

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19 January 2015  
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Martin Taylor [Chairman], Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson, Judith Steventon Baker and Sarah White.

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

HCC: None

PCSO: None

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

Public: 8

### **PC/15/1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Stewart Newell, Denis Welstead and County Councillor Jackie Porter.

### **PC/15/2 Public Question Time**

### **PC/15/3 Co-Option of Councillors**

The Clerk reported that there had been 5 applications for the 3 vacancies received by the deadline. One candidate had withdrawn just before the meeting. It was agreed to hold a secret ballot and the declared result was as follows:

Ray Elliott  
(proposer: Cllr White, seconder: Cllr Gordon)  
4 votes

Karen McCleery  
(proposer: Cllr Taylor, seconder: Cllr Hallisey)  
4 votes

Noel McCleery  
(proposer: Cllr White, seconder: Cllr Hudson)  
7 votes

Michael Short  
(proposer: Cllr Steventon Baker, seconder: Cllr Hudson)  
5 votes

### **Action**

Noel McCleery and Michael Short were duly co-opted to the Council.

It was then necessary to hold a second ballot for the third vacancy which produced the following vote:

Ray Elliott	3 votes
Karen McCleery	4 votes

Karen McCleery was duly co-opted onto the Council.

#### **PC/15/4 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillor, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings**

- **Police** – No report received.
- **City Councillor** – Cllr Rutter highlighted items from the report which had been circulated before the meeting (copy attached):

Cllr Rutter is trying to get the evening Spring bus service reinstated, although this is a Hampshire County Council (HCC) issue.

The railway bridge in Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy, is to be replaced and the road will be closed for 6 weeks around Easter.

It was requested that the Parish Council assist with delivering the programme for the Worthys Festival; this was agreed. A grant request form had been received and this would go to the February meeting of the Finance Committee.

- **County Councillor** – Cllr Rutter presented the report on behalf of Cllr Porter which had been circulated before the meeting (copy attached).

The issues arising from the closure of the Pound Road branch surgery have been reported to HCC's Adult Health Scrutiny Committee. It was reported that there had been a sudden deterioration in the fabric of the building. It should be open again in a couple of weeks but that this was not a permanent solution. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have a meeting with City and County Cllrs and other interested parties after the reopening.

- **School Governors Report** – Cllr Gordon reported that a revamp of the organisation of the school governors was underway.
- **External Meetings** – Cllrs Newell and White had met with representatives of the Sports and Social Club to discuss the positioning of the white lines in Eversley car park and general matters.

Cllrs Gordon and White met with Robin Cook and Andy Blaxland, representing the local Scout Group. They are keen to meet with other groups as they need additional space because of the growth in

numbers and the need for storage.

Cllr Steventon Baker drew members' attention to the Hitting the Cold Spots, Helping You stay Warm leaflets which were available from the office.

Cllr Gordon reported on a meeting he attended at WCC on the Top Field site.

Cllr Taylor and the Clerk attended a WCC Budget 2015-16 seminar. It was confirmed that the Community Support Grant was continuing and that Parish Councils were viewed as frontline services to be protected where possible.

### **PC/15/5 Local Plan Part 2 - Update**

Cllr Gordon reported on the public consultations held on 10 November and 15 December. These gave HAB Housing's view of how they saw the layout of the bottom end of the (proposed) extended Eversley Park. These consultations were HAB's and not the Parish Council's and it would be necessary to ask HAB's permission for a wider distribution of the results.

**Cllr White**

Dan Conroy and Phil Allen, at the invitation of the Chairman, made a brief presentation on an analysis carried out on the recreation funding element of LPT2:

These showed that Kings Worthy was 3 hectares short of target on recreation provision, and that the proposed Lovedon Lane site goes some way towards bridging this gap.

New developments need to address the ability of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to be able to go through from one area to the next.

Kings Worthy needs built facilities for a population of 5,000, and to provide facilities for Scouts, Football Clubs, Worthy Runners and anybody else. It was suggested that the PC draw down on the professional skills available within the community. (see written question attached).

It was agreed that a working party needed to be set up to examine all the existing facilities available within the Parish, and then to look at what was required from as many groups as possible, not just the Scouts and the Junior Football Club. Clear concerns were raised as to where the funding would come from for a community facility costing circa £1.2m. On a majority vote it was agreed to set up this working party which would not be a formal committee of the PC. Initial members would be Cllrs Taylor (interim chairman), Noel McCleery, Short and White representing the PC.

**(Cllr Rutter and 4 members of the public left).**

### **PC/15/6 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17**

## November 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2014 were amended to replace “scheduled” with “schedule” (PC/14/142). The minutes, as amended, were then agreed and signed by Cllr Taylor.

### **PC/15/7 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17 November 2014**

- **PC/14/139 Drains and Gullies on Springvale Road** – Cllr Gordon agreed to chase up Peter Eade or Ray Gardner (both HCC) to get the agreed works carried out on the ditches around the King Charles corner. **Cllr Gordon**
- **PC/14/141 Footpaths** – There had been no news on Cllr Porter’s chasing up on the issues with the Springvale Road to Lovedon Lane footpath. In the current slippery conditions, there was now a parking problem in the Heights at the end of Churchill Close. Cllr Gordon agreed to contact HCC. **Cllr Porter**  
**Cllr Gordon**
- **PC/14/141 Cleaning of Bus Shelters** – MRS Services have been reminded to carry out this work, and this will be picked up in the meeting between MRS Services and Cllrs Hallisey and White which is being arranged. **Cllrs Hallisey & White**
- **PC/14/139 Tubbs Hall Lease Agreement** – There has been a little progress on this. It was reported that the fire exit had been left open on Friday 9 January and that THMC should be asked to put a notice on this exit. **Clerk**

### **PC/15/8 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:**

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

#### **Planning and Highways Committee – 25 November 2014**

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes, previously circulated, and the following were highlighted:

- Cllr Steventon Baker raised the issues of telegraph poles being placed, by BT, on grass verges thus obstructing grass cutting activities.
- Cllr Gordon reported on an update he had received from Julian Higgins on the street lighting. Contrary to previous information, the street lights on Stoke Charity Road will not be remaining orange. Two heritage lights have been installed / updated in Church Lane. Contractors are still to do works on London Road, in Abbots Worthy, and to the remainder of the heritage lights.

#### **Recreation and Amenities Committee – 8 January 2015**

Cllr White presented the minutes, previously circulated, and the following were highlighted:

- It was agreed to proceed with the two history boards for Eversley Park at a total cost of £675 including standard installation. It was noted however that additional installation costs may be incurred for the second board if it is installed in the car park surfacing; this was agreed. Discussion took place over the formal unveiling which would be arranged once installation was scheduled. It was agreed to ask Alec Fry and a representative of Kings Worthy Primary School to carry out the unveiling. The Clerk is to discuss this with Derek Brockway.

Clerk

**Under the provisions of the Public Bodies [Admissions to Meetings] Act 1960 [as extended by S100A of the Local Government Act 1972] the public were excluded from the discussion on this item due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered, namely to discuss tenders received commercially in confidence.**

**(At this point the meeting was re-opened to the public)  
(1 member of the public left the meeting).**

It was agreed to proceed with the recommendation from Finance Committee and to appoint C.J. Luff Ltd. to carry out the work for the sum of £3,000 (exc. VAT).

#### **Finance Committee – 14 January 2015**

Cllr Taylor presented the draft minutes and specifically highlighted:

- The management accounts for the year to date ending 31 December 2014 showed a surplus of £8,159 [copy attached]. The surplus has reduced from that reported in previous periods because of the commencement of the tree works and the purchase of the replacement 3 cycle roundabout; this would be the subject of a s106 repayment from WCC.
- The PC have received a fulsome verbal apology over the recent error by WCC in the s106 balances, and this was accepted. The Clerk has asked the question as to whether or not any of the s106 monies from the Worthy Down development should fall to Kings Worthy. Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey (WCC) has agreed to investigate this.

#### **PC/15/9 Report from BDO LLP on 2013-14 Annual Return**

The Clerk outlined the current position. The Chairman of the Finance Committee has now sent a letter to the Head of Audit & Taxation at BDO UK's Head Office although no reply has yet been received.

Clerk /  
Chairman

#### **PC/15/10 Budget & Parish Precept for 2015-16**

The Clerk presented the latest proposals which had been agreed by the members of the Finance Committee on 14 January. The Clerk reported on the level of Community Support Grant, the forecast outturn and the plans for next financial year. In the light of the level of accumulated surplus it was agreed to proceed with a budgeted deficit of £11,267 for 2015-16, which would be funded from reserve balances brought forward. This budget was based on a precept of £110,059 which represents an increase of 2%. As a result of an increase in the property tax base for the Parish it was anticipated that this level of precept would lead to a small decrease in the precept for (average Band D) individual properties. The budget and precept for 2015-16 were unanimously agreed. The Clerk was thanked for his work on this.

**PC/15/11 Flood Action Plan**

The Flood Action Plan is now live and councillors are on a rota for holding the emergency box and being the first contact point in the event of an emergency requiring action.

**PC/15/12 Tubbs Hall Fire Policy**

Advice had been received from Hampshire Fire & Rescue and the large amount of documents need to be examined.

**PC/15/13 Communications inc. Website, Facebook / Newsletter / Monthly Communications / email etc.**

A newsletter is being prepared by the middle of February. Cllr White is looking for suitable deliverers. Suggested items for inclusion were:

- Local Plan Part 2 & possible community building
- Summary of HAB feedback
- Accessible swing
- Cart & Horses junction
- Email cascade
- Redesign of the burial ground
- Flood Action Plan
- New councillors
- History boards
- 2015 Festival
- Broadview / Hinton Park tree works
- Love where you live
- Bus services
- Precept for 2015-16

**(Two members of the public left the meeting)**

It was agreed to add the list of meeting dates to Facebook.

The Trainee Clerk is to be asked if he could action the Festival items on the website.

**Clerk/Cllr  
Gordon**

**Trainee  
Clerk**

**PC/15/14 Clerk's Notices**

A draft set of rules for the conduct of meetings was distributed. Cllrs were asked to comment at the next meeting.

It was agreed to write-off the £100 outstanding from Ultrabyte Ltd as it had previously been agreed that this was offset by work carried out on the PC website, which had not been charged. It was unanimously agreed to approve the write-off but to note that website advertising by Ultrabyte Ltd would be chargeable after 1 October 2015.

It was noted that £23m was being made available by central government to enable expansion of neighbourhood planning.

A course on Finance for Non-Finance People was available for any councillor interested. It was agreed to refer this to the Finance Committee.

NALC's Consultation on the Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16 was noted.

**PC/15/15 Chairman's Notices**

There were none.

**PC/15/16 Items for the Next Meeting**

Membership of the Communications Group.

**PC/15/17** The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 16 February 2015.

The meeting closed at 22.00

**Councillors**

**Clerk**

**Clerk**

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

## County Councillor's Monthly report for January 2015

### Happy New Year!

#### Unfortunately scams continue apace.

To make up to date SCAM reports you can report incidents to [doorstep.crime@hants.gov.uk](mailto:doorstep.crime@hants.gov.uk)

#### Worn white lining

Many people are reporting worn white lines. Because of the adhesion, white lines are not repainted at this time of year unless there's a real emergency. Please list all incidents as a Parish and I will collate them in late February to give to Ray Gardner for contracted work in the Summer.

#### Cuts at HCC

A large number of people took voluntary redundancy pre-Christmas. If you do not get a reply from your recipient, please contact me for another name.

#### County Council budget

The County Council has said it will keep to a 0% increase in Council Tax which will result in cuts in services, eg the removal of the Culture-all pass, a huge budget cut in services for disabled children and Youth services- directly affecting Micheldever, and subsidised bus cuts.

#### Do you have a Good Neighbour in your community?

Hampshire County Council has launched its 'Celebrating Good Neighbours Awards' and wants people to vote for those who have helped make a difference in their community. Nominations close on February 2 and can be made by visiting [hants.gov.uk/goodneighbourawards](http://hants.gov.uk/goodneighbourawards).

#### Would you like to renew your interest in a musical instrument?

Applications are being invited for the 2015 round of Dayas Music Scholarships. This is an annual grants scheme administered by Hampshire County Council - set up from a sum of money left by Mrs Hayton (née Dayas), a former Hampshire teacher. These music scholarships give the chance for people, over 18 years of age, to seek support to have lessons either for new musical interests or to help them refresh previously learned musical skills in singing or playing an instrument. Applications are also welcomed from those wanting to further develop skills in areas such as composition, conducting and performance. The application process is all dealt with in writing so people don't need to worry that they have to audition in front of a panel. Application forms and further details are available from Hampshire County Council's Music Service on 023 8065 2037 or by e-mail to [music.service@hants.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@hants.gov.uk). Closing date is 31st Jan 2015.



#### #Pledge4Plastics

Recycle for Hampshire is proudly supporting the #Pledge4Plastics campaign, which aims to get recycling back on the household agenda. Knowing that five billion plastic bottles were sent to UK landfill sites last year, Recycle for Hampshire has joined the campaign that is urging people to make a promise to recycle just one extra plastic bottle per household each week.

If every household in Hampshire recycled one more plastic bottle a week we would be stopping 30 million bottles being thrown away every year. In total over 40% of plastic bottles are not recycled in the county, that's a staggering 126.5 million bottles that are not recycled each year.



**Countryside Access Plan 2015-2025** is now in draft form and will be made available for public consultation from late January until 31st March 2015. To respond as a Parish or individual, look out for the link from HCC or go to the website.

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# CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL - MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015

## GARAGE SITE PROPOSAL

The Winchester Housing Trust writes, "Robert Johnston is a member of the board Winchester Housing Trust which would like introduce a proposal for the conversion of garage site in Kings Worthy on the corner of Sherbrooke Close and Harwood Place, currently home to 20 council garages. Following a survey by WCC it has been established the garages are largely used for storage of household items and not cars.



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The proposal is to provide 5, one bedroom affordable rent, self-contained flats to meet the requirements of individuals on the Hampshire Home Choice Scheme with a local connection to Kings Worthy. Information provided by WCC suggests that 65% of individuals on their waiting list are looking for one bedroom accommodation. Mapledean developers have put forward a design proposal that has successfully been developed in Swanmore. It is sympathetic to the current housing and will enhance a piece of land that currently brings no visual benefit to the area. Retention of the trees has been a key concern and out of 18 trees on the site we aim to retain 15 of them and improve maintenance to the existing trees to maximise their impact in the area. WHT has successfully provided affordable housing in the Kings Worthy Parish in Mountbatten Place, we hope our reputation as an excellent landlord would be verified by our current tenants and owners who benefit from our charitable work. WHT would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal in more detail and provide the Parish Council with plans for the site."

## BOUNDARY CHANGES

We are awaiting the proposals of the Boundary Commission which are due in February. These will be open for public consultation before the final arrangements are put in place. We are expecting the new boundaries, whatever they are, and the reduced number of councillors, to be in place for a 'whole council' election in May 2016.

## EVENING BUS SERVICES

The Spring evening service from 7 – 9pm has now been cut, following the reduction in the County Council's subsidy to zero for this service. As predicted, this has caused a 'knock-on' effect and reduced further the people who use the bus service with any confidence. We have had serious complaints from former users that they can no longer use the buses to connect to their trains for commuting to London. We are working with both the City Council officers and our County Council colleagues to try and get the service restored.

## POUND ROAD DOCTORS' SURGERY

Following strong representations from all local representatives, and the public show of support for the re-opening of the surgery last week, the City Council is in urgent discussions with the Friarsgate Practice about re-opening the Pound Road surgery as soon as possible. In the short

term we have suggested two possible alternative venues – the Harwood Place Community Room or the Tubbs Hall. In the longer term it may not be possible for the surgery to remain at Pound Road due to the significant structural amendments which now appear to be essential. The possibility of working with the community-based group which is calling for a new multi-use community building as part of the Lovedon Lane development proposals opens up the interesting possibility of including facilities for a doctors' surgery there, in a new purpose built facility. We do however prefer the Pound Road refurbishment option, as it is important to keep this vital service in a central location.

#### BARTON FARM DEVELOPMENT

Road works have started on Andover Road to create the construction access. Care is being taken to direct all construction traffic along Andover Road and out via the A34, so the traffic impact at this stage on the Worthys should be minimal. We are still waiting for decisions on what other road changes will be coming as a result of the development: we are expecting traffic lights with a pedestrian phase for the railway bridge at Wellhouse Lane, and have heard that mini roundabouts at either end of Bedfield Lane have been considered. We are pressing for decisions on these issues, and concerned about the impact on nearby pedestrian crossing refuges.

#### DOWN FARM LANE RAILWAY BRIDGE

British Rail has announced plans to replace the railway bridge over Down Farm Lane. Despite protestations from Headbourne Worthy Parish Council, which is seriously concerned about unsuitably large vehicles starting to use this narrow and rural lane, the Victorian brick structure will be replaced by a concrete box, at least three feet higher, but no wider, than the current bridge.

Down Farm Lane will be closed for at least three weeks before, and two weeks after, Easter weekend, which is when the railway will be closed and the main engineering works take place.

#### WORTHYS FESTIVAL 2015

September's 2015 Worthys Festival is just eight short months away! The Steering Group will be meeting every month now until the Festival, possibly alternating between Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and certainly between the WSSC and the King Charles pub. All are welcome. Jane will give an update at the meeting following on from this week's Wednesday meeting (15<sup>th</sup>). Would the Parish Council be happy to jointly deliver the Festival Programme with the next newsletter in August again? It was a great help for the last Festival....

#### PERSONAL NEWS

Jane is having an operation on her right shoulder on 23<sup>rd</sup> January to mend an injured tendon. Depending on the severity of the surgery required, she will be out of operation for at least two weeks, and unable to drive for about a month. She will be available at home however, and intends to be attending meetings etc. with Robert's help as driver, as soon afterwards as possible.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter

19.01.2015 Public Question to KWPC

We understand that the most recent public consultation has shown a groundswell of opinion in favour of a new community building on Eversley Park.

In light of this and the evolving proposals for the extension of the park as part of the Lovedon Lane development, we would ask whether the Parish Council would consider the thoughts of a working group made up of members of KWPC, the public and interested community organisations to develop a detailed paper to explore options and make recommendations in this regard for further consideration by the Parish Council all within a time frame that would allow the Developer's pending planning application to reflect the outcome?

Dan Conroy & Phil Allen  
Kings Worthy residents

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## Management Accounts for the period ended 31 December 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	88,577	95,241	6,665	123,454	120,509	Finance (inc. Precept)
4,584	4,800	3,600	3,600	0	4,800	4,800	THMC Income
7,000	7,050	4,596	26,226	21,630	33,330	6,200	Recreation & Amenities
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways
<b>127,784</b>	<b>129,959</b>	<b>96,773</b>	<b>125,068</b>	<b>28,294</b>	<b>161,584</b>	<b>131,509</b>	<b>Total Income</b>
<b>Expenditure: Summary</b>							
							Expenditure Item/Description
70,453	67,763	46,051	<b>50,436</b>	<b>-4,385</b>	<b>73,556</b>	<b>70,047</b>	Finance
57,258	61,344	46,609	<b>63,162</b>	<b>-16,553</b>	<b>80,879</b>	<b>65,184</b>	Recreation & Amenities
<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>7,186</b>	<b>7,545</b>	Planning & Highways
<b>135,211</b>	<b>136,107</b>	<b>96,160</b>	<b>116,908</b>	<b>-20,749</b>	<b>161,621</b>	<b>142,776</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
127,784	129,959	96,773	125,068	28,294	161,584	131,509	<b>Total Income</b>
135,211	136,107	96,160	116,908	<b>-20,749</b>	161,621	142,776	<b>Total Expenses</b>
<b>-7,427</b>	<b>-6,148</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>8,159</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-11,267</b>	<b>Income less expenses</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Transfer from Reserves</b>
<b>-7,427</b>	<b>-6,148</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>8,159</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-11,267</b>	<b>Net Surplus (deficit) for year</b>