

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 June 2013  
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Stewart Newell, Malcolm Prince [left at 10.35], Kerstin Reiners and Judith Steventon Baker [left 10.02].

HCC – Cllr Jackie Porter

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston  
Cllr Jane Rutter

Clerk: Colin Arnett

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### **PC/13/71 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Allen, Taylor and Welstead, and PCSO Chris Martin.

Cllr White welcomed Cllr Johnston to the meeting after his hospital stay. He thanked members for their good wishes while he was recovering.

### **PC/13/72 Public Question Time**

Representatives from the Tenants Association shared with members a schematic of the proposed information plaque to be placed in the raised flowerbed at the KWCC. Members approved the design and asked to be kept up to date on the progress. Cllr Prince suggested that it be installed after the completion of the building work to avoid any damage.

### **PC/13/73 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors**

- **Police** – the monthly report from Chris Martin had been circulated to members [Copy attached]. Members were pleased to note that two arrests had been made with regard to the graffiti spraying in the village. The clerk was asked to arrange for our maintenance technician to investigate the removal of graffiti from private property which is not covered by the WCC team. **Action – the clerk**

**PC/13/73 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors cont.**

- **County Councillor** – Jackie Porter circulated her report [Copy attached].

She highlighted the appointment of the new leader for HCC: Cllr Roy Perry, the volunteering opportunity to assist with delivering library books, the A33/B3047 Junction and the £10K allocation of monies which each councillor receives for local highways issues.

Cllr Steventon Baker raised the concerns of local residents on the path crossing at the Heights development.

Jackie is to chase the Youth Work [Street Reach] session for Cllrs Prince and Reiners.

- **City Councillor** – Jane Rutter circulated her report [Copy attached].

She highlighted the Barton Farm Forum, the Worthys Festival, Scout meeting and congratulated members on the new path across Eversley Park.

- **School Governor** – Cllr Gordon reported that cycle training is currently taking place and that the girls under 11 football team had recently achieved success in winning a local tournament. The school would be delighted to take a major part in the opening of the new path across Eversley Park.
- **HCC Highways A33/3047 Junction** – Cllr White had attended this meeting and expressed her disappointment that only £17.5K had been allocated to the project. Letters are to be sent to Hampshire Highways from ourselves, Jackie Porter and Jane Rutter asking for a more substantial sum and a more thorough review to be given to this junction.
- **Scouts AGM** – Cllr White reported back on this meeting. The scouts hoped to establish a new Beaver colony to meet an increasing demand, provided that additional helpers could be recruited. She outlined the various initiatives and actives which the group is involved with. All councillors are invited to a meeting at 7.30pm on the 24 June 2013 to discuss the strategic way forward.
- **Youth Workers Development Day** – Cllr White had attended this meeting and although it was principally for those directly involved with youth work, she gained some useful information on involving youngsters in projects and shared with members the initiatives in Denmead and Ringwood .

Members discussed the funding of a youth club. Cllr Steventon Baker indicated that the village youth club had reserves available, but lacked new ideas and helpers. The clerk was asked to refer the matter of investigating more input into local youth work to the R&A Committee for further discussion. **Action – the clerk**

- **Barton Farm** – Cllr Steventon Baker had attended the Gala Homes presentation and was disappointed with the proposed re-routing of Andover Road.

**PC/13/74 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 13 May 2013 and the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on the 20 May 2013**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr White.

There were two amendments to the minutes of the Parish Council meeting PC/13/59 Springvale Road Speed Limit – delete “2011” – Add “2010” – Add “2012 HCC repeated their survey, speed similar, 5 year accident numbers down to 5” - were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr White.

**PC/13/75 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20 May 2013**

- **PC/13/61 Tesco Garages** – On-going – nothing further to report.
- **PC/13/61 Dog Fouling**– Cllr Reiners is compiling a draft strategy with an action listing.

Members asked the clerk to write to the householder of 62 Lovedon Lane regarding the moving of the litter bin to outside the property. **Action – the clerk**

- **PC/13/59 Street Lighting Replacement Programme** - the proposals from HCC had been circulated to members. Springvale Road is to have 6 additional lights. Cllr Newell queried the necessity for additional lights outside of the Elan development and Tesco Express. A parishioner had suggested that we offload the maintenance of as many lights as possible back to HCC. Cllr Reiners suggested that an additional light was required on Springvale Road between Nations Hill and Springvale Ave. Members agreed that the light proposed for Hookpit Farm Lane could be move to this area.

Members agreed that consultation with parishioners should be included in the next newsletter.

- **PC/13/59 Springvale Road Speed Limit** – Cllr White had drafted a consultation letter. The wording is to be checked with Andy Smith of HCC. **Action – Cllr White**

**PC/13/76 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:**

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

**Planning and Highways Committee – 28 May 2013**

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Springvale Road Re-surfacing** – Parishioners at the meeting had raised their concerns regarding the raised manhole covers.

- **Land at Lovedon Lane below Eversley Park** - Mrs Gray, the part owner of this land, gave a presentation on the ownership and expressed an interest to work with the Parish Council on the building of high quality sustainable homes, on the area she owns with her sister, if the Parish Council were to consider extending they settlement boundary.
- **Planning Applications-** Planning Applications were considered for Springvale Ave, Hookpit Farm Lane, Lovedon Lane, Kings Close, King Charles PH and Springvale Road.

Members queried the decision on Lansker House Lovedon Lane [21 Bull Farm], but this was upheld.

### **Recreation and Amenities Committee – 6 June 2013**

Cllr Newell presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Springvale Road/Nations Hill Bus Shelter** – a cantilever design had been agreed with HCC. The project is currently out to public consultation.
- **Church Green Playground** – Cllr Reiners share with members a schematic of the proposals. The new scheme is small and unobtrusive for children up to 6 years of age. It excludes the previously suggested community garden. Cllr Prince suggested that the area covered should be clarified as to what proportion of the Green is expected to be used, as part of the consultation. Cllr Gordon commented that the surface of bark chippings could be of high maintenance. Cllr Reiners indicated that the surface recommended is of a consolidated bark with a mesh covering which will not spread. It was suggested that investigations be made into other areas that had used such a surface.

Members agreed that the scheme could go out for public consultation.

- **Eversley Park Path** – Members were delighted with the nearly completed scheme.
- **Fryers Close Playground** – a good response (30%+) had been received from the households surrounding the play area who had highlighted the improvements which they wished to see. Confirmation had been received that the adjacent road was privately owned. Council suggested that R&A had a mandate to look at improving this area, taking into account the responses.
- Logos- Cllr Reiners shared with members the new amended logos incorporating the name “Abbots Worthy”. She undertook to provide a user guide for all.

**Action – Cllr Reiners**

## **Finance Committee – 12 June 2013**

Cllr Prince shared with members that an excellent audit report had been received [copies were circulated to members]. The deputy clerk had been congratulated and members had noted the reduction in the audit fee resulting from the excellent controls.

A surplus of £9,306 had been achieved for the year ending 31 March 2013, due to saving on street lighting and a grant towards the cricket nets.

The accounts for April/May 2013 had shown a surplus to date of £1,158

Members ratified the following grant applications;

- Worthys Conservation Volunteers - £300 for Public Liability Insurance
- Tubbies Toddler Group - £85 for insurance
- Adults with Learning Disabilities - £25 for materials for The Grove Summer Fete.

Cllr Gordon reported back on the meeting at NatWest Bank. We look forward to positive responses to our concerns. £250 had been received as compensation from the bank.

### **PC/13/77 To Approve the Annual Audit Return**

Copies of the Annual Audit return, together with Intermediate Audit Questionnaire were circulated to members. They approved the figures in Section 1; confirmed the responses to the Annual Governance Statement in Section 2; and noted the Internal Auditors report in Section 4. They approved the responses on the Intermediate Audit Questionnaire. It was unanimously agreed that the returns be signed by the Chairman and submitted to BDO LLP.

### **PC/13/78 Core Strategy [Local Plan Part 2]**

Cllr Gordon took members through the proposed response on planning sites within the settlement that were needed to meet WCC's core strategy requirement of 250 dwellings by the year 2013. He explained that the WCC were requesting that we come up with the figures at this point rather than waiting until a mid point in the time span. He stated that at this point we have confirmed with WCC that 76 properties had been built up to the end of March 2012 and that we are waiting for WCC to confirm the total of completions up to the end of March 2013.

Members discussed the options;

- That all the properties be built within the village envelope
- That we go outside of the village envelope to include either the Hookpit Farm Lane site or the site in Lovedon Lane
- That we allow building on Rural Exception sites for social housing

Members agreed with option 1 as at this point they did not wish to extend the settlement boundary.

**PC/13/79      Communications [incl. Website/Newsletter/Facebook]**

Cllr White reported that our Facebook page was now functioning.

The website is now being regularly updated without so much need for involvement for the UB Corporation with an associated cost saving.

The next edition of the newsletter is to be published in August. Suggested items were; Eversley Park Path; love where you live; street lighting; and an insert of local businesses.

**PC/13/80      Action Listing**

Cllr White was pleased to report that the majority of actions had been completed with the exception of the removal of the contractors hut at the junction of the A33/B4037.

**PC/13/81      Parish Plan Actions**

Cllr White agreed to circulate a revised listing. **Action – Cllr White**

**PC/13/82      Clerk’s Notices**

None

**PC/13/83      Chairman’s Notices**

**History Group Map Unveiling** – Members agreed that this could take place before the next R&A Committee meeting at 6.30pm on the 4 July 2013.

**PC/13/84      Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 15 July 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.50pm.

Signed .....

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