

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16 September 2013
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Phil Allen, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Stewart Newell, Malcolm Prince, Kerstin Reiners, Martin Taylor [left at 10.25], Judith Steventon Baker and Denis Welstead.

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

Clerk: Colin Arnett

Public: 3

PC/13/99 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Barnes, Cllr Jackie Porter and PCSO Chris Martin.

PC/13/100 Public Question Time

- **Parking Fraser Road** – a parishioner raised his concerns regarding the indiscriminate parking on Fraser Road and the likelihood of an accident. He suggested that traffic calming measures should be implemented. He asked that it be referred to the police. Cllr Gordon indicated that it had been raised with the police on several occasions. Cllr Prince highlighted that the problem resulted from car ownership being the highest in the south. Members agreed that it be referred to the Planning & Highways Committee for further consideration to include a meeting with city councillors and possibly the residents of the Fraser Road flats with regards parking on the grass verge and footpaths. **Action – the clerk**
- **Cart & Horses Junction** – a parishioner wished to have an update on the proposals for this junction. Cllr Gordon indicated that revised plans were being drawn by HCC. Steve Brine is taking an active interest in the progress, along with HCC and WCC councillors as well as ourselves, so that a multilevel approach is maintained.
- **Springvale Road Speed Survey** – a parishioner wished to commend to the Council that the reduction to 30mph be implemented. Cllr White indicated that the results of the survey would be discussed later in the meeting and that Council had to abide by the democratic majority.

PC/13/101 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

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

There had been one instance of anti-social behaviour, five accounts of criminal damage; five reports of suspicious vehicles/people; and one of theft where a rucksack had been stolen from the Kings Charles PH.

Concerns were raised regarding statements suggesting that “lines of enquiry were negative so the case was filed” on various issues often very soon after the incident. Cllr Gordon would discuss this at the forthcoming Neighbourhood Watch Forum. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

- **County Councillor** – Jackie Porter’s monthly report had been circulated to members. [Copy attached].

She highlighted; HCC’s consultation period on traffic management and maintenance; [P&H are to respond], the M3 junction 9; Education school places; Councillors personal budgets; the older persons handyman scheme and congratulated members on the path across the park.

Cllr Gordon had taken action to remove the car wash sign on London Road.

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

Jane Rutter highlighted; Hookpit Farm Lane Parking Restrictions; Littering and Fly-tipping in the Forbes Road and Harwood Place area; Barton Farm, the Worthies Festival and the River Park Leisure Centre redevelopment.

She had some success with the installation of new litter bin on the footpath between Forbes Road and Harwood Place in an attempt to reduce the litter and dog fouling in this area.

- **School Governor** – Cllr Gordon had nothing to report. Cllr White stated that reports from the school suggested that the traffic problems had improved with the completion of the new path across the park, although Cllr Gordon commented that some parents were now parking in other roads a little further away from Hinton Fields. She is to also to liaise with the headteacher regarding links with the school council.
- **Tenants Association** – Cllr Steventon Baker updated members on the revamp of the organisation and emphasised that it was open to all tenants.
- **Worthy Down Civic Reception**- Cllr White, Gordon and Prince had attended this event. Cllr Gordon reported that during the reception the commanding officer outlined the new role in which Worthy Down is to play as a training centre for all three services following redevelopment of the site

PC/13/102 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15 July 2013

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

PC/13/103 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 July 2013

- **PC/13/90 Springvale Road Speed Limit** – Cllr White gave a brief history of this initiative.

HCC had ratified our simplified questionnaire which had avoided duplicate copies from individual households from emails or online survey forms aided by the use of specialist paper.

The responses for the whole parish indicated 56% for a reduction: from those residents living off Springvale Road 59% for a reduction; and for those living on Springvale Road 71% for a reduction. Cllr Prince had undertaken a statistical analysis which confirmed that the results achieved a 95% confidence level.

Each member gave their individual support that HCC be requested to invoke a Road Traffic Order to reduce the speed limit to 30mph, in light of the public responses. Cllr White thanked those who had been involved with the survey. Cllrs White, Gordon & Reiners are to meet with Andy Smith of HCC.

- **PC/13/91 Eversley Park Path Unveiling** – all agreed that this event had been a great success.
- **PC/13/95 Action Listing** – Members agreed that the current listing had been completed.

PC/13/104 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 30 July & 27 August 2013

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following from the July meeting;

- **Mountbatten Place Garages** – proposals were being formulated by WCC to build social housing on this site.
- **37 Ramsay Road** – the major building work on this site is nearing completion.
- **Church Lane** – there was a need to resurface Church Lane as the centre had broken up considerably due to heavy lorries using it as a route to the building sites in Springvale Road. Cllr Gordon had been discussing with HCC the banning of HGV's using this part of Church Lane, but the cost prohibited such a ban, however signage could be erected indicating that the road was unsuitable for HGV's.

- **Planning Applications** – Members had supported applications for 4 Edinburgh Road, Woodhams Farm, 18 Hinton Fields, St. Mary's Church, 5 Edwards Close, Overbye Willis Way, 11 Somerville Road and Meadow Farm House.

and from the August meeting [Cllr White has joined the committee]
- **Tesco Express Garages** – refurbishment is to start shortly and has since been completed.
- **Lovedon Lane/Springvale Road Footpath 3** – concerns had been raised over the demarcation of the path in two places and the need for it to be re-installed following the completion of work by Acorn Construction. There was also the issue as to where the footpath crosses the access to the Heights
- **Abbots Worthy House** - the latest application had been withdrawn
- **Fracking** - Cllr White is researching the implications
- **Core Strategy Part 2** - all councillors are invited to the workshop on the 25 September 2013.
- **Street Lighting** – fourteen lights are to become the maintenance responsibility of HCC from the 1 October 2013. A light in Abbots Worthy is to be considered for removal.
- **Planning Applications** – Members had supported applications for 8 Meadowland, Abbots Worthy Mill, 9 Boyne Mead Road and 24 Gillingham Close. The tree application for 27 The Pastures was left to the decision of the WCC Arboricultural Officer.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 5 September 2013

Cllr Newell presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Tubbs Hall Flowerbed** - this is to be known as the entertainment area.
- **Church Green Children's Playground** – public consultation had been arranged from 2-7.30pm on the 15 October 2013 in the Church Rooms. Members approved the sum of £217 for display posters. Assistance from other councillors would be appreciated.
- **Eversley Park Steps** – advice from ROSPA is to be sought regarding the need for the provision of handrails.
- **Eversley Park Path** – the spur to the WSSC has now been completed.
- **Accessible Swing** – a site meeting has been arranged with the supplier to install a frame at Eversley Park and to re-configure the fencing.

- **Fryers Close Playground** – the project group are meeting with three suppliers of playground equipment.
- **Open Space Funding [S106]** – a review meeting is to be arranged with Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey [WCC].
- **Burial Ground Cremation Area Extension**- Members approved the expenditure of £1238.94 for this project.
- **Springvale Road/Nations Hill Bus Shelter** - this is scheduled for installation in mid-October.
- **Sundial** - a letter had been sent to the supplier indicating that the unit was not fit for purpose and that action will be taken in the small claim court to recover the costs.
- **Tree Inspections** - Members approved the expenditure of £45 per hour for an arboricultural expert to undertake a further inspection of the trees at Eversley Park and £400 for the trees at Hinton Fields.

Finance Committee – 14 August and 11 September 2013

Cllr Prince outlined the current financial position with members. To date there is a surplus of £4,036 which includes a surplus on street lighting of £1,400 brought forward from 2011/12

- **Clerks National Salary Award**

Under the National Code of Local Government the clerk and public withdrew from the meeting.

Members approved the national pay award for the clerks of 1% from the 1 April 2013.

- **Insurance** - Members approved the payment of £4,023.25 being the last payment of the three year agreement with Aviva through Came & Co.

- **Grants**

Under the National Code of Local Government Cllr Welstead declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

- **Christmas Event** - Members approved a grant of £100.
- **WSSC** – Members were reluctant to approve a grant of £600 until public access to the toilet facilities had been clarified. **Action – Cllr White**

PC/13/105 Tubbs Hall Flowerbed

Members approved expenditure of up to £2K for the demolition of the existing flowerbed to facilitate the unveiling of the memorial plaque.

PC/13/106 Dog Fouling

Cllr Reiners updated members on the campaign. She distributed a draft leaflet for comment which was approved by a majority vote, with a few amendments for clarification. The launch is to be part of the Worthys Festival. Cllr Prince was unable to agree to faeces being flicked into the hedgerow in country locations and queried the term "country location".

PC/13/107 Standing Orders

Cllr Gordon agreed to circulate his suggested amendments to the standing orders for discussion at the next meeting.

PC/13/108 Replacement Clerk

Cllr White shared with members the intention of the clerk to retire at the end of March 2014. Cllrs White, Gordon and Welstead are to progress the new appointment.

PC/13/109 Communications

Thanks to Cllr Reiners for setting up the Facebook page.

The Pimms stall is to be set up for the Worthys Fete charging £2 plus the availability of soft drinks.

Clarification was given as to which councillors were looking after which noticeboards Cllr White reminded members that commercial notices are permitted for one month twice yearly. Cllr Allen suggested that white headed drawing pins be used for notices

PC/13/110 Clerk's Notices

- **Winchester Community Strategy** – this had been circulated to all members.
- **Hitting the Cold Spots Campaign Winter 2013/14** - Cllr Steventon Baker is to attend the launch on the 11 October 2013.
- **LCPD Finding & Bidding for Project Funding** – Cllr Allen is to attend this event on the 8 October 2013.

PC/13/111 Chairman's Notices

- **Festival Quiz** - Cllr White had booked two teams for this event.
- **Youth Council** – Cllr White is to investigate the establishment of a Youth Council. The current arrangement where skateboarders are using the MUGA at Eversley Park appears to be functioning well providing that they remove their ramps etc. at the end of the session.
- **Circus** – this proved to be a great success although the company had to be chased for the removal of their advertising posters.

- o **Litter Pick** - Members agreed that this should be arranged for mid-October.

PC/13/112 Items for the Next Meeting

Members suggested the following items for the next meeting; Standing Orders.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 21 October 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.35pm.

Signed

Dated