

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 February 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 [until 9.28pm], Rosemary Sign, Judith Steventon Baker and Denis Welstead.

HCC; Cllr Jackie Porter  
WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter  
PCSO's; Kerry Croutear/Michelle Gay

Clerk: Colin Arnett

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### **PC/12/17 Apologies for Absence**

None

### **PC/12/18 Public Question Time**

Philip Allen expressed his interest in becoming a parish councillor. Cllr White indicated that co-option would take place at the next meeting when councillors have had an opportunity to read his curriculum vitae.

### **PC/12/19 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors**

- **Police** – the police report had been circulated to members [copy attached]. They noted that the number of incidents had fallen since the last report. The liaison meeting with councillors had been successful and all agreed that it should be scheduled on a regular basis. Cllr Sign highlighted an incidence of laser pens being used from the railway embankment off Springvale Road. The burger van on Nations Hill had been reported to the DVLA as having no current road fund licence.
- **County Councillor** – Jackie Porter's report for February had been circulated [copy attached]. She had met with representatives from HCC Highways to review the work required in Church Lane and indicated that funding may be available for the path across Eversley Park.

**PC/12/19 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors cont.**

- **County Councillor cont.** – Proposals are being formulated for the bus service to run on four evenings a week in a cloverleaf around the outlying villages of Winchester for a trial period of 1-2 years. Parish Councils are asked to indicate whether they wish to be involved at a cost of £2-3K.

The Green outside of the KWCC is also being considered as part of the “Field in Trust” initiative. Cllr Steventon Baker indicated that TACT were supportive of the proposal.

HCC are reviewing their play strategy for children.

Cllr Sign asked when the re-surfacing of Springvale Road is likely to take place. This is in the 2013-14 programme; however potholes can be reported and repaired on an ad-hoc basis.

- **City Councillor** – Robert Johnston’s report from himself and Jane Rutter had been circulated [copy attached]. He highlighted Barton Farm, the garages at Tesco Express, the KWACC Swapshop and Frampton Way Vegetation.

Cllr Welstead queried whether WCC Building Control were professionally qualified to undertake the survey work at the garages. It was confirmed that they were. Cllr Gordon hoped to arrange a site meeting with both WCC Building Control and Environmental Services.

- **School Governor’s Report** – Cllr Gordon had attended his first school governors meeting which had considered the Ofsted report and additional portable classrooms. He is to undertake some training for his new role.
- **Power Cuts** – Cllr Gordon and the clerk had attended a meeting at Steve Brine’s office with representatives of Scottish and Southern Energy. They outlined the causes of the problems experienced and the work to resolve matters. They are to install a new cable from Harestock and wish to hold an exhibition in March/April to share their proposals with parishioners. They are keen to be notified of any persons at risk and wish to financially contribute towards a community project in the parish.
- **Older Persons Forum** – Cllr Gordon had attended this event. A training pack is available for any interested members. He is compiling a listing of emergency contact numbers.
- **Police Meeting** – Cllr Prince shared with members the success of the meeting with the PCSO’s. Members agreed that these should be held regularly which would take away any lengthy debate on police matters from PC meetings whilst allowing a more in-depth discussion of appropriate issues.
- **Winchester Area Community Action [WACA]** – Cllr Steventon Baker indicated that she was unable to attend the next meeting on the 23 February 2012. Cllr Gordon hoped to attend.

**PC/12/20 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the  
16 January 2012**

The minutes were agreed as a true record with one amendment - PC/12/03 delete "Steven" add "Steventon" - and were signed by Cllr White.

**PC/12/21 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 16 January 2012**

- **PC/12/06 Eversley Park – Notice Board** – Cllr White confirmed that the new notice board had been lowered.

**PC/12/22 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:**

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

- **Planning and Highways Committee 31 January 2012**

Cllr Gordon gave a dashboard screen presentation [copy attached]

He highlighted the hole in Ramsay Road where the householder had resolved matters with the builder and anticipated completion by February 2013.

Members ratified the decision not to sell the land at Legion Lane to the owner of "Path of Thyme" as this would affect the ecology of the wood and stability of the banking.

He is also to attend a briefing event on Planning Policy and Community Plans on the 29 February 2012.

- **Recreation and Amenities Committee - 2 February 2012**

Cllr White also used the new dashboard screen presentation [copy attached].

She added that further advice was being sought for dealing with the tree on the banking adjacent to the house "Path of Thyme" on Legion Lane.

Members ratified the S106 listing of projects for 2012 – 2013 for WCC.

She outlined the results of the meeting with the WCC Dog Warden and the initiatives which could be undertaken by the PC.

The clerk was asked to chase the completion of the tree work on Church Green.

**Action – the clerk**

- **Finance Committee 15 February 2012**

Cllr Prince also used the new dashboard screen presentation [copy attached].

He shared with members the income and expenditure for January 2012. It is anticipated that there will be a small surplus for this financial year.

- **Finance Committee 15 February 2012 cont.**

Members ratified the decision to bring the bookkeeping function back in-house by increasing the hours of the deputy clerk on a Wednesday [pm]. EKS would still be responsible for the calculation of salaries and ad-hoc advice on the Sage software.

Cllr Sign expressed her disappointment that the committee did not approve the grant to the Wonston & Worthys Camera Club. Cllr Prince outlined the discussion in committee and members ratified the decision, together with approval of a grant of up to £150 to St Mary's Church for the Jubilee Beacon event and their use of Church Green.

### **PC/12/23 Community Communications**

Cllr White reported that the spring edition of the newsletter was currently being distributed and that agreement on the format of the new website should be finalised within the next four weeks.

Cllr Andrew-Power reminded members that the next litter pick is to be held at 2pm on the 31 March 2012.

Members discussed the scheduling of the first road show to "Meet your Parish Councillors" and agreed to the suggestion from Cllr Andrew-Power that it be held at 1pm on the 31 March 2012 outside of Tesco Express prior to the litter pick.

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

### **PC/12/24 Youth Consultation**

Cllr White shared with members the outcomes from this successful meeting on the 25 January 2012 where 15 teenagers attended the event.

They would like to have a skate park [this would be difficult to locate due to the vicinity of houses adjacent to our public spaces], together with a shelter which would be a safe place to meet. Members agreed to refer this to the R&A committee for consideration. **Action – the clerk**

### **PC/12/25 Olympic Torch Relay**

Cllr Prince shared with members that this will be a major event on the 11 July 2012 centred on Church Green and Eversley Park. A project team has been formed consisting of Cllrs White, Prince, Bohle and Andrew-Power. The security issues surrounding the event have dictated that little of the detail has been released; however members will be updated as the plans develop.

### **PC/12/26 Queens Jubilee Celebration**

Members agreed the modern sun-dial design circulated by Cllr Bohle and the use of green granite for the obelisk. Cllrs Barnes and Bohle are to confirm the wording on the obelisk with the appropriate authorities. **Action – Cllrs Barnes and Bohle**

**PC/12/26 Queens Jubilee Celebration cont.**

It was agreed that the launch of the site location vote should take place at the “Meet your Parish Councillors” event on the 31 March 2012.

**PC/12/27 Keep Britain Tidy “Love where you Live” Campaign**

Cllr Andrew-Power is drafting a paper which she will circulate to members.

**PC/12/28 Byelaws**

Council formally approved the byelaws which were then signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**PC/12/29 Parish Plan**

Members agreed to meet with the parish plan project team on the 15 March 2012 at 7.30pm at the WSSC to discuss the draft document.

**PC/12/30 Clerk’s Notices**

None

**PC/12/31 Chairman’s Notices**

None

**PC/12/32 Any Other Business**

- **Grit Bins** – Cllr Steventon Baker had received a request for a grit bin on North Road and Cllr Gordon one on Lynne Way. **Action – the clerk**
- **TACT** – Cllr Steventon Baker informed members that she was now acting chairman for this organisation.
- **Any Other Business/Matters Arising** – Cllr Prince shared with members the recommendation from the last audit report and from the recent clerk’s forum that AOB should not be included on agendas. Matters for discussion should be transparent for parishioners and should be listed. Members should therefore forward topics to the office for inclusion on the agenda. A similar protocol should apply to Matters Arising. **Action – ALL Councillors**

**PC/12/33 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for 7.30 on the 19 March 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.44pm.

Signed .....

Dated .....

## County Councillor's Monthly report for February 2012

**Update of your highway wish list: contact [stephen.gee@hants.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.gee@hants.gov.uk)**

First created in Feb 2010, I am advising Parish Councils to update these regularly to ensure maximum revenue is extracted for Highway contributions from Developers. Contact Stephen Gee as above, copy to me please.

### **Broadband**

Hopefully, faster speeds are on their way now that HCC has secured £5m to upgrade broadband speeds. The timetable for this work isn't fast, but I want this programme to reach all household in the Itchen Valley Division, earlier rather than later. The broadband project will be phased, estimated to start in January 2013 with a three year implementation programme due to be completed by the end of 2015. Your community can act on this too: please inform everyone in your community that you can, encouraging them to sign up on [www.hants.gov.uk/broadband-signup](http://www.hants.gov.uk/broadband-signup) to explain what your broadband speeds are, and why you need it to be faster. More information on link:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hantswebnewslist.htm?id=514735&pagetitle=Faster%20broadband%20gets%20the%20green%20light%20in%20Hampshire>

### **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

Do you need road closures, a small grant or royal paraphernalia? Contact me if you can't find what you need.

### **County Council budget for 2012-13- to be debated on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012.**

HCC has been given an extra sum of £13.2m for 2012-13 by Govt. so that your **Council Tax increase will be 0%**. This means that the total amount of support for 12-13 is approx. £25m because there was also a sum last year which rolls on year after year. Total budget in 2012-13 going to be in the region of £698million (\*excluding schools), of this £164 million comes from general Government grant. \*Excluding schools, and services funded by specific Government grants and fees and charges, the Government provides 23% of funding towards all of Hampshire County Council's other services. This leaves council tax payers to pay for 77% for demand led services such as social care.

1. Adult Social services spends as much on 18-65 year olds as it does on over 65 year olds.

Improved life expectancy of chronically ill and disabled patients, means that costs often continue into old age. Income from social care is a significant part of the net budget.

'Supporting people' budget (for those who need help to live independently) has been reduced by £750K: this will affect mentally ill clients, clients with learning difficulties and those who receive warden services.

2. Children's Social Care: there are still approximately 1100 children in care, & 6000 more are on 'open cases.' Education, once a simple line on the balance sheet is more complicated now that Academies receive money direct, and then pay some to HCC for service level agreements. Approx. 1/3 of secondary schools are now academies- but very few primary schools.

3. Countryside, Culture & Communities has been merged with Property, Regulatory & Business to cut admin costs

**School Places:** There is still time for your Parish to make appeals on behalf of young people in your Parish for better school transport so they can attend after school activities and enough school places, <http://consultations.hants.gov.uk/consultationdetails.aspx?consultationid=1127>

**Review of Library Hours:** The consultation of the proposed changes to Library hours brought in a huge number of responses in Alresford, and as a result, the plans were changed: the library will open at 10am on four mornings, and stay open until 7pm on Fridays.

Don't forget the **CAB can help with benefits advice, debt and other queries**. They can be contacted by calling 848000, or arranging a 30 minute appointment at the CAB in Alresford from 1-3pm on Mondays (also on 848000)

## **City Councillors' Report to Kings Worthy Parish Council 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

### **Barton Farm**

It is very obvious that one of the principal concerns of the residents of Kings Worthy is the impact that the Barton Farm development should it go ahead will have on Kings Worthy, members will recall that I chaired the planning committee that refused the application. During that meeting Ian Gordon spoke against the application. Both of your city councillors voted against the new application in December and our views have not changed. We feel that more sustainable sites exist and that the numbers of dwellings in light of changing economic circumstances. Could be challenged. There is a divergence of opinion between our MP and the administration; we need to work together to present a well-argued case as to why we feel that this will be a disaster for Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy. The situation has changed with Mr Pickles deciding that his department will not defend his decision the way forward is not clear, however it would seem likely that the Judicial Review will be a formality and that this will leave Cala in a position having an approval. We still need to work together to minimize the impact on Kings Worthy.

### **TESCO GARAGES**

It has been brought to our attention again this matter has been raised, in my time on the KWPC and as City Councillor this matter is raised by some members of the public. It is almost impossible to take action on this as the ground landlord of the property has tied the garages to the leases on the flats in the building and are private property. Added to this our own WCC building control confirmed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 21012 the garage are NOT a dangerous structure. It is worth commenting that TESCO with all of its resources have been unable to make any progress in this area.

### **KWACC Swapshop and Free Energy Saving Checks.**

Currently with the support of Cllr Welstead we are attempting to re-launch KWACC to make the residents aware of energy saving matters, a SWAPSHOP was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January this was in co-operation with the tenants association with the dual objective of attracting new membership for the Pennants Association Paul Bungey and the committee attended. About 50 people attended. WINACC in conjunction with KWACC are holding a meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Church Rooms. to publicise free professional energy saving checks at the St Mary's Church Rooms. WINACC have funds available and the objective will be to offer this service to a limited number of residents.

### **Frampton Way Vegetation**

The Parish Council will recall that some of the residents in Frampton Way were concerned that the Leylandii Hedge was becoming overgrown as the KWPC maintain the side adjacent to Eversley Park it is important that it is controlled. Winchester City Council have the responsibility for part of it and are keeping it under control. Hopefully this will stop the trees reverting to uncontrolled growth.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter,  
Winchester City Councillors