals in due course.

- **City Councillor** – Jane Rutter presented her report. [copy attached]

This included; the planning regulations, benefits changes, Tubbs Hall, the Barton Farm Forum and Worthys Festival.

- **School Governor** – No meetings to report

PC/13/45 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18 March 2013

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr White.

PC/13/46 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 March 2013

- **PC/13/32 Hookpit Farm Lane – Top Field Footpaths** – a response was still awaited to our letter to WWC.
- **PC/13/32 Dog Fouling** – the signs and leaflets are being redesigned
- **PC/13/32 Youth Meeting** – the “street reach” visit to the Winnall and Stanmore areas for Cllrs Prince & Reiners is still to be arranged.
- **PC/13/35 Parish Plan** - Cllr White is to circulate an updated action listing to members from the meeting on the Parish Plan.
- **PC/13/18 Springvale Road – Speed Limit** – a meeting with HCC has been arranged for the 8 May 2013.

PC/13/47 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 26 March 2013

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Tesco Garages** – a site meeting had resulted in the owner agreeing to repair the badly damaged garage, he intimated that the other two were the responsibility of the tenants in the flats above the shops. However the agreements he produced to prove this indicated that the landlord was responsible. It has been agreed that some of the unitainers awaiting return would be stored alongside one of the garages for the time being to tidy up the area outside their storage area and to free up a parking space.
- **B3047/A33 Junction** – HCC are being chased to remove the hut from the junction.
- **Churchill Close** – a request from a resident for colouring the footway, signage and speed humps is being forwarded to HCC.
- **Terms of Reference** - these have been drafted.
- **Planning Applications**- Members had considered applications for Springvale Ave [2], Elizabeth Close, Boyne Mead Road, Larch Close, Cloverbank, Firs Crescent and Hookpit Farm Lane.

Cllr White asked that the minutes of all the sub-committee meetings be circulated to all councillors. **Action – the clerk**

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 4 April 2013

Cllr White gave a dashboard presentation to members

- **Eversley Park Path** – the ground is still too wet for the contractor to commence the work.
- **Church Green Playground** – revised proposals were being considered for a smaller scheme with Headbourne Worthy PC.
- **Tubbs Hall Flowerbed** – Members had agreed the scheme from Charlotte Smith, but without the steps in the bank. Jackie Porter asked if an outside power point[s] could be incorporated in the layout. Our maintenance technician is to cost the work.
- **Logo** – the original designer is to be asked too incorporate “Abbots Worthy” in the design.

- **Swing for Disabled Children**- Members ratified expenditure of up to £500 for the provision of the swing.
- **New Projects**- these included Fryers Close Play Area and improved shrub planting at the Burial Ground.
- **Fees 2013-14** - Members ratified the decision not to increase the fees for the Burial Ground and to increase Football Pitch fees by a small inflationary increase.

Finance Committee – 10 April 2013

Cllr Prince updated members on the end of year financial position. The figures have yet to be finalised, however he anticipated a surplus of £7K which will compensate for the 8K 2013-14 budget deficit. He thanked all the committees for keeping expenditure within budget. Reserves remain at £100K. The WCC S106 balance of £26K needs to be utilised during this calendar year. All councillors agreed that proposed projects for this would be Church Green Play Area [along with HWPC], Tubbs Hall Flowerbed and improvements to the Eversley Park car park.

- **Internal Audit** – this is scheduled for the 22 May 2013.
- **NatWest Bank** – Cllr Gordon had responded to a letter from NatWest requesting urgent action to ensure the continued operation of our bank accounts. He indicated that we found the letter offensive and highlighted the lack of response to our many requests for a meeting with our account manager.

PC/13/48 Core Strategy [Local Plan Part 2]

Cllr White summarised the conclusions of the meeting held on the 8 May 2013.

The strategy is for the next 20 years. It excludes Abbots Worthy which is in the SDNP, and includes some of Headbourne Worthy. The target is for some 250 houses to be built.

Members agreed that a letter be sent to WCC to clarify several of the issues raised, particularly with regard to the clarification of and status of SHLAA sites. **Action – Cllr White**

Members suggested that a representative of Headbourne Worthy PC be invited to a Planning & Highways Committee meeting and that a presentation be made for parishioners at the Annual Parish meeting.

PC/13/49 Standing Orders

Members agreed the following amendment [with one abstention];

7.2 To elect a Chairman – delete “three years” in succession – Add “four years”, in order to tie in with the electoral timetable for the Parish Council.

Other amendments are to be discussed at the next meeting.

PC/13/50 Annual Parish Meeting

Cllrs White, Taylor, Gordon & Reiners agreed to co-ordinate the event. Cllr Taylor has issued the invitations; Cllr Gordon is arranging the audio-visual equipment and display boards; Cllrs Reiners the advertising posters. Cllr White the refreshments

PC/13/51 Village Agent

Cllr Gordon suggested that the proposal was probably unhelpful for such a large parish and linking with Neighbourhood Watch would be a vital part. Cllr Steventon Baker indicated that there are already plenty of support groups within the village. Members agreed that an integrated approach was needed. Cllr Gordon agreed to work with Cllr Porter on a proposed way forward.

PC/13/52 Communications

Cllr White updated members on the additions to the new website.

Cllrs Newell, Prince and Steventon Baker are the new team to produce the monthly bulletin.

Cllr White reminded members of the need to keep their allocated notice boards tidy. Cllr Newell agreed to maintain the board outside the King Charles PH and Cllr Prince the board at Eversley Park.

The communications team were also reminded of taking note of local events for the website.

PC/13/53 Clerk's Notices

None.

PC/13/54 Chairman's Notices

- **Action Listing** – Cllr White had produced a listing for members of the R&A Committee and suggested that it would be prudent for the other committees to compile a similar listing. Cllr Gordon suggested that the minutes be presented in three columns with reference in the first, the minutes in the middle and the action in the third. This would make it easier for those who need to react to a subject to see it more clearly.
- **Annual General Meeting - 20.05.13** – Cllr White reminded members to consider which committees on which they wished to serve.
- **Broadband** - Cllr Reiners highlighted the poor service that she was experiencing on occasions. Members suggested that she contact BT or HCC – it was thought that this was more a commercial problem than a general paucity of the cabling in the area,

PC/13/55 Items for Discussion at Next Meeting

Members suggested; Standing Orders and the Springvale Road Speed limit

PC/13/56 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 20 May 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.44pm.

Signed

Dated