

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19 March 2012
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman]; Malcolm Prince [Vice-Chairman], Kirstie Andrew-Power, Bob Barnes; Terry Bohle, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Rosemary Sign, Judith Steventon Baker and Denis Welstead.

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston
PCSO: Kerry Croutear

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

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PC/12/34 Apologies for Absence

None

PC/12/35 Public Question Time

Peter Warrener raised three issues in respect of the Ramsey Road area, namely the large lorry being parked overnight, the hole at a property in Ramsey Road and issues relating to “a problem family”. He felt that collectively these issues, together with an increase in the parking of commercial vehicles, had contributed to a gradual rundown of the area.

Cllr Gordon stated that these issues were not being ignored and that work at “the hole” should be finished by February 2013. Cllr White stated that the Parish Council had been trying to resolve as many of the issues as possible, although direct responsibility was outside the Parish Council’s mandate.

With regard to the parking of commercial vehicles around the village, Cllr Gordon said that if vehicles were taxed and insured there was little that could be done unless they were larger than 7.5 tonnes in which case they could be moved on. Cllr Gordon reported that the Police had offered to place notices, prepared by the Parish Council, on vehicles parked on footpaths [Peter Warrener then left the meeting]. Cllr Gordon reported that untaxed vehicles should be reported direct to DVLA.

PC/12/36 Co-option of Councillors

It was reported that two of the candidates initially interested, Phil Allen and Peter Warrener, had decided to withdraw their candidature in the two days before the meeting. The two remaining candidates were Kerstin Reiners (aka Kerstin Reiners

Ingram) and Martin Taylor. Both candidates gave a short report on why they wished to become Parish Councillors, followed by questions from the existing councillors. [The two candidates then left the room]. The meeting then proceeded to the nomination process, taking the candidates in alphabetical order.

Kerstin Reiners	Proposed by Cllr White	Seconded by Cllr Welstead
Martin Taylor	Proposed by Cllr White	Seconded by Cllr Welstead

A secret ballot was then taken with both candidates receiving the support of all 10 councillors.

It was noted that the Clerks would be in contact with the candidates to complete the co-option process.

PC/12/37 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **County Councillor** – Cllr Johnston reported that Jackie Porter was currently on the way home from holiday.
- **City Councillor** – Cllr Johnston presented his report which had been circulated to members [copy attached]. He paid tribute to Cllr Sign who has been nominated for a Mayor's Award 2012. A number of people have requested a new bus shelter at the end of Nations Hill at the junction with Springvale Road. Cllr Prince suggested that the Parish Council review all of its bus stops and the provision of shelters, once the current projects list has reduced. Mention was made of the possible evening bus service; this issue is still with the Planning & Highways Committee for consideration. The play area on Church Green had not progressed because of councillors' current workload but was on the list of pending project.

Cllr Johnston was congratulated on his award.

- **Police** – the police report had been circulated to members [copy attached]. Councillors were asked to 'phone through any incidents involving the use of laser pens. It was noted that the kebab van on Nations Hill now had a current road fund licence. Vandalism had taken place at the children's play area in Eversley Park over the weekend and Kerry had visited the site to inspect the damage and take photographs; the Neighbourhood Warden had been informed and asked to remove the graffiti. Kerry said that she had received the names which had been carved into the bench apparently after the application of the paint. Cllr Hallisey reported problems with eggs being thrown at houses in Fryers Close and Cllr Welstead reported further graffiti on the railway bridge in Hookpit Farm Lane.
- **Parish Plan** – a paper copy of the plan will be distributed in due course.
- **School Governor's Report** – Cllr Gordon will forward the newsletter to all Councillors; it was noted that a new Secretary to the Governors had started last Friday. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

- **Planning** – Cllr Gordon had attended a planning guidance meeting at Winchester Guildhall. A report will be made to Planning & Highways Committee.

PC/12/38 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20 February 2012

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Post minute note: to clarify PC/12/23 that the venue is outside Tubbs Hall from 13:30 to 14:30.

PC/12/39 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 20 February 2012

- **PC/12/19 Evening bus service** – further information required on amount of possible contribution and how the scheme would work. Cllrs Gordon and Barnes to report back via Planning & Highways Committee. **Action Cllrs Gordon & Barnes.**

PC/12/19 Field in Trust – no update was available. Cllr Steventon Baker indicated that TACT was supportive of the proposal. **Action – the Clerk**

- **PC/12/19 Tesco Garages** – meeting not yet arranged. **Action – Cllr Gordon**
- **PC/12/19 Meeting with SSE** – having difficulty finding a suitable venue; suggested Cart & Horses or the Worthies Sports and Social Club. **Action – the Clerk**
- **PC/12/06 Dog Fouling** – 2 cans of line spray paint for highlighting dog excrement had been received. Bags for dog excrement are awaited in advance of the 31st March Parish surgery. A rota of councillors will be needed to go round twice a day for a fortnight to apply the spray paint. Agreed that this would be fortnight commencing 16th April. **Action – R&A Committee**
- **PC/12/28 Byelaws** – the new byelaws will be advertised in the Hampshire Chronicle. **Action – the Clerk**

PC/12/40 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

- **Planning and Highways Committee 28 February 2012**

Cllr Gordon gave a dashboard screen presentation [copy attached].

It was noted that the work to fell trees at Abbots Worthy House had commenced in advance of the planning decision deadline; approval was subsequently given. This is to be raised with WCC planners. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

- **Recreation and Amenities Committee – 1 March 2012**

Cllr White presented the dashboard screen presentation on which current items had been highlighted in red [copy attached].

Cllr Bohle presented the findings of the project team looking at the employment of a handyman. The proposal is to employ someone for 219 hours a year at an approximate cost of £2k. The Finance Committee had agreed the proposal on the basis of a net increase of approx. £500 over the cost of the existing arrangements. It was unanimously agreed to proceed.

It was agreed to increase the print run for the Parish Newsletter by 200 copies each issue to 2000 every 6 months.

Cllr Bohle reported on progress with the obelisk which has been costed at £2,500 (exc. VAT) including installation. It was agreed that an upfront payment of 50% of the total cost could exceptionally be made with the formal order to Vokes & Beck. Cllr Bohle stated that this did not include the cost of the sundial which was required. A total budget limit of £2,650 was unanimously approved. The final costing was referred back to Finance Committee. **Action – Finance Committee**

The Cabinet Office has refused permission to use “Queen Elizabeth II” but can use “Diamond Jubilee”. Proposed that Parish Council apply for permission to use “Queen’s Diamond Jubilee 1952 - 2012” and it was agreed to request such permission. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

It was proposed that the project team for the Olympic Torch Relay event be given a pre-approved budget of £2000 to enable quick decisions and effective delivery within tight timescales; this was unanimously agreed.

- **Finance Committee 14 March 2012**

One of the £25,000 fixed term investments was about to reach maturity. It was proposed that this be invested with NatWest over a 36 month period which would give gross interest of 3.0% in year 1, 4.0% in year 2 and 5.0% in year 3. Cllr Prince advised that an average 4% was a good rate at present without taking inappropriate risks. This was agreed unanimously.

The Deputy Clerk presented the management accounts for the period to 29th February. Thanks were expressed to everyone for managing within budget and it was anticipated that there would be a surplus of between £2k and £4k at year end, subject to the final outturn on tree works.

PC/12/41 Community Communications

Cllr White demonstrated the first draft of the new website which contained revolving advertisements on the front page. The link to this will be emailed to all councillors for them to have review and comment. **Action – Cllr White**

The first of the Parish Council surgeries was happening on 31 March, before the litter pick. Cllrs were requested to wear their Parish Council t-shirts. **Action – All Cllrs**

The Hampshire Chronicle to be submitted with an article to advertise the surgery and the litter pick. **Action – Cllr White**

An application form to be obtained for an entry to the Parish Newsletter Awards.
Action – the Clerks

Cllrs Barnes and Bohle are scheduled to continue to be the communications team for the next month.

PC/12/42 Inter-council Communications

The new formats of agendas and minutes for meetings were considered to be working well, including the use of the dashboard reports which needed to be emailed to members with the minutes and kept up to date in advance of meetings. The dashboards should list items from the sub-committee minutes requiring Parish Council approval, with matters arising being brought to the attention of the Clerks to be listed on agendas. **Action – All**

All dashboards should be sent to Cllrs before Parish Council meetings. **Action – the Clerks**

PC/12/43 Olympic Torch Relay

Cllr Prince explained the route to be taken on 11 July 2012. With the amount of work involved in delivering this project he asked that it be “all hands to the pump”. Work was progressing on the plans for the line-marked running track at Eversley Park.

PC/12/44 Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations

Help will be required to staff the Pimms stall. **Action – All Cllrs**

Cllr White to arrange an alcohol licence for this separately to that being provided by the King Charles Public House. **Action – Cllr White**

PC/12/45 Keep Britain Tidy “Love where you Live” Campaign

Cllr Andrew-Power asked that as many councillors as possible join up to this as individuals. Cllr Steventon Baker had received a complaint about the PC using too much of the space on the notice boards.

PC/12/46 Church Green Play Area

In response to suggestions that there was money specifically allocated from WCC for this amenity it was noted that Section 106 monies are not specifically allocated to individual projects or areas of the Parish. It was suggested that an approach be made to Headbourne Worthy Parish Council to ask if it was prepared to make a contribution when we move onto this project. **Action – R&A Committee**

PC/12/47 Standing Orders / Financial Regulations Review

Members reviewed both the standing orders and the financial regulations. The Standing Orders, proposed by Cllr Prince and seconded by Cllr Sign, were unanimously agreed. The Financial Regulations were discussed and it was agreed to amend paragraph 7.2 to read "Salaries and Wages shall be prepared by a bookkeeping firm appointed by the Parish Council, in accordance with the payroll records and entered on the schedule referred to in Regulation 5.2 above". The amended Financial Regulations, proposed by Cllr Hallisey and seconded by Cllr Bohle were unanimously agreed.

PC/12/48 Clerk’s Notices

There had been an alcohol/music licensing application from Kings Worthy Primary School. The council supported the application.

A letter had been received from Winchester City Council about a possible boundary change whereby Abbots Worthy would be included in Itchen Valley. Councillors unanimously viewed Abbots Worthy as an integral part of the Kings Worthy Parish, as it had been historically. It was agreed that piecemeal tinkering with boundaries was not a good idea and that there was a need for a critical mass in terms of size for both precept and localism issues. Cllr White to write a response to this letter to WCC echoing these views.

PC/12/49 Chairman’s Notices

None.

PC/12/50 Items for Discussion at Next Meeting

- o **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Barnes, Gordon and Hallisey all gave their apologies for the next meeting.

PC/12/51 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 7.30 pm on the 16 April 2012.

The meeting closed at 10.08 pm.

Signed

Dated

City Councillors' Report to the Parish Council Meeting of 19th March 2012

Mayor's Awards 2012

We are delighted that four local residents have been awarded a Mayor's Community Award. The awards will be presented at a ceremony at the Guildhall on Tuesday 20th March. They are:

Mrs Jill Prince, nominated by Councillor Rutter for her contribution over twenty years to the provision of children's activities at St Mary's Church and other support for young people.

Rosemary Sign, nominated by Cllr Johnston, who in addition to her service on the Parish Council has been involved in many projects, The Normandy Veterans, Horticulture Issues, The Village Awards and can be regularly spotted together with Roger tending St Mary's Church grounds.

Roland and Peggy Clark, also nominated by Cllr Johnston, are worthy winners. Roland has been involved in the Scout movement since the mid fifties; his wife Peggy has been involved with the Scout Movement for many years and was the first female Scout leader some thirty years ago.

We are sure you will all join us in congratulating the recipients of these very well-deserved awards.

New Bus Shelter?

Local residents have approached us, asking for the installation of a bus shelter at the junction of Springvale Road and Nations Hill. With increased use of the bus service, elderly residents need protection from the weather. Robert has spoken with Mr Oakley the land owner of Red Marley and he has no objection. We would ask the Parish Council to consider adding a shelter here to your forthcoming projects list.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the Parish Council on your recent informative, colourful and entertaining newsletter, and on the many positive initiatives that the Parish Council is taking.

North Road parking improvements

We applied last year to the Council's Estate Improvement Programme to see if we can achieve an improvement in the parking provision and access at North Road. We have received the following response from the officer concerned:

I can confirm that the proposal for the installation of parking along North Road in Kings Worthy is still being actively considered, and I shall be taking the proposal out to resident consultation in the following weeks. There is therefore no requirement for you to re-submit the proposal. Apologies that this has taken some time to progress. Please be assured that the Council is still keen to take this project through to fruition, should the majority of the residents be in favour.

The new round of applications for projects is now open. We would be pleased to hear any suggestions of projects which we could bid for on behalf of residents – the projects have to benefit areas where there are a significant number of council tenants. We have a good record

of success in bidding for improvements – last year parking in Somerville Road was improved following our suggestion.

The Dell

We both attended the official opening of The Dell last week. This controversial development is now complete and most of the houses are occupied. The residents seem very happy with their new homes. There was some concern expressed by residents of Willis Way about traffic problems, including parking. This may be a good scheme to put forward for the Estate Improvement Programme.

Tonymoto Planning Application

Both of us (Jane as a deputy member) will be attending a special meeting of the Planning Development Control Committee on Wednesday 21st March to discuss the Tonymoto application for motorcross facilities at Three Maids Hill. Whilst reserving our judgement until all the points of view have been put at the meeting, we would be pleased to hear Parish Councillors' views on this application.

Play Area on Church Green

We have been carrying out informal surveys in various areas of the village. One of them, in the London Road/Church Green/Court Road area asked if residents would still like to see a small unobtrusive play area on Church Green. The response rate was not high, but we did receive eleven positive responses, and seven negative ones. We will be putting some of these photos in our next Focus to suggest the sort of play equipment which might be considered acceptable – more like park sculpture than play equipment really – and wanted to share the suggestion with you all. We do appreciate that this is not a 'black and white' issue, and that the finances of the Parish Council may preclude such a 'satellite' play area being set up immediately. However, there is some money in Headbourne Worthy's S106 'pot' which would be available to support a play area on Church



Green.



Jane Rutter and Robert Johnston
March 2012

Police Report to Kings Worthy Parish Council 19th March 2012

Please find below a short report since the last meeting:

- 3 x reports of off road bikes in area.
- 2 x reports of anti social behaviour both in Fraser Road area
- 3 x reports of criminal damage, Fraser Road/Pound Road area.
- 2 x reports of suspicious persons.
- 2 x reports of laser pens being shone into the sky.
- 1 x burglary, Woodlands.

Beat Surgery conducted on 10th March. New dates still to be planned in.

Kerry.