

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 November 2014  
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present: Councillors: Stewart Newell [Chairman], Bob Barnes, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson, Judith Steventon Baker, Martin Taylor, Denis Welstead and Sarah White.

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston

HCC: Cllr Jackie Porter

PCSO: Kerry Croutear

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

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### Action

#### **PC/14/136 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from, Phil Allen and Ian Gordon.

#### **PC/14/137 Public Question Time**

None.

#### **PC/14/138 Local Plan Part 2 Update**

Cllr Newell thanked all those who helped during the public consultation. Cllr Newell stated that he was taken aback by how well attended the public consultation was and that largely it was peaceful. It was noted that the Hampshire Chronicle article was totally unrepresentative. Cllr Newell has been promised information on attendance from HAB but has not yet received this.

#### **PC/14/139 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillor, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings**

- **Police** – No report received. PCSO Kerry Croutear asked for information on petrol thefts and that this be placed on the Parish Council (PC) Facebook page.
- **County Councillor** – Cllr Porter's report was tabled (copy attached) and the following were highlighted:

**Comms.  
Team**

Councillors and members of the public were asked to submit comments on LPP2 to WCC on the blue and white forms.

The Winchester Live at Home scheme is struggling for volunteers, particularly driving, but befriending as well.

The Winchester Basics Bank has supported 1000 children.

Cllr Porter is talking with Hampshire County Council (HCC) regarding the local bus services.

Cllr Porter noted that Ray Gardner (HCC) needs PC approval to dredge / clear the ditch around the Kings Charles corner, adjacent to the pavement. It was agreed to email Ray Gardner to give this approval. Cllr Porter suggests that the triangle of grass outside the Kings Charles Pub, should become a village green.

Clerk

- **City Councillor** – Cllr Johnston presented the report and highlighted items from it (copy attached).

The decision for the Silver Hill development is due on the 13 December.

It was noted that the Draft Kings Worthy Community Centre (KWCC) lease is still with the solicitors. Cllr Johnston suggests that he and Cllr Jackie Porter meet with the Parish Council before Christmas, to discuss the KWCC lease and Tubbs Hall Management Committee (THMC) sub-lease. Copy of the draft lease to be sent to Cllr Johnston.

Clerk

Cllr Johnston noted that the boundary changes are likely to result in WCC being reduced from 57 councillors to 45.

Cllr Johnston noted that the City Councillors had started to receive “anti-Lovedon Lane” emails.

#### **(Cllrs Johnston left the meeting)**

- **School Governors Report** – The building work is almost complete.

It was reported that this week was anti-bullying week.

The School are keen to continue to encourage parents to walk their children to school, and have commented that the new lines in Eversley car park have helped. There have been no complaints about parking in Loader Close during school times, but complaints have been received when football is being played.

Although there are currently some children from Winnall attending it is expected that it will be full with Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy children in the future.

- **External Meetings** – Cllr Barnes apologised for missing the Winchester Transport Forum last week.

Cllr Welstead attended the Tubbs Hall Management Committee but had nothing more to add.

Cllr Newell met with HCC, WCC and Environment Agency (EA) representatives on flooding, to find out about working together with them. They walked through from Nations Hill to the Kings Charles Pub. Longer term solutions - proposals are to be received by the end of this month.

Cllrs Newell, Gordon, Taylor and White met with Steve Brine MP last week. Steve Brine wanted to know how far the Parish Council are with the FLAP (Flooding Action Plan), any future plans and how he could help.

Questions were asked as to when the County are going to do anything on the ground? The gullies were buried when the road was resurfaced. Cllr Newell is attending a meeting on the 24 November regarding what can be done.

Cllr Newell noted that he attended the remembrance service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Steventon Baker reported, as WACA representative, on a flyer about informing carers in the village. Councillors were encouraged to support WACA's gift sale at 16.00 on Thursday 27 November at Kayak House (Winnall).

- **Police Report** – PCSO Croutear reported that there had been 6 fuel thefts from vehicles parked on driveways since 29 October.

Halloween and November 5<sup>th</sup> were both comparatively quiet and the crime prevention events went well. It was stated that with the exception of November 5<sup>th</sup> and New Year's Eve it was generally not allowed to light fireworks after 23.00.

Speed checks had recently been carried out by the King Charles twice and on Springvale Road twice.

### **PC/14/140 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 October 2014**

The minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2014 were amended to remove (PC/14/126) the words "to implement this". The minutes, as amended, were then agreed and signed by Cllr Newell.

### **PC/14/141 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 October 2014**

- **PC/14/121 Meeting with 3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester Scouts** – A couple of dates have been suggested for next week; waiting on confirmation.
- **PC/14/127 Drains and Gullies on Springvale Road** – See PC/14/139 above.
- **PC/14/127 Footpaths** – There are particular issues with the Springvale Road to Lovedon Lane footpath. Parish Council have been told that they could do the work themselves but Cllr Porter agreed to chase up HCC actioning this work. The Clerk is also to put this back on HCC's reporting system. A marked crossing at The Heights is still required to slow down the traffic.

**Cllr Porter / Clerk**

Somerville Close – this issue has been resolved.

Legion Lane to Eversley Park – this has now been swept.

- **PC/14/127 Fencing at Eversley Park** – It was agreed to accept the quote from Creative Fencing, in the sum of £2,000, subject to satisfactory references, insurance and s106 approval.
- **PC/14/127 Cleaning of Bus Shelters** – MRS Services are to be chased up, again, to carry out this work.

**Clerk**

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**PC/14/142 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:**

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

**Planning and Highways Committee – 27 October 2014**

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following:

- Cllr White will send a response to those people have complained about the parking in Loader Close.
- It was noted that Cllr Steventon Baker had been elected as Vice Chairman of this committee.

**Recreation and Amenities Committee – 5 November 2014**

- The litter pick schedule for November was cancelled. It was currently planned to consider the next litter pick for next April.
- Ex-Cllr Allen has been talking with Mulberry Tree Services about the phase 1 work recently carried out. Most of the work has been carried out to his satisfaction. Mulberry Tree Services require a formal letter about the outstanding items. An official letter is required to be sent to David Harris to formally request the next tree inspection work be carried out.
- Hedge management – It was agreed, with one abstention, to remove the bushes overgrowing the path at Hinton Park, to remove

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the 6 / 7 horse chestnuts and to replace these with 8 fruit trees.

- Broadview – After discussion it was agreed to follow Ex-Cllr Allen’s recommended approach of dealing with the rear of the hedges where there are neighbour issues. For the remainder it was agreed to follow a 10 year plan, with the first ten years’ work carried out over 5 years to catch up with the backlog. It was agreed to arrange for Cllrs White, Hallisey and possibly Hudson to meet with Ex-Cllr Allen and all of the prospective contractors to be met on site at the same time so that received quotations are prepared on the same basis.
- Burial ground redesign – Work has been started on this by students from Sparsholt College who will be reporting back on progress in December.

**Cllr White**

### **Finance Committee – 16 November 2014**

Cllr Taylor presented the draft minutes and specifically highlighted:

- The management accounts for the month ending 31 October 2014 showed a surplus of £10,773 [copy attached].
- R&A Committee had recommended replacing the Parish Council signs with a uniform design. After discussion it was agreed that where signs were missing or broken then they would be replaced, but not otherwise.
- Cllrs Taylor and Welstead are meeting with the Clerk to discuss an offer received for the contracting for gas on a fixed term.
- Cllr Taylor reported on the first draft of the budget for 2014-15, which included a forecast outturn for the year.
- Green Smile have written in asking for an extension of their contract to be considered, which would be at the same price levels. Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the offer and Parish Council agreed.

### **PC/14/143 Report from BDO LLP on 2013-14 Annual Return**

No response has yet been received from BDO LLP on the challenge to the issues report received as part of the Annual Return 2013-14 process. The Clerk is to draft a formal letter for the Chairman of Finance Committee to send.

**Clerk /  
Chairman**

### **PC/14/144 Youth Options**

Nothing to report.

### **PC/14/145 Flood Action Plan**

A first draft has been prepared by Cllr Newell and comments given by Cllr White. The intention is to lodge the completed plan with HCC's Emergency Planning Team. Three councillors to form a rota for December, January & February and the emergency mobile 'phone will be passed round. Volunteers were called for over the next 3 days and Cllrs Taylor and Hudson stated that they were willing to be involved.

**PC/14/146 Tubbs Hall Fire Policy**

It was agreed that this would be emailed round to all councillors for comment. The Clerk is to get Hampshire Fire & Rescue into give advice.

**Clerk /  
Cllrs**

**(Cllrs Steventon Baker & Porter left the meeting)**

**PC/14/147 Communications inc. Website, Facebook / Newsletter / Monthly Communications / email etc.**

Facebook is being monitored by the Communications Group, including crime notifications etc. The next newsletter would ask for suggestions for the type of fruit trees to be planted in Hinton Park and would advertise the availability of the litter pickers for anyone interested in using them.

**PC/14/148 Clerk's Notices**

Letters / emails of thanks have been received for the grants given to Victim Support and Kings Worthy Christmas.

It was agreed that Cllr Newell would become a member of Planning & Highways Committee. Cllr Hallissey agreed to be a member of Finance Committee for January / February.

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Vice Chairman (+guests) have been invited to the Winchester Garrison Christmas Carol Service on 3 December 2014.

A brochure of Society of Local Council Clerks' courses for both Clerks and councillors was available in the office.

**Cllrs**

It was agreed to remove the advertisements for Village Agents and to re-advertise in the spring.

**PC/14/149 Chairman's Notices**

It was agreed to hold the Chairman' Christmas Drinks Reception on Tuesday 16 December. Invitees are to include clerks and councillors who have served during 2014, the local MP, the City and County councillors, the Maintenance Technician, gardens and payroll contractors and the caretakers. Spouses and partners are to be included in the invitation.

**Clerks**

Thanks were expressed to the Clerks for the work of moving everything during the redecoration work.

**PC/14/150 Items for the Next Meeting**

None.

**PC/14/151** The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 19 January 2015.

The meeting closed at 22.34

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

## **County Councillor's Report**

### **November report to Parish Councils**

Please be aware of the current consultations from HCC and WCC

Full details of HCC consultations on this link- or go to 'have your say' on Hants website.

<http://consultations.hants.gov.uk/active.aspx>

- Local District Plan part 2- until 5 December-go to [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk)
- Cut in funding for Youth Services at HCC-until 10<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Proposed cuts to Short Breaks for Disabled children- until 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Springvale PO- you will have received a letter about this-until 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

### **Local Plan Meeting**

Pleased to see it was so well attended. Most people seemed to accept the HAB proposals going forward, though I didn't meet many Loader Close residents that day. The ongoing discussion about the land take/use is key.

### **Voluntary organisations**

Winchester Live at Home scheme is commissioned to operate in this area. They are busy but happy to take referrals or self-referrals [www.wlahs.org](http://www.wlahs.org)

Winchester Basics Bank welcomes items for their clients- but no more breakfast cereal, pasta or baked beans for a while please!

**Devolution of UK-** this is being discussed by all three authorities with a view to devolution of powers to the South, and a letter being sent by HCC to Sec of state to propose this. This is broadly backed by local politicians of all colours- but needs clarification.

**Buses-** *the subsidies are being cut for evenings and weekends*, which may lead to cuts in services. These cuts in subsidy take effect from Jan 2015. Inevitably bus timetable changes will follow.

I think this is very wrong and am concerned for those who work out of the usual hours. This will create problems for them. Cutting even an hour off, will reduce the usage of these services.

The other half of this subsidy cut is to *reduce the OAP pass to the statutory Govt requirement of 9.30am start*. Exceptions will be made where the service is less frequent, but do not know as yet, the effect on the particular services.

You can register your concern about either of these proposals on [www.winld.org.uk/bus](http://www.winld.org.uk/bus)

I continue to represent those who change buses and need a bus station in Winchester. HCC are sympathetic to this problem-agreeing that it adds to the journey times.

**School Places-** now the school in Barton Farm may be delayed until Sept 2017 because the work hasn't started on site this summer as expected. It will be an Academy (as all new schools must be now) sponsored by the University of Winchester. Currently, conversations are being had about the community facilities

**Flooding.** Numerous conversations have taken place-and I know Stewart has met with the EA too.

Last week I asked for extra funding for an additional new gully on Lovedon Lane- HCC realise it is needed- and hopefully will go ahead.

We discussed digging out the ditch around the King Charles- and need KWPC agreement to dump dug out soil to create a bund there please.

Jackie Porter

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## **CITY COUNCILLORS REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

### **SILVER HILL AND RIVER PARK LEISURE CENTRE**

The Planning Committee meeting to decide on the amendments to the Henderson Scheme has been postponed to early December. This controversial application has created strong feelings from residents. The other controversial issue is the River Park Leisure Centre replacement or refurbishment. No recommendation has been made for consideration by Council - an Informal Scrutiny Group has looked at the issue and identified possible options. We have been quoted £25million as the cost of a new facility at Bar End (not even including a 50m pool).

### **TUBBS HALL LEASE**

It is understood that the new master lease between KWPC and WCC is now with the KWPC solicitors for checking and as soon as this is approved and the new lease implemented. As soon as this is approved it will allow the two parties to discuss the terms of the new sub lease. It is important that this is resolved as quickly as possible, without the adoption of the Charity Commissioners constitution the Tubbs Hall Management will not be able to apply for non discretionary grants for necessary work in the Hall, this will benefit all users and the KWPC.

### **BOUNDARY CHANGES**

A full council meeting was held on the proposed changes and a suggested approach from all parties it was voted to forward a suggested approach covering 16 points. In this it was suggested that Headbourne Worthy should be placed in the same City Ward as Kings Worthy. Each group can submit its own recommendations and the Liberal Democrat Group have recommended that we continue with some two member wards this would include Kings Worthy with the addition of Headbourne Worthy. Has the Parish Council made any representation to the Boundary Commission?

### **EVENING BUS SERVICES**

The question of cuts to the subsidies for evening bus services throughout the district has been raised at a recent Council meeting and it is regrettable that HCC made an announcement of these cuts with just a few days' notice. The Spring evening service from 7 – 9pm is now at risk.

### **ROLE OF CITY COUNCILLORS**

It is worth reminding the community of the role of City Councillors on any local issue, mostly involving planning issues. City Councillors have an obligation to remain impartial on most issues. They have an obligation to supporters and opponents on any issue. There are situations where City Councillors could declare support or opposition to any issue, but to do so they would have to stand down from any committee dealing with the application.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## Management Accounts for the period ended 31 October 2014

2013/2014 Budget	2014/2015 Budget	2014/2015 Budget ytd	Actual ytd	Variance ytd	Forecast Outturn	2015/16 Budget Proposed	Income Item/Description
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>Income: Summary</b>							
116,200	118,109	69,192	75,656	6,464	119,923	118,968	Finance (inc. Precept)
4,584	4,800	2,800	2,800	0	4,800	4,800	THMC Income
7,000	7,050	3,930	25,718	21,788	28,110	6,200	Recreation & Amenities
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways
<b>127,784</b>	<b>129,959</b>	<b>75,922</b>	<b>104,174</b>	<b>28,252</b>	<b>152,833</b>	<b>129,968</b>	<b>Total Income</b>
<b>Expenditure: Summary</b>							
							Expenditure Item/Description
70,453	67,763	41,876	35,471	6,406	67,546	70,681	Finance
57,258	61,344	36,545	54,619	-18,074	84,832	61,934	Recreation & Amenities
7,500	7,000	3,500	3,310	190	7,982	8,215	Planning & Highways
<b>135,211</b>	<b>136,107</b>	<b>81,922</b>	<b>93,401</b>	<b>-11,479</b>	<b>160,360</b>	<b>140,830</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
127,784	129,959	75,922	104,174	28,252	152,833	129,968	<b>Total Income</b>
135,211	136,107	81,922	93,401	-11,479	160,360	140,830	<b>Total Expenses</b>
<b>-7,427</b>	<b>-6,148</b>	<b>-6,000</b>	<b>10,773</b>	<b>16,773</b>	<b>-7,527</b>	<b>-10,862</b>	<b>Income less expenses</b>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Transfer from Reserves
<b>-7,427</b>	<b>-6,148</b>	<b>-6,000</b>	<b>10,773</b>	<b>-16,773</b>	<b>-7,527</b>	<b>-10,862</b>	<b>Net Surplus (deficit) for year</b>