

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present:	Chair of the meeting:	Martin Taylor
	Councillors:	Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Karen McCleery, Noel McCleery, Judith Steventon Baker, Denis Welstead and Sarah White.
	Winchester City Council (WCC):	None
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):	None
	Clerk:	Adrian Reeves
	Public:	5

	Action
PC/15/138 Apologies for Absence	
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Stewart Newell, Dorry Hudson, Jackie Porter, Jane Rutter and Robert Johnston.	
PC/15/139 Public Question Time	
None.	
PC/15/140 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 September 2015	
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 28 September 2015 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman, with the following amendments: PC/15/122 – Change 'Surgery' to 'Pharmacy' PC/15/123 – Change 'were' to 'was' PC/15/129 – Remove 'is' PC/15/130 – Add 'Cllr Steventon Baker left the meeting' PC/15/131 – Add 'It was agreed to pursue this as a project' (Cllr Gordon arrived)	
PC/15/141 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2015	
The minutes of the Annual General meeting on the 18 May 2015 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman, with the following amendments: AGM/15/04 – o Add 'Sarah White' to Recreation and Amenities Committee o Add 'Denis Welstead' to Finance Committee o Remove 'Martin Taylor' from Planning & Highways Committee AGM/15/05 – o Parochial Church Council Liaison – Changed to 'Cllr Welstead'	

- Website Representative – Changed to 'Communications Team'
- Winchester Transport Forum – Changed to 'Cllr Barnes'

PC/15/142 Development at Top Field – update

Reference was made to Sandie Evans' (Top Field Action Group) email and the report of the conversation Sandie had with Sylvia Seeliger (WCC).

Cllrs Newell, Gordon & White met with Steve Tilbury (WCC – Director of Corporate Services) and Steve Opacic. Cllr Newell has also written to Simon Eden (WCC – Chief Executive).

If there is a need for social housing then a rural exception site can be used. WCC held a consultation with 75% against a rural exception site on Top field. Drew Smith made their own outline application. WCC say that, with a private application, there is no need to consult.

The village green application, if successful, would prevent building.

Cllr Gordon is talking to the chair of Hunstanton Parish Council, where a rural exception site was foisted on them. They paid approximately £9,000 on legal advice. The legal firm took the case on a no win no fee basis. The case resulted in a judgement against the planning inspector's decision but the government may appeal.

PC/15/143 Development off Lovedon Lane – update

Cllr Newell met with Mike Roberts (HAB Housing) to discuss the site. HAB are hoping to start on site in January 2016 with the handover of the park extension in April 2016. HAB will maintain the park for a further 12 months after this date.

HAB Housing's landscaping team are to meet with two councillors accompanied by Phil Allen and Charlotte Smith who are attending in an advisory capacity.

Pump Track – could cost approximately £100,000, and councillors are currently in exploratory discussions with two companies.

Allotments – The Hampshire Association of Local Councils are offering a course on the setting up and management.

Fields in Trust – HAB housing are happy for the remainder of the park to be protected under the Fields in Trust initiative. The Parish Council wish to meet with future users of the fields, such as the Worthys Conservation Trust and the occupiers of the houses on Hinton House Drive.

Course on Wildflower Sites – It was agreed that Cllrs Hudson and Steventon Baker will attend this course on the 6 November.

Cllr Newell will be filming the site and works as they progress.

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PC/15/144 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillors, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings

- **County Councillor**

Cllrs Hudson & Steventon Baker

See Cllr Porter's report attached, which had been received in the office just before the meeting.

o **City Councillor**

Nothing to report.

o **School Governor**

Cllr Gordon attended a meeting regarding the schools new Ofsted regime.

o **Parish Councillors following external meetings**

None.

PC/15/145 Matters arising from the Meeting of the 15 June 2015

o **PC/15/129 Cycling event on 12 July**

In Cllr Porter's absence it was agreed to carry this item forward to the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk

o **PC/15/129 Tubbs Hall Fire inspection Report**

Tubbs Hall Management Committee have agreed to carry out the works. Cllr Porter is to be contacted regarding authorisation due to the amounts of money involved.

Clerk

o **PC/15/129 Cart & Horses Junction**

Works at Lovedon Lane now complete. A new footpath has been installed on the B3047/A33 junction but the other works have not started. It was agreed to confirm if Cllr Newell had written to Sean Woodward (HCC) as no reply had been received; this to be followed up.

Clerk

o **PC/15/129 Springvale Road TRO**

Nothing further to report.

o **PC/15/129 Footpaths**

It was reported that nothing could be done; Cllr Gordon undertook to investigate further before the next meeting.

Cllr Gordon

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o **PC/15/129 Kings Worthy Community Centre & The Lionel Tubbs Hall – lease agreement**

The memorandum of understanding is to be sent round to all councillors.

Clerk

PC/15/146 To receive Minutes of the Committees:

Planning and Highways Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 29 September had been previously circulated.

Recreation & Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 3 September had been previously circulated.

- Trees at Hinton Park – Sparsholt college students will plant the trees. Worthy Plants will be subsidising the trees, which may be of the dwarf variety.
- Bench Refurbishment – These works are about to commence.
- Church Green Play Area – the play area opening will be at 10 am on Thursday with Cllr Barnes cutting the ribbon.
- Burial Ground Refurbishment – Works are commencing on Wednesday morning. Cllr White is to ask Mary Blaxland to take photographs as the works progress.

Cllr White

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It was agreed to pave the area marked in orange on the proposals submitted.

- Litter Pick – 16 people attended the litter pick on Saturday.

Finance

The minutes of the meeting on 14 October had been previously circulated.

- The monies for the two fixed term deposits have now been invested with the Co-Op Bank.
- The S106 balances have also been received and are currently £1,142.
- The management accounts were presented; these showed a surplus of £11,617 against a planned deficit of £2,749.
- It was agreed for Cllrs White, Gordon and the Clerk to attend the Allotments Course.

Clerk

PC/15/147 Emergency Plan

The rota for November is as follows; Cllrs Gordon, Taylor, N. McCleery, K. McCleery, Hallisey and Newell.

PC/15/148 Project Priorities 2016-17

The following possible projects, in no particular order, were suggested:

- 1) Fryers Close playground
- 2) Skate facility
- 3) Defibrillators (this to be sounded out)

(Cllr Steventon Baker left the meeting)

- 4) Wildflower meadow around Church Green border
- 5) Speedwatch
- 6) Church Green fencing (part replacement)
- 7) Outdoor table tennis table

It was agreed not to go ahead with a youth shelter.

PC/15/149 Communications

Cllrs Taylor, Hallisey and Hudson agreed to meet to prepare the next issue.

**Cllrs Taylor,
Hallisey and
Hudson**

PC/15/150 Clerk’s Notices

The dates for the 2016 Parish Council meetings, previously circulated, were agreed.

It was agreed that Cllr Gordon or Cllr Taylor would attend the Pension Fund meeting; details to be provided by the Clerk.

Clerk

It was agreed to proceed with the starter version of the Parish Online mapping software at £140 per annum plus a £25 set up charge. It was further agreed to budget for the upgraded version in next year’s budget.

Clerk

It was agreed to ask Cllr Steventon Baker to be the PC representative to the Winchester Villages Trust, subject to her agreement.

An application has been received for a garden show to be held in the village. There was agreement in principle but the Clerk was asked to obtain further information about the type of vehicles that would be on site and whether or not entry charges will apply.

Clerk

Information has been received about 2016 school admissions.

PC/15/151 Chairman’s Notices

A request was made for councillors to attend the service at St. Mary’s Church for the licensing of the new Priest-in-Charge. Names to be given to Cllr Welstead by Wednesday.

PC/15/152 Items for discussion at the Next Meeting

Budget 2016-17.

PC/15/153 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 November 2015. Cllrs Karen and Noel McCleery gave their apologies.

The meeting closed at 22:20.

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

County Report for October 2015

Rural Opportunities Grants bulletin- if you are planning a project, it is a good idea to check through this list...which is extensive. Definitely worth a look! <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/business/funding-available-for-rural-businesses>

The County Council is carrying out its Transformation 2017, aiming to reduce the council's budget by 14.4% of the budget by April 2017. This will mean a reduction of about £23m to its children's budget of around £160m and £45m of its Adult Services budget: these reductions will inevitably result in service cuts as the council shrinks to deliver just its statutory services.

Directors of Adult Services and Education are taking retirement, and the Chief Exec too. HCC is recruiting the CEO first, then other SMT posts, but reports are that another 400 staff will be going within the next twelve months or so. You can see the risks ongoing as the SMT team of a budget of £1.7bn is decimated within a six month window. The job losses also put all programmes at risk- so worth keeping up the pressure if you have a pet project (such as parking at Micheldever Station.)

STOP PRESS: New Chief Exec john.coughlan@hants.gov.uk

Good news: I am pleased that the budget for **Short breaks for Disabled children** is being restored. This is a triumph for common sense and empathy for parents who want to offer more for their disabled children than money can buy.

An ongoing problem: HCC has created 8000 places for primary school children from 2013 to 18, as the number of children born in Hampshire is growing after a low period. Now Hampshire expects to create 5 new secondary schools and 17 extensions to cope with these children after 11. This is expected to cost around £400m, with a shortfall of £150m, yet to be sorted out how HCC will pay. CIL proves to be a challenging system for HCC as well as parishes, as S106 is valid for developments of 500+ but not small developments. As I write, the number of primary school places needed continues to grow, adding more of a challenge to budgets. New schools have to be 'free schools' and are handed over after building to a sponsor for 125 years. Federation is a possibility, but not suitable in every case.

Highways: the next meeting is on Monday 16th November. This is the meeting at which we judge the needs of communities against the requests and budgets (including your request). I will inform you asap of the result.

Countryside: This service is becoming the Cinderella service and costs of legal challenges for footpaths, village greens etc are high. The team continue to support joint funded 'small works' projects to maximise the use of income. If you have a problem, the *best person to contact direct is Sam Jones*.

Affordable housing: I am pleased to see communities continuing to seek sites for social housing to rent. Housing, education and a job are what most people need to live a good life- and rural housing at affordable prices continue to be like gold dust in rural areas.

Wonston Parish has a HARA consultation for a new area of housing at 3-7pm at Victoria Hall on the 22nd October. This will be relevant for Micheldever and Worthys Parish residents too.

Watercress Way- invitation to local person to be a representative on the Trustees – please contact mikecollis76@gmail.com Thank you.

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Kings Worthy Parish Council

Management Accounts for the period ended 30 September 2015

2014/15 Actual (Full Year) (£)	Current Month Budget (£)	Current Month Actual (£)	Current Month Variance (£)	Income Item/Description	2015/2016 Budget ytd (£)	Actual ytd (£)	Variance ytd (£)	2015/2016 Budget (£)
124,678	10,042	9,916	-126	Finance (inc. Precept)	60,255	59,358	-897	120,509
4,800	400	400	0	THMC Income	2,400	2,400	0	4,800
33,159	333	13,073	12,739	Recreation & Amenities	2,898	17,086	14,187	6,200
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0
162,636	10,776	23,389	12,613	Total Income	65,553	78,843	13,290	131,509
				Expenditure Item/Description				
60,254	5,434	5,556	-122	Finance	34,252	28,612	5,640	70,047
94,485	5,682	4,654	1,028	Recreation & Amenities	30,277	38,615	-8,338	65,184
6,807	3,773	0	3,773	Planning & Highways	3,773	0	3,773	7,545
161,547	14,888	10,210	4,679	Total Expenses	68,302	67,227	1,075	142,776
162,636	10,776	23,389	12,613	Total Income	65,553	78,843	13,290	131,509
161,547	14,888	10,210	4,679	Total Expenses	68,302	67,227	1,075	142,776
1,090	-4,112	13,179	17,292	Income less expenses	-2,749	11,617	14,365	-11,267

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