

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 September 2012
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Ian Gordon [Vice-Chairman], Phil Allen, Bob Barnes, Terry Bohle, Mandy Hallisey, Malcolm Prince, Judith Steventon Baker, Martin Taylor and Denis Welstead.

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

Clerk: Colin Arnett

Public: 7

PC/12/118 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Reiners.

Cllr White welcomed newly co-opted councillor Phil Allen to the meeting and Stewart Newell who is considering becoming a parish councillor.

PC/12/119 Public Question Time

Cllr White welcomed Andrew Dyer from Stagecoach to the meeting.

He is responsible for the bus services in Hampshire and West Sussex. Tom Waterhouse is the Operations Manager.

Major changes took place last Autumn to services resulting from a reduction in the subsidy from HCC. The service to Kings Worthy receives no subsidy. Two buses service the route to achieve a 20 min service during the day. Delays are mainly the result of traffic congestion in what is a medieval city with very few bus lanes. If a bus is cancelled the inspectors based at the bus station should inform passengers. The information boards are being upgraded to give improved information.

The timetable for the Spring is being reviewed with a view to improving the punctuality. The new timetable is expected to be launched sometime in the new year.

He answered questions from members and the public. These included punctuality: driver courtesy: a circular route to the hospital: radio communications with the drivers: and priority seating for the elderly.

PC/12/119 Public Question Time cont.

He summarised the main concerns from the meeting being; punctuality, communication and customer service.

He confirmed that either he or his Operations Manager would respond to these concerns and would be willing to attend a PC meeting again, probably once the new timetable is up and running.

Meanwhile they would welcome feedback on drivers or specific complaints to 0845 1210190 or enquires.south@stagecoach.com

PC/PC/120 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **County Councillor** – the report from Jackie Porter had been circulated to members [copy attached]. Cllr Porter was expected to attend later in the meeting after a previous commitment, so issues from her report would be discussed then.
- **City Councillor** – Jane Rutter presented her report to members [copy attached].

She highlighted with members: Estate Improvements: the Raw Sewage Overflow in North Road; the Leisure Centre and the Reign and Shine Children's Centre.

- **School Governor**

Cllr Gordon had nothing to report.

- **Parish Councillors**

Travellers – Cllr Taylor had attended an HCC seminar where Parish Councils were asked to suggest suitable sites and to consider the provision as part of their neighbourhood plans.

PC/12/121 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16 July 2012

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

PC12/122 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16 July 2012

- **Tesco Garages** – Cllr Gordon is expecting to arrange a site meeting with WCC imminently.
- **Scottish & Southern Energy** – Cllr Gordon wished to know which members were available to visit the Portsmouth Control Centre. Cllr Hallisey and Steventon Baker expressed an interest. The three councillors would liaise regarding a mutually agreeable date to visit. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

- **Dog Fouling** – Cllr White outlined a proposal to trial a dog bag dispenser at Eversley Park. Members considered it worthwhile by a majority vote, but were keen to see if a cheaper option was possible. Cllr Gordon agreed to compare commercial prices with those offered by WCC. **Action - Cllr Gordon**

Members were asked to nominate an area for a further spray campaign. **ALL Councillors**

- **Councillor's Declarations of Interest** – the clerk confirmed that revised forms were being processed.
- **Hookpit Farm Lane** – Cllr Gordon reported that an application had been received for a residential development of 25 affordable dwellings. He had again confirmed with WCC that football/cricket pitches were not required from S106 monies within the yet to be received proposals for Phase 2. The Council were keen to see that any land gifted to the Council would be accompanied by monies to maintain it.

PC/12/123 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee - 31 July 2012

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes.

Karen Wright from the Strategic Transport Unit from HCC had attended the meeting to share with members the funding for minor highway improvements. Submissions for the 2012/13 programme should be submitted by the end of September.

Keith Myers of the Myers Touch on Springvale Road had also attended to share with members his proposals to extend the existing showroom.

- **Street Lighting Repairs** – the time taken to repair faults is being monitored.
- **Recovery Vehicle** – this is now parking outside the doctor's surgery on Pound Road.
- **Junction of B3047/A33** – SSE are being chased to complete the re-instatement.
- **Red Marley Nations Hill** – Members still have concerns regarding this development.
- **Sunnyside Mount Pleasant** – notice of the appeal had not been received.

Recreation and Amenities Committee - 6 September 2012

Cllr White presented the minutes;

- **Cricket Nets** – the work has now been completed. Members approved an estimate of £300 for the provision of kick-boards.

- **Eversley Park Path** – HCC had approved the funding for the path which is to be of a buff coloured tarmac. Cllr Gordon is to approach SSE to undertake the construction of steps. **Action – Cllr Gordon**
- **Jubilee Obelisk** – Members approved a quotation for £526 for the paving around the obelisk.

Recreation and Amenities Committee - 6 September 2012 cont.

- **Eversley Park Trees** – Members approved a quotation of £1250 for the removal of dead trees and stump grinding.
- **Terms of Reference** – Members agreed to defer approving these until both the Finance and Planning & Highways Committees had drafted theirs, to ensure that there is no duplication of functions.
- **Maintenance Operative Contract** – Members suggested several amendments, including quoting the level of remuneration, and referred it back to committee for further consideration.
- **Church Green Playground** – Cllr Bohle reported that he had a meeting to consider the proposals from a third contractor on Wednesday at 1.30pm.
- **Dashboards** – the clerk had been asked to include these as attachments to the computerised minutes when forwarded to councillors prior to the full Parish Council meeting. **Action – the clerk**

Finance Committee - 14 August and 12 September 2012

Cllr Prince shared with members that a surplus of £8,759 was currently reflected in the accounts.

A refund of £2003 had been received from Southern Water for the leak at Eversley Park. The claim for the release of S106 monies for the cricket nets was being processed. The Audit Commission were satisfied with the additional information that we had supplied.

- **Grant Applications** – Members ratified the decisions to give £500 to the WSSC, £550 to the Jubilee Hall and £100 to the THMC for Christmas Lights.
- **Insurance** – Members approved the quotation from Came & Co for £3,885.56 for our annual insurance renewal.

PC/12/124 Queen's Jubilee Obelisk

Members agreed to the suggestion that the unveiling be open to all parishioners without refreshments and that the farewell to Rosemary Sign be for invited guests only, in the parish meeting room with refreshments.

PC/12/125 Communications

- **Newsletter** – the summer edition of the newsletter had been distributed throughout the village.
- **Website** - Cllr White asked all members to access the new website and forward to her suggestions for improvement. **Action – ALL Councillors**
- **Communications** – Members agreed with Cllr White that the initiative of a monthly bulletin had worked well, until the last few months were it had lapsed.

PC/12/125 Communications cont.

All agreed that it was of considerable benefit and should continue. Cllr White agreed to compile a rota for the coming months. **Action – Cllr White**

Each team would also compose a listing of events for the website.

PC/12/126 Project Priorities

Members agreed to further meeting with the youths of the village to ascertain their priorities. The clerk was asked to organise another session. **Action – Cllr White and the clerk**

PC/12/127 Parish Plan

Members agreed that a “brain storming” session be scheduled to progress the recommendations contained in the document. **Action – Cllr White**

PC/12/128 Clerk’s Notices

None

PC/12/129 Chairman’s Notices

- **Village Walks** - Cllrs Allen and Taylor agreed to review the information which we receive from the Ordnance Survey on CD to establish whether it can assist in the design of the village walks on the website. **Action – Cllrs Allen & Taylor**
- **Litter Pick** - Members agreed that consideration be given to scheduling another litter pick in the Autumn. **Action – Cllr White**

PC/12/130 Items for Discussion at Next Meeting

- **War Memorial** – Cllr Welstead suggested a discussion on names being added to the existing memorial.
- **Village Agents** – Members agreed to the suggestion from Cllr Taylor that a representative from Age Concern be invited to the next meeting to give a presentation on village agents. **Action – Cllr Taylor**

PC/12/131 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 15 October 2012.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

Signed

Dated