

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 June 2012
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Ian Gordon [Vice-Chairman], Bob Barnes, Terry Bohle, Malcolm Prince, Kerstin Reiners and Judith Steventon Baker.

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

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PC/12/86 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hallisey, Sign, Taylor & Welstead and the Clerk Colin Arnett.

PC/12/87 Public Question Time

None

PC/12/88 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **Police** – representatives will no longer be attending Parish Council meetings on a routine basis, this being replaced by separate quarterly meetings where issues could be discussed more fully. A monthly report will however be provided.
- **County Councillor** – Jackie Porter had sent in a report to be presented in her absence [copy attached].
 - It was commented that conflicting views were likely as to whether or not additional street lighting was required along Springvale Road, and that requirements would change if the speed limit were reduced to 30 mph. Cllr Gordon advised that we would be fully consulted when the PFI lighting upgrade is to take place in our area.
 - The report asked if Parish Council would consider giving a grant to the Kings Worthy Youth Club and it was decided that the club should complete a formal grant application for consideration at the appropriate time.

- A proposal asking for agreement to the change in constitution for the Tubbs Hall Management Committee (THMC) to increase the committee membership from 10 to 12; this was agreed by 5 votes for and 1 against. The Clerk is to write to THMC formally giving approval to the change. **Action – the clerk**
- **City Councillor** – Robert Johnston presented a report on behalf of himself and Jane Rutter [copy attached]. The issue of play equipment on Church Green has been referred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.
- **School Governor**
 - Cllr Gordon reported that the two additional temporary classrooms were now in place. During installation a tree had been removed but it was noted that HCC can give itself permission to do this.
 - Training for school governors is taking place next Tuesday.
 - The governors are currently discussing the latest OFSTED report.
- **Parish Councillors**
 - Cllr Gordon attended a meeting on Speedwatch. The scheme operates under an employed lead person with volunteers supporting; Cllr Gordon will progress this. **Action – Cllr Gordon**
 - It was requested that the Clerks request a read receipt on all emails sent out from the office. **Action – the clerks**

PC/12/89 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 14 May 2012

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

PC/12/90 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 21 May 2012

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PC/12/91 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21 May 2012

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PC12/92 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 14 May 2012

There were none.

PC12/93 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 21 May 2012

It was confirmed that Cllr Bohle wished to continue as a member of the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

PC12/94 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21 May 2012

- **PC/12/73 Tesco Garages** – there has been no progress on this; Cllr Gordon is chasing WCC for a site meeting. **Action – Cllr Gordon**
- **PC/12/73 Scottish and Southern Energy** – in respect of the new power supply, it was noted that a resident of The Woodlands wanted an underground, not overhead, cable in that area.
- **PC/12/78 Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations** – the event was a brilliant success and thanks were expressed to everyone who helped, particularly to Cllrs Sign & Taylor on the Pimms stall. Cllr Steventon Baker requested that a donation be made to King Alfred’s Buses as the vehicle used on the day had broken down with an estimated repair bill of £900. Cllr Gordon agreed to speak to the owners and discuss the submission of a grant request.
- **PC/12/73 Dog Fouling** – the situation appeared to have improved. Discussion took place as whether or not to pilot a dog poo bag dispenser although concern was concerned about the longer term financial implications of maintaining such a provision; the R&A committee would investigate this further.
- **PC/12/73 Bye laws** – these have been submitted to the Home Office and a response is awaited.
- **PC/12/71 Pot Holes** – the pot-holes at the entrance to the Eversley park car park have now been filled.
The damaged concrete manhole cover near Springvale shops has been replaced by WCC.

PC/12/95 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

- **Planning and Highways Committee 29 May 2012**

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes.

- **Parking on verges** - notices to be put on cars parked on verges will state that ‘illegal parking may incur costs.
- **Church Lane** - it was reported that a HCC councillor has said that there is no money available to address the traffic issues in Church Lane and its environs. Parish Council to write and ask what has happened to money provided by the developer for highway improvements in the area; Cllr Gordon to draft letter to Chair of the Highways Committee at HCC. **Action – Cllr Gordon**
- **Hookpit Farm Lane** - a meeting is taking place at 7 pm on 26 June between the Planning & Highways Committee members and representatives from Drew Smith; all councillors are invited to attend if they wish. An email has been received from Andrew Rolt (Kings Worthy Scouts) requesting a meeting this week with PC; this was not possible but he is to be invited to the Drew Smith meeting. **Action - the clerk**

- **Save Barton Farm Group** – it had been decided that it was inappropriate for the PC to support this group. Cllr Gordon to respond explaining the reasons behind this. **Action – Cllr Gordon**
- o **Recreation and Amenities Committee – 7 June 2012**

Cllr White gave a dashboard presentation on the screen.

- **Fraser Road Play Area** – a letter had been sent to Kompan saying that PC were willing to pay the outstanding invoices less a 20% deduction. Kompan have replied saying that they expected payment in full. Will now suggest that they are invited to look at the standard of the work, improve the position and complete the work within one month or accept payment less 20%. **Action - the clerk with Cllr Bohle**
- **Cricket Nets** – work must be completed before 10 July or carried out after the torch relay event.
- **Path Across Eversley Park** – no progress; still trying to speak to HCC.
- **Handyman** – position has been offered subject to references which have not yet been received.
- **Queen's Jubilee Obelisk** – arrived at Vokes & Beck today. Engraving will be underway soon. It will be sited outside the King Charles public house on common land.
- **Broadview** – willow hurdle fence completed.
- **Trees at Path of Thyme** – the resident has written expressing great concern at the action taken by PC. Advice from WCC's arboricultural officer is that the Parish Council has acted in a correct manner by obtaining professional advice and acting upon that advice. Therefore it would not be liable if issues arise. A further letter to be forwarded to the owner to confirm this. **Action – Cllr White**
- o **Finance Committee 13 June 2012**

Cllr Prince gave a dashboard presentation on the screen for the income and expenditure accounts for May 2012.

The year to date accounts showed a surplus of £6706. This was a healthy position which will enable the PC to deliver on projects later in the year. A good level of income from the burial ground and the football pitches had been received.

The report of the internal auditor on the accounts to 31 March 2012 had been received. This was an excellent report with minor items commented upon. Monthly bank reconciliations will be presented to Finance Committee from now on. **Action – Deputy Clerk**

PC/12/96 Audit Commission Annual Return

Members noted the figures in Section 1. Answers to the Annual Governance Statement in Section 2 were confirmed and the Internal Auditor's report (Section 4) was noted. It was unanimously agreed that the return should be signed by the Chairman and submitted to the Audit Commission. **Action – Deputy Clerk**

PC/12/97 Olympic 2012 Torch Relay

WCC have agreed to fund the £476 costs incurred for rubbish bins etc. and Cllr Gordon has persuaded SSE to build the ramp at Eversley Park and remove it after the event saving the Parish Council some £400.

With the exception of the email round, all of the 9 points on the communications schedule have been delivered. There is a Kings Worthy page on the Winchester 2012 torch relay website. Danielle Glavin of BBC South Today has been in contact as they wish to be involved on 11 July. Our leaflets have been widely distributed.

The Rotary club are organising the parking in Eversley Park. Mervyn's Coaches are providing a bus for people less able to walk from the car park to the torch relay route for £100 plus donations from travellers.

Cllr Prince appealed for volunteers for both the 10th (from 2 pm) and the 11th (from 8 am) to assist with preparations; he will send an email. **Action – Cllr Prince**

PC/12/98 Communications

It was reported that there had been problems with the website. The domain name had now been transferred into the joint ownership of Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy Parish Councils. TLC had opted not to continue to provide a service to the PC; Peter Byford is trying to get the website back up.

(Post meeting note – after further investigation, misunderstandings and errors in communications has led to TLC withdrawing their service, this has now been resumed).

The next Parish Newsletter will be issued at the end of August.

Reference was made to the presentations being made by the MoD in reference to proposals for Worthy Down Camp. Councillors from both South Wonston and Kings Worthy have been invited to attend at 5.30 pm in the Village hall, Downs Road, South Wonston. A separate presentation for members of the public will take place afterwards.

PC/12/99 Councillors' Declarations of Interest

The internal auditor had formally commented that the list of councillors' interests was very sparse and that further declarations were required. Councillors were asked to include addresses, any businesses in which they held an interest and any local clubs and societies of which they were members; the clerks to email out forms for completion. **Action – the clerks**

PC/12/100 Clerk’s Notices

Circus - a request has been received from a circus wishing to use a site in Kings Worthy. While being supportive of the idea Councillors wished to receive assurances from the operators on the following questions:

- how many nights?
- what provision would they be able to make to protect the ground?
- time of operation and potential noise issues?
- car parking facilities required and for how many vehicles?
- how many spectators anticipated?
- weight of the circus’s own vehicles?

Councillors would like to visit a site to see the circus in operation. It was decided that the PC were too busy this year but would consider an event next year subject to satisfactory answers to the above questions; the clerk to write. **Action – the clerk**

Tree at 7 Wesley Road – Kelvin Mason (Sparsholt College) will be asked to advise. **Action – the clerk**

PC/12/101 Chairman’s Notices

The Chairman expressed her thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

The R&A committee are looking at possible contractors for play equipment on Church Green. After much discussion it was agreed that this project should be taken to the next R&A meeting and to progress as soon as a team is available.

Councillors were reminded that the current communications team are Cllrs Hallisey, Prince & Taylor.

PC/12/102 Items for Discussion at Next Meeting

None raised.

PC/12/103 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 16 July 2012.

The meeting closed at 10.27 pm.

Signed

Dated