

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman – was called away at 10.07], Phil Allen, Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon [Chaired the meeting from 10.07], Mandy Hallisey, Stewart Newell, Malcolm Prince, Kerstin Reiners, Martin Taylor [left at 10.07], Judith Steventon Baker and Denis Welstead [left at 10.26].

HCC: Cllr Jackie Porter

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston

Police: PCSO Chris Martin

Clerk: Colin Arnett

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PC/13/85 Apologies for Absence

None

PC/13/86 Public Question Time

None

PC/13/87 Community Infrastructure Levy

Cllr Allen gave a presentation to members on the CIL.

He emphasised that Abbots Worthy is not included as this is part of the South Downs National Park and that parts of Headbourne Worthy [15%] are included as part of the settlement boundary.

He summarised the submission that had been sent to WCC with a graphic presentation mapping the various categories and a comparison with national criteria;

- Parks and Sports – an area of 4.89ha [deficit 1.9ha]
- Toddler Play – an area of 0.24ha [deficit 0.9ha]
- Youth Space – an area of 0.08ha [deficit 1.0ha]

- Informal Open Space – an area of 2.62ha [deficit 1.0ha]
- Allotments - an area of 0.33ha [deficit 0.6ha]
- Natural Green Space – an area of 1.63ha [deficit 2.9ha]

Church Green playground will clearly reduce the deficit on toddler play area. He reminded members that S106 funding will end in 2014, so it is important that we spent our allocation on project work before that date. Cllr Allen considered that a Neighbourhood Plan was not necessary as it duplicated the work with WCC. Cllr Prince indicated that other PC's may be worse off.

Members were asked to submit any further comments to Cllr Allen.

Cllr Porter emphasised the need to have youth/play facilities in the Stoke Charity Road area. It would also be desirable to have the footpath across the field at the rear of the Cart & Horse PH designated as a right of way.

PC/13/88 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- o **Police** – Chris Martin's monthly report had been circulated to members [copy attached]

He was disappointed to report that there had been eight instances of anti-social behaviour; two arrests had been made regarding criminal damage from paint spraying; six reports of suspicious vehicles/people; one of theft; and one burglary.

He confirmed that patrols of our public recreation areas will increase during the school holidays.

- o **County Councillor** – Jackie Porter circulated her report together with a listing from HCC of road works requested in the Itchen Valley Division from S106 funding. [Copy attached].

She highlighted; Funding for Apprentices; Day Centre Tendering; Youth Services Tendering; Potholes; Countryside matters; A33 Junction; Barton Farm; and graffiti tags.

Members expressed their concerns regarding the poor level of information from HCC on S106 expenditure on highways. It was suggested that a representative for the Highways S106 funding be invited to a Planning & Highways Committee meeting to explain the scheme and the PC's input into the use of such monies.

Action – P&H Committee

- o **City Councillor** – the monthly report from the WCC Councillors had been circulated to members [Copy attached].

Robert Johnston highlighted;

A new lease needs to be negotiated for the KWCC/Tubbs Hall. WCC should undertake the legal work. He paid tribute to Cllr Steven Baker for her work on the launch of the new tenants association.

- **School Governor** – Cllr Gordon had nothing to report.
- **HCC Highways A33/3047 Junction** – Cllr Gordon reported that Steve Brine had convened a meeting with all interested parties and asked HCC to undertake a complete study of the junction.
- **Street Lighting** - Cllrs White and Gordon reported that HCC will investigate the proposed move of one of the 6 extra lights on Springvale Road to between Nations Hill and Springvale Avenue and are to review the lighting on Church Lane.

A parishioner had indicated that if HCC were to take responsibility for all the lighting in the village a saving would be made. The Parish Council currently only holds ownership for about one third of the lights in the parish. After investigation it was confirmed that there are only 14 lights out of a total of 106 currently in PC ownership that currently fit the criteria for HCC ownership which could save some £700 per annum if taken over. Councillors unanimously agreed that HCC should take ownership of these lights as soon as practicable. Of the others, 35 could possibly be transferred with a saving of £1782, if the Parish Council were to pay for additional lamp standards to be installed in order for HCC's criteria to be met. However the capital cost would be in the region of some £35K and would take some 15 years to repay. Also a number of the extra lights were not in places deemed appropriate. Members rejected the proposal.

Cllr Steven Baker asked that the lights at the Heights [Churchill Close] be reviewed. Cllr Taylor had received a request for the light opposite the entrance to Abbots Worthy House be removed – this is to be investigated with HCC. **Action – Cllr White**

- **Scouts** - Cllrs White, Gordon, Prince and Newell had attended a meeting to discuss a new scout headquarters. The current building is worn out and would take a considerable amount of money to upgrade. It no longer meets the requirement of modern scouting. Also the headquarters sit on WCC land and the lease expires in 9 years' time. We understand that WCC have indicated that they would be looking for the land to be returned to them at the end of the lease. The local organisation are keen to involve as many of the children in the village as possible [currently 20% of Hampshire 10/11 year olds are in Scouting] and wished to have a two storey building somewhere in Kings Worthy under the ownership of the Scouts Association, but with use by other community groups in the daytime. It appeared that the District Commissioner was not keen on the suggestion of a smaller building perhaps sited in the school grounds. A further meeting is to be held in two months.

PC/13/89 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17 June 2013

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

PC/13/90 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17 June 2013

- **PC/13/75 Springvale Road Speed Limit** – Cllr White reported that the final version of the survey form had been agreed with Andy Smith of HCC. Members agreed that a post-code should be included on the form which should be printed on shiny paper to discourage photocopies being made.

It was understood that Headbourne Worthy PC are using survey monkey as a reply option.

Cllr Reiners suggested that a comment box be included, together with an email and online option. After a discussion all three options were rejected by a majority vote - the current aim was for as simple a response as possible and there was concern that multiple responses could be received from individual households if the email and online options were adopted. The response deadline of the 6 September 2013 was thought to be adequate for the vast majority to return the paper reply back to the parish office by this date. Members approved the printing costs for 2000 copies of £206.

- **PC/13/78 Core Strategy [Local Plan Part 2]** – a meeting with Steve Opacic has been scheduled for the 24 July 2013 for the completion of the various forms. Cllr Prince reiterated the concerns over the WCC figures and suggested that they not be released to the public at this stage.
- **PC/13/83 History Group Map Unveiling** – Cllr White thanked all those who attended this successful event. Cllr Reiners is to circulate photographs.
Action – Cllr Reiners

PC/13/91 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 25 June 2013

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Tesco Site** – the owner had ignored four letters from WCC, who will be serving notice within two months for the demolition or repair of the garages to take place. The only right of appeal was via a magistrate and that failure to comply would allow WCC to carry out the works by default and place a charge on the property
- **HCC Hut – Junction A33/B3047** – Cllr Gordon was pleased to report that this had now been removed.
- **Planning Applications**- Planning Applications were considered for Springvale Ave, Elizabeth Close, Church Green Close, Bentley Close and London Road.

- **Church Lane** - Cllr Gordon is exploring the possibility of a weight restriction on Church Lane, as it is being used by numerous heavy goods vehicles accessing building sites along Springvale Road. The effect of this is now appearing on the road surface which is breaking up. It can also be dangerous for pedestrians due to the narrow footpath.

Cllr White was called away from the meeting.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 4 July 2013

Cllr Allen presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Reiners had developed an action plan which will be submitted to the Finance Committee for funding approval.
- **Eversley Park Path** – the official opening of the path is to take place on Wednesday 17 July 2013. All councillors are invited.
- **Eversley Park - Swing for Disabled Children** – the swing will not fit the existing frame, so the option of installing a new frame on the corner adjacent to the new path is being evaluated.
- **Fryers Close Playground** – the project group is considering extending the road surface to the rails.

Cllr Welstead had received some positive feedback regarding the improved service from our new grounds maintenance contractor.

Finance Committee – 10 July 2013

Cllr Prince outlined the current financial position with members. To date there is a surplus of £4400. Sundry expenses include £182 for the Godson map framing. Members agreed that the £176.90 for a new kitchen cupboard should be recharged to the THMC. The £2000 for the maintenance of Broadview has been moved into General Reserves.

The balance of S106 monies is £24,003.39.

PC/13/92 Tubbs Hall Flowerbed

The tenders had been opened for this project with the following quotations; £9311.43 [excluding power point], £8256.95 [incl. power point] and £8884.93 [power point inclusion to be clarified].

Members approved the tender of £8256.95 and asked the clerk to apply to WCC for S106 funding. **Action – the clerk**

PC/13/93 Newsletter

Members approved the delivery costs of £225 which would include a £75 contribution from the Worthys Festival Committee for including their flyer.
Comments on the draft document should be forwarded to Cllr White.

PC/13/94 Communications [incl. Website/Facebook]

The next monthly communications team will consist of Cllrs Gordon, Reiners and Welstead.

Cllr Gordon informed members that he is the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the parish.

PC/13/95 Action Listing

Members were asked to consider items for this listing. **Action – ALL Councillors**

PC/13/96 Clerk’s Notices

None

PC/13/97 Chairman’s Notices

None

PC/13/98 Items for the Next Meeting

Members suggested the following items for the next meeting; Standing Orders, Dog Fouling Campaign.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 16 September 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.39pm.

Signed

Dated