

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 April 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, Dorry Hudson, Noel McCleery, Michael Short, Judith Steventon Baker, and Sarah White.
	Winchester City Council (WCC):	Cllr Jane Rutter
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):	None
	PCSO:	None
	Clerk:	Adrian Reeves
	Public:	1

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PC/15/49 Apologies for Absence	
Apologies for absence had been received from Karen McCleery, Stewart Newell and Denis Welstead.	
PC/15/50 Public Question Time	
There were no public questions.	
PC/15/51 Local Plan Part 2 - update	
A report was given on the meeting between Cllrs Newell, Taylor and Gordon with Steve Opacic (WCC). Feedback from the consultation responses was mostly favourable. Concerns were raised by councillors over possible safety issues in regards to the proximity of the 50 mph road. Cllr Gordon is to contact the Highways department at Winchester City Council (WCC) for clarification. Steve Opacic reported that open spaces now included school playing fields in the plans, but that these areas were not included in the planning totals.	
PC/15/52 Development off Lovedon Lane - update	
It was noted that c. 130 respondents were in favour and 2 were against a proposed community hall, although the consultation close has been extended to 30 April. A presentation of the proposed building is to be made at the next meeting. Discussion took place as to whether or not the potential community hall should be included in HAB Design's proposed planning application. It was agreed (6 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention to write to HAB Design to request this inclusion.	

It was agreed that Cllrs Hallisey & White would meet with companies to find out how much a pump track (suitable for use by scooter, skateboarders etc. as well as bike riders) would cost.

PC/15/53 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillors, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings

○ **Police**

PCSO was not in attendance, but Cllr Gordon reported that people were urged to lock garages and sheds and on recent scamming attempts.

○ **County Councillor**

No report had been received.

○ **City Councillor**

The City Councillors' report had been circulated and is attached.

○ **School Governor**

Cllr Gordon reported that parents were being encouraged to give feedback to the governors via the website.

○ **Parish Councillors following external meetings**

Cllr Gordon reported on the meeting he and the Trainee Clerk had attended at HCC to look at the budgetary plans to 2017 for the Economy, Transport & Environment Department of HCC.

Following a meeting with residents of Springvale Avenue, Cllr Gordon undertook to write to Highways.

Cllr White had met with Sue Coles (Winchester CTC) about cycle routes. All new cycle paths must be at least 3m wide but permissive paths can be set up instead.

(Cllr Rutter left the meeting)

PC/15/54 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 March 2015

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Taylor.

PC/15/55 Matters arising from the Meeting of the 31 March 2015

○ **PC/15/40 Drains and Gullies at junction of Lovedon Lane and Springvale Road**

This clearing is to be actioned soon and will include the work by Meadowland.

○ **PC/15/40 Springvale Road TRO**

HCC have stated that the consultation will be taking place in the near future.

○ **PC/15/40 Footpaths**

An officer from HCC will be looking at the issues at Churchill Close this week.

o **PC/15/40 Cleaning of bus shelters**

The demonstration of the jet washing of the Pound Road bus shelter is taking place on 21 April.

The litter pick had been well attended with 5 councillors and 20 members of the public.

o **PC/15/40 Kings Worthy Community Centre & The Lionel Tubbs Hall – lease agreement**

Lease to be agreed by the KWPC Chair & Vice Chair and is to be circulated to all members once changes made.

PC/15/56 To receive Minutes of the Committees:

Planning and Highways Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 31 March had been previously circulated.

A consultation on street lighting had been received from HCC. It was agreed to accept the proposal to dim the lights by 50% (from full power) from midnight and 5 am and by 25% at all other operational times; this was a decrease of 10% from existing levels. Cllrs voted 5 in favour of reduction, 2 in favour of no change and 1 abstained.

Recreation & Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 9 April had been previously circulated.

(A member of the public left at this point)

Cllr White reported that a parishioner attended R&A asking for clarification regarding the recent tree works on Broadview. The contractor had misunderstood the specification and some trees were left within the 2 metre boundary, which will be cleared after bird nesting season. A meeting is to be held with this parishioner, and another residents bordering Broadview, to discuss the matter. A parishioner had commented on how good the recent works were and would like the same done on another section of Broadview.

It has now been confirmed that we do not need planning permission for the reinforcement of the entrance to Church Green.

It was reported that hardwood posts for our open space areas are approximately £75.00 each, compared to approximately £12.00 for softwood. The drop down posts for Eversley Park have been ordered.

An issue with the height of the new history boards has arisen in regards to their suitability for viewing in a wheelchair. The Sign Workshop have been informed of this and we are awaiting a response.

The plans for the burial ground are to be sent in by Sparsholt College by the 30 April.

The Clerk is meeting with the last contractor for the Church Green Playground tenders, tomorrow. There will be an extra closed meeting on the 14 May to look at the Playground, and Burial Ground proposals.

The cost for filling both sets of steps with suitable bonded material is £575.00, which was agreed.

The Chafer Grub infestation at Eversley Park is now gone but unfortunately it has now been discovered on Church Green. It was agreed to monitor the situation on Church Green.

Finance Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 15 April had been previously circulated.

The clerk presented a correct copy of the management of the accounts, which were agreed at the meeting. (see attached)

Finance had recommended depositing £50,000 in a 12 month fixed term deposit. Plus a further £25,000 in a 6 month fixed term deposit, to be followed by a further £25,000, at the end of May. All deposits are to be with the Co-Operative bank. The Parish Council agreed to go with finance's recommendation.

2 new monitors have been purchased for the Clerks, to reduce the risk of eye fatigue.

It was agreed to defer the Governance Statement, required in the annual return, until the chairman has returned.

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 the Clerk's salaries.

(The Clerk returned and the meeting was also re-opened to the public).

PC/15/57 Children and Young People Plan 2015-17
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The Clerk reported on a Hampshire County Council consultation on Children's Services, which closes on the 27 April 2015.

PC/15/58 Update on report from BDO LLP on 2013-14 Annual Return & Plans for 2014-15 Audits

Nothing further has been received from BDO LLP, nor any further communications.

PC/15/59 Tubbs Hall Fire Policy
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Nothing further to add.

PC/15/60 Communications

It was reported that the parish comms has been issued, since the last meeting.

PC/15/61 Clerk's Notices

None.

PC/15/62 Chairman's Notices

It was noted that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting is the 11 May 2015, at 19:30.

It agreed that we allow invitees to put up display boards if they would like to. Cllr Gordon is to arrange for cakes to be provided for the meeting, from Mama Browns Cakes.

It was agreed to get Charlotte Neal to publicise the meeting in the Hampshire Chronicle.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will run another Pimms Stall at the Village Fete, on the 25 May. This will require a license to operate, which Cllr Taylor can provide.

Cllr Taylor

It was agreed to also hold another Pimms stall at the Worthys Festival 2015, which will not require a license as the Worthys festival organisers hold an overriding license.

P/15/69 Items for discussion at the Next Meeting –

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

P/15/70 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 May 2015.

The meeting closed at 22:19

Signed.....

Date.....

CITY COUNCILLORS REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL 20th April 2015

TOP FIELD

The clear view from the recent WCC consultation on a possible rural exception site of Council housing on Top Field was that there was insufficient community support to justify any further development there. The City Council has therefore stepped back from any further work on this, and the Drew Smith planning application is taking its course. It is going to be discussed at the Planning Committee this week, 23rd April. The Officer recommendation is to reject the application. Robert has given his apologies as he is unable to attend the meeting. I am going to listen to all the arguments before making a final decision, but am acutely aware of local views on this and see no reason presently to disagree with the officer's recommendation.

DOWN FARM LANE RAILWAY BRIDGE

Down Farm Lane is now closed for the railway bridge replacement works, and will reopen we understand around mid-May. Diversions are in place.

WORTHYS FESTIVAL

I am starting to put the final Programme together for the Festival. It is looking to be even bigger and better this year, with several new events and great response from local bands wanting to play at the Music Festival and at various jazz events now planned. I am as always extremely grateful to all those members of the PC and others who are working so hard and so well to ensure its success. Just a reminder – the dates of the Festival are 19th – 27th September.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The final proposals of the Boundary Commission are expected in June. Following this, there will be an 'all-up' election in 2016, on the new ward boundaries and with the number of city councillors reduced from 57 to 45.

A33 JUNCTIONS AND 30MPH CONSULTATION

I understand from Jackie that the junction improvements to the A33 at the Cart & Horses have been held up because the Highways Agency has yet to approve the proposals. The County may go ahead with the improvements to pedestrian crossing at Lovedon Lane and the Itchen Way first, whilst waiting for final approval.

The consultation on 30mph for Springvale Road was in the County's budget in March, and the notice should be going in the Chronicle shortly. I will keep you posted. Obviously, we all need to do what we can to encourage local people to respond positively if the Parish Council's and community's wish to see speeds reduced along there are to become a reality at last.

Jane Rutter

Robert Johnston is away and gives his apologies.

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Kings Worthy Parish Council

Management Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2015 (v3 for internal audit)

2013/2014 Budget	2014/2015 Budget	2014/2015 Budget ytd	Actual ytd	Variance ytd	2015/16 Budget	Income Item/Description
£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income: Summary						
116,200	118,109	118,109	124,678	6,569	120,509	Finance (inc. Precept)
4,584	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	4,800	THMC Income
7,000	7,050	7,050	33,159	26,109	6,200	Recreation & Amenities
0	0	0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways
127,784	129,959	129,959	162,636	32,677	131,509	Total Income
Expenditure: Summary						
70,453	67,763	67,426	60,537	6,889	70,047	Finance
57,258	61,344	61,344	94,203	-32,860	65,184	Recreation & Amenities
7,500	7,000	7,000	6,807	193	7,545	Planning & Highways
135,211	136,107	135,769	161,547	-25,777	142,776	Total Expenses
127,784	129,959	129,959	162,636	32,677	131,509	Total Income
135,211	136,107	135,769	161,547	-25,777	142,776	Total Expenses
-7,427	-6,148	-5,810	1,090	6,900	-11,267	Income less expenses
0	0	0	0	0	0	Transfer from Reserves
-7,427	-6,148	-5,810	1,090	6,900	-11,267	Net Surplus (deficit) for year