

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 November 2015
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Chair of the meeting: Stewart Newell

Councillors: Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey,
Judith Steventon Baker, Martin Taylor,
Denis Welstead and Sarah White.

Winchester City Council (WCC): Cllr Jane Rutter

Hampshire County Council (HCC): Cllr Jackie Porter

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

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Action

PC/15/154 Apologies for Absence
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Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Karen McCleery, Noel McCleery, and Robert Johnston.

PC/15/155 Public Question Time

A parishioner raised concerns with regards to following:

- Cannabis smoke along Fraser Road – A parishioner has called 101 last week and they are also awaiting a response from WCC. 101 told them to speak to the Parish Council.
- A number of laughing gas canisters have been found at Eversley Park and in the grounds on Kings Worthy Primary School.
- Used needles and syringes have been found at the top of Forbes road and behind the shops.

Cllr Gordon is to speak with the PCSO, Kerry Croutear.

The Parish Council will also write to the Chief Constable

A Parishioner enquired as to what is happening with regards to the Traffic Regulation Order on Springvale Road.

Cllr Newell responded, stating that the Parish Council unanimously supported the speed limit reduction on Springvale Road, with both the City and County councillor's support. Cllr Newell wrote to Sean Woodward (HCC) about 2 weeks ago.

Cllr Porter stated that, from HCC's Highways committee meeting today, it was intended that there would be no speed limit changes and traffic management work in the 2016/17 programme, unless there had been a fatality at a site. Cllr Porter suggested that a deputation of councillors attend the next meeting of HCC's

Cllr Gordon

Cllr Newell

Environment, Transport and Economy Committee. It was agreed that Cllr Newell would write to HCC's Chairman.

Cllr Newell

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PC/15/156 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 October 2015

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 19 October 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC/15/157 Development at Top Field – update

It was noted that a fundraiser is being held by Top Field Action Group (TFAG) to raise the money required for legal fees.

The Parish Council has received an email from the new homes delivery team which confirms that PC will be involved in the agreement of the S106 local connection criteria for Top Field.

They have suggested the following cascade for the S106 agreement.

1. Kings Worthy Parish local connection of at least 10 years.
2. Kings Worthy Parish local connection of between 5 and 10 years.
3. Kings Worthy Parish local connection of between 3 and 5 years.
4. Kings Worthy Parish local connection of between 1 and 3 years.
5. Local connection of at least 10 years to neighbouring parishes.

Cllrs agreed to the above and confirmed that the neighbouring parishes for this purpose should be, in order:

1. Headbourne Worthy
2. Itchen Valley
3. South Wonston
4. Wonston

It was agreed that Cllr Newell would draft a response.

It was noted that the Top Field Village Green application has been advertised.

Cllr Newell reminded councillors of the communications protocol for talking to the press.

Cllr Newell

PC/15/158 Development off Lovedon Lane – update

HAB housing have now called this development 'Lovedon Fields'. The current holes being dug are for further detailed archaeological surveys; they have made some finds which are awaiting detailed analysis.

Cllr White, Catherine Haigh (HAB) and former councillor Phil Allen met to discuss the landscaping on the site. Cllr White showed the Council a slide with detail of the planting plan. Concerns were expressed, on health and safety grounds, about the proximity of the drainage ditch to the proposed play area. HAB will discuss this with ROSPA. The drainage ditch will be designed to deal with a once in 5-10 year flooding event.

WCC, HAB and the Parish council are to be party to signing the S106 agreement.

The plans also shows the proposed footpath layout on the site. There is a need to confirm the ownership of the land at Hinton House Drive and this will be checked with Steve Clow (Assistant Director, HCC Property Services).

Clerk

The pump track will be over towards Hinton House Drive. HAB will help with landscaping but they won't fund the surfacing. Cycle parking will also be provided on the site. HAB are currently suggesting benches for the park with no back but are amenable to alternate seats having backs.

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The soft landscaping will be sown with wildflower seeds in March 2016. The A33 has sufficient large trees so the Parish Council could plant smaller trees; these would be good for biodiversity.

The Parish Council would like to access the archaeological map for the site.

Clerk

Traditionally the allotments were 250m² but HAB are suggesting 12 quarter sized plots, covering ~62.5m² each.

Timber edging is proposed for paths which will rot. Phil Allen has suggested digging in the path by ~8 inches. However the County archaeologists are not keen on this happening.

Former councillor Phil Allen commented that putting the land into Fields in Trust, by s106 agreement, was a good idea. It was agreed to go ahead with this suggestion.

PC/15/159 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillors, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings

o **County Councillor**

Cllr Porter highlighted the following issues (see report attached)

1. There are concerns that rural areas won't be heard to the same degree as urban areas.
2. Cllr Porter suggests that the Parish Council attend the ETE (Environment, Economy and Transport) meeting on 19 January 2016, to argue the case for the Springvale Road TRO.
3. South Downs National Park have a design code for roads to give a different feel to roads outside the park.
4. A33/B3047 Junction – Highways England have now asked for a non-motorised vehicle audit.
5. Eversley Park Path by the School – Funding in place for widening of the path.
6. Meeting re. Flooding – Worthys flooding problems not mentioned; needs a meeting with Chris Murray (WCC).

Cllr Newell

o **City Councillor**

Cllr Porter highlighted the following issues (see report attached)

1. Housing Policy – City council are very concerned about the financial implications of the Right to Buy scheme.
2. Cllrs are urged to look at the design brief for the redevelopment of the station approach and cattle market car park

Cllr Rutter was asked 'How would people get to a new leisure centre if it was located at Bar End?' Cllr Rutter stated that they would use the Park and Ride buses.

Cllr Newell noted that the Parish Council had not yet had a reply from WCC regarding the parking on Fraser Road.

o **School Governor**

Cllr Gordon noted that a bid had been made for the Grove but that there had been no HCC response yet. Cllr Porter stated that HCC are having ongoing discussions regarding the footprint of the land to be sold.

(1 member of the public & Cllr Rutter left)

o **Parish Councillors following external meetings**

Cllr Steventon Baker reported on the wildflower course that both she and Cllr Hudson had attended. Pictures of the course were shown and it was noted that Cllrs Hudson and Steventon Baker are planning to plant a small area of wildflowers outside Tubbs Hall, using a free bag of seed given to them on the course.

Both Cllrs Newell & Welstead reported on the licensing of the new reverend at St Marys church and the Remembrance Sunday service at which the Parish Council wreath was laid.

Cllr Newell had attended a Men's Breakfast Club at St. Mary's Church where he had talked about what the PC did.

Cllrs Hudson & Steventon Baker

PC/15/160 Matters arising from the Meeting of the 19 October 2015

o **PC/15/145 Cycling event on 12 July**

HCC are currently discussing whether cycling events need to be registered, because of recent traffic management issues with these events.

o **PC/15/145 Tubbs Hall Fire inspection Report**

The fire actions for the compartmentation of the kitchen and replacement of Tubbs Hall doors have now been actioned.

o **PC/15/145 Cart & Horses Junction**

See above (PC/15/160).

o **PC/15/145 Springvale Road TRO**

See above (PC/15/160).

o **PC/15/145 Tesco Footpaths & Parking**

Cllr Newell wrote to the management company for 'The Heights' regarding the issues with speeding across the footpath and down the Close. The managing agents are to look at a site meeting to see what can be done.

o **PC/15/145 Kings Worthy Community Centre & The Lionel Tubbs Hall – lease agreement**

Final copy has been sent to Cllr Porter for agreement; this will then be signed by both parties.

PC/15/161 To receive Minutes of the Committees:

Planning and Highways Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 27 October 2015 had been previously circulated.

Cllr Gordon stated that he has photographs of problem lorry parking at Tesco. The site however is much tidier. Cllr Gordon has met with a parishioner to discuss a planning issue in Campion Way.

Recreation & Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 5 November had been previously circulated.

- Church Green Playground Opening – Thanks were given to Cllr Barnes for performing the opening.
- Broadview – The next 2 sections will be going ahead over the winter. Cllr White has delivered letters to surrounding properties.
- Hinton Park Orchard – Thursday 3rd December, time to be confirmed, will be the opening day for the orchard at Hinton Park. Phil Jeffs (Worthy Plants) will talk to the school children about the trees, followed by a formal opening. A total of 14 trees will be planted.
- Our Tree Inspector, Dave Harris (TCA Ltd) will be re-inspecting the trees. Worthy Tree Care have started this section of tree work.
- Benches – Hayter & Waterman will no longer be carrying out the work due to non-performance; the Clerk is to write to them. Discussions have been held with the Maintenance Technician as to the feasibility of him carrying out this work (6 seats this financial year, with the remainder next).
- Burial Ground – The majority of the planting has now been completed. The groundworks for the slate monolith has been completed. It has been agreed to complete the 2 final quadrants in the new cremation area, to finish the area off.
- Obelisk – As previously reported, the top has now been topped with marble.
- Allotment Course – The HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils) in-house allotment course for Cllrs is no longer available. Cllr White has been given information about another possible supplier by HALC.
- Trees in Eversley – The Parish Council has been offered 2 specialist trees which it was agreed would be planted in the new area of Eversley Park.

Clerk

Cllr White

Finance

The minutes of the meeting on 11 November had been previously circulated.

- It was agreed to place the boundary issue at 41 Ramsay Road on the next finance agenda.
- Grant Applications – CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) have requested a grant of £1000.00. Finance committee proposed a grant of £800.00, which was agreed.
- Exercise Classes – Finance agreed usage of Eversley Park for exercise classes. As this is a commercial chargeable entity, but not a whole day event it was agreed to charge £25 per hour.

Clerk

- o Management Reports and Budget 2016-17 – This was shown to Cllrs and presented by Cllr Taylor and the Clerk. (see attached). The surplus at the end of October is £6,313 against a budgeted deficit of £3,920. A detailed consideration of the first draft of the budget for 2016-17 was undertaken. This shows a planned deficit of £35,630 for 2016-17. It was noted that this deficit represented the £10,000 budget for trees and the £25,000 for R&A projects (which includes Fryers Close playground). The budget assumes that the precept and grant remain at this year’s level. The draft budget was referred back to the committees for further consideration and will be submitted for final approval to the January PC meeting.

(Cllrs Steventon Baker & Welstead left the meeting)

PC/15/162 Emergency Plan

Cllr Newell sent a note out today which had not been received by all councillors; Cllr Newell will draw up the rota and circulate it to those involved.

Cllr Newell

PC/15/163 Communications

Agreed that the Church Green Opening and Community Orchard will go out in the next issue.

PC/15/164 Clerk’s Notices

- o It was agreed to move the next Finance Committee meeting to 09.30 on Wednesday 16 December.
- o It was agreed that Kings Worthy Christmas could use the green outside Tubbs Hall, as long as no damage was caused.
- o A letter had been received from the Tubbies Group to express thanks for the grant which they had been given; this was very much appreciated.
- o The office will be closed on the morning of 18 November as the Clerks were attending a Clerk’s Forum meeting.
- o It was noted with thanks that Cllr Steventon Baker had agreed to be the PC representative to the Winchester Villages Trust.
- o A letter from WinAcc had been received on the subject of climate change; it was agreed not to sign a copy.
- o Councillor vacancy – There had been no applicants by the closing date of 13 November. It was agreed to re-advertise and to coincide the timings with the next issue of the newsletter.

Clerk

Cllr Welstead

Clerk

PC/15/165 Chairman’s Notices

- o Christmas Party – Agreed for the Monday 21st December 2015. Cllr Newell and the Clerk are to sort out invitations.
- o Cllr Newell gave his apologies for the January and February meetings.
- o Comment was made about how good is the flower border at the junction of Mount Pleasant and Mortimer Close. The Clerk is to draft a letter to the residents responsible to express the PC’s thanks.

Cllr Newell & Clerk

Clerk

PC/15/152 Items for discussion at the Next Meeting

PC/15/153 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 January 2016.

The meeting closed at 22:45.

Signed..... Date.....

Library Consultation- looking at the future of Libraries.

Also available on the Library bus and at libraries. Go to <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library> for the strategy and consultation form. It will also be available on library buses and in the County's libraries.

Proposed changes to highways environmental work

Hampshire County Council is asking residents for their feedback to help prioritise proposals to reduce the costs of environmental work on Hampshire's highways. HCC Exec member says: "Residents have told us, that they value highways maintenance. Therefore, these proposals do not affect the budgets currently allocated to the repair of the actual road or footway surfaces, nor safety related work and Operation Resilience.."

The proposed changes to the way highways environmental work is carried out, are:

- Further dimming, longer hours of dimming, or turning off street lights between certain hours
- Reducing the number of times the grass is cut in rural and / or urban areas, or stopping grass cutting
- Reducing the number of times a year that weeds are treated along the highway, or stopping weed killing

Each of these proposals could save HCC between £50,000 and £200,000 per year.

Full details of the consultation are on hants.gov.uk/highwaysconsultation. Alternatively, please call 0300 555 1388 for information, and to request a questionnaire in paper form. The consultation period runs from Monday 2 November until Friday 11 December 2015. A report will be made available on the County Council's website before the decision is made by the Exec member for ETE 19 January 2016.

South Downs National Park Local District Plan- distinct from Winchester, but must still comply with NPPF

For information: This is a separate local plan to Winchester, even though in the same district. Closing date for submissions was on 28th October. It is clear that they are seeking around 1800 affordable homes of high environmental quality in the NP. Plan runs until 2031. Proceeding behind the WDLP.

Roads- I am meeting Ray Gardner on Friday 6th November to check remedial works at crossroads. Meeting at HCC on Monday 16th will look at projects for 2016 onwards, incl speed limit reviews, traffic management and small works.

Parking: Still no news on Micheldever Station parking, but I have requested a meeting with the Leader on what *future Rail tenders could seek*, including later evening opening + station facilities including toilets and parking.

Buses: Good news that Stagecoach has improved late night buses on some services, incl. Spring- but not all.

Friarsgate Surgery is reviewing its plans for the north of Winchester and held an open consultation afternoon, especially for its vulnerable patients, last week. There were several patients from Gratton Surgery there: Friarsgate and CCG is opening up the discussion for all local practices to use the facilities if they build a medical centre at KW.

Further news on Lengthsmen: The working Group recommendation is that the scheme be kept and a contribution from Countryside, who know a good thing when they see it, is welcome. Funding should be maintained at £1000 per parish but the possibility of future contributions from parishes be considered if so many apply it puts pressure on the budget. It is also noted that this shows to central Government that County is prepared to devolve down so give devolution to County!

Please attend the '**Working together**' meeting on **Wed. 11th Nov.** from 3.15 to 6.30pm, agenda includes flood risk.

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CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 16th November 2015

GOVERNMENT HOUSING POLICY

At last week's council meeting members expressed concern at the implications of the new housing act and specifically the implications of the 'right to buy' being extended to Housing Association homes, should it become law. Winchester would be forced to sell its higher value housing to subsidise the sale of Housing Association homes to their tenants across the whole country. As Winchester is such a high value area, this currently will have a disproportionate effect on our housing stock. The implications for Social Housing Tenants in Winchester are potentially devastating and will inevitably result in a reduction in social housing in the district. Currently Winchester is the largest provider of Social Housing outside Portsmouth and Southampton with over 2000 families on the waiting list; should this new legislation become law it will threaten Winchester City Council's ability to build new housing and will reduce our budget for repairs and improvements like the bathroom and kitchen replacement schemes. This will exacerbate the poor financial situation caused by government's changes in the rules over the Housing Revenue Account.

All members overwhelmingly agreed to raise our concerns with central government.

LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The Local Plan part 2 has been approved by the Council and now goes to the Inspector for views on whether it is 'sound'. There is a short window of opportunity for those who have concerns about its viability to make representations. This is not expected to significantly alter the plan as it stands. Local Plan Part 2 is now a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, and should be given appropriate weight in accordance with paragraph 216 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Emerging policies should be listed on planning application reports and appeal statements.

DEVOLUTION

The devolution prospectus for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is available at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/corporatestrategy/devolution-prospectus.htm>

It appears to be an 'unstoppable train', and your Councillors are becoming increasingly concerned that we are being railroaded into a scheme before being able properly to consider all the implications. Particularly concerning is the fact that whilst the devolved level of government will retain business rates, there is much power in the hands of unelected bodies to set the level of those rates, and nothing to stop the government from 'pulling the financial rug' from underneath us, as has been done with the HRA. A planned councillor briefing has been recently cancelled, and we are awaiting further information.

SILVER HILL, STATION APPROACH, RIVERPARK

The Silver Hill development has been mired in legal discussions for some time, but the city council is hopeful that work will finally begin shortly after Christmas.

A design brief for the Station Approach area in Winchester – which includes all surface car parks in front of the station and the cattle market – has been agreed and is the basis for a design competition for architects to come up with suggested designs. You can see the brief on the city council website:

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/major-sites/station-approach/design-competition/>

At a recent briefing councillors were given to understand that a new leisure centre at Bar End is now a viable proposition. The council will be working closely with the landowner, the County Council, the University and regular user groups at the leisure centre to draw up proposals for further consultation. Many of us, however, are concerned that a nucleus of provision should remain at Riverpark, including a café, changing facilities, a gym, the tennis club and the Hyde Abbey Bowls Club. We would be pleased to hear the Parish Council's views on this.

BARTON FARM

Work has been stopped indefinitely pending negotiations with Winchester College over the price to be paid for the land. Your councillors are concerned that this should not precipitate a reduction in the proposed number of affordable houses on the site due to a change in the viability of the scheme.

Jane Rutter & Robert Johnston 10.11.15

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Management Accounts for the period ended 31 October 2015

2014/15 Actual (Full Year) (£)	Current Month Budget (£)	Current Month Actual (£)	Current Month Variance (£)	Income Item/Description	2015/2016 Budget ytd (£)	Actual ytd (£)	Variance ytd (£)	2015/2016 Budget (£)	Forecast Outturn (£)	2016/17 Budget (Proposed) (£)
124,678	10,042	9,837	(205)	Finance (inc. Precept)	70,297	69,195	(1,102)	120,509	118,488	119,228
4,800	400	400	0	THMC Income	2,800	2,800	0	4,800	4,800	4,800
33,159	633	40	(593)	Recreation & Amenities	3,532	17,126	13,594	6,200	19,805	7,592
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0	0	0
162,636	11,076	10,277	(798)	Total Income	76,629	89,121	12,492	131,509	143,093	131,620
				Expenditure Item/Description						
60,214	4,472	7,138	(2,666)	Finance	38,724	34,831	3,893	62,047	62,890	66,935
94,525	9,525	5,548	3,977	Recreation & Amenities	38,052	45,127	(7,075)	73,184	79,021	93,665
6,807	0	2,850	(2,850)	Planning & Highways	3,773	2,850	923	7,545	6,650	6,650
161,547	13,997	15,536	(1,538)	Total Expenses	80,549	82,808	(2,259)	142,776	148,561	167,250
162,636	11,076	10,277	(798)	Total Income	76,629	89,121	12,492	131,509	143,093	131,620
161,547	13,997	15,536	(1,538)	Total Expenses	80,549	82,808	(2,259)	142,776	148,561	167,250
1,090	(2,922)	(5,259)	(2,337)	Income less expenses	(3,920)	6,313	10,233	(11,267)	(5,468)	(35,630)
0	0	0	0	Transfer from Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,090	(2,922)	(5,259)	(2,337)	Net Surplus (deficit) for year	(3,920)	6,313	10,233	(11,267)	(5,468)	(35,630)