

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2014
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Ian Gordon [Vice-Chairman], Bob Barnes, Phil Allen, Mandy Hallisey, Malcolm Prince and Martin Taylor

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston

Police: PCSO Chris Martin
And colleague

Clerks: Colin Arnett
Chris Read

Public: 3

Cllr White, Cllr Johnston and councillors wished the clerk a happy retirement and thanked him for his work over the past twelve years. Chris Read the newly appointed trainee clerk was welcomed to the meeting.

PC/14/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Newell, Reiners, Steventon Baker and Welstead, and HCC Cllr Jackie Porter.

PC/14/02 Public Question Time

Members were asked if they were aware of the continuing problems at the Tesco Express corner and the nuisance caused to local residents.

Weekday deliveries are now being made before 9am, which affects residents going to work and children to school. Similarly, weekend deliveries are being made before 10am, which cause a nuisance. Larger delivery lorry's have blocked the car park and road, and have been driven onto the grass verge and bumped over the kerb. This not only causes inconvenience to residents and shoppers, but a danger particularly to children on foot. The re-marking of the car park now leaves only 7 spaces, one or more of which is taken by Tesco employees, which forces customers to park on Hookpit Farm Lane or Springvale Road.

Cllr Gordon responded indicating that the PC has not changed any agreement with Tesco and that WCC were progressing the proposals to regulate parking in the area. The police commented that they could only deal with vehicles causing an obstruction. He suggested that residents write to Hampshire Highways and agreed to raise the issue at our Planning and Highways Committee.

PC/14/03 Co-option of Councillor

Two candidates had expressed an interest in filling the one vacant position;

Ray Elliott nominated by Mary Bulbeck and seconded by Margaret East.

Dorry Hudson nominated by Steve & Denise Waters and seconded by Mervin & Janet Thorpe.

Both their curriculum vitae's had been circulated to members. They each gave a brief presentation and an opportunity for members to ask questions.

The candidates and public left the meeting at this stage.

A ballot had resulted in Dorry Hudson being elected. Dorry Hudson declared that she met the criteria for the position. Cllr White welcomed her to the Parish Council and indicated to Ray Elliott that further vacancies are likely in May.

PC/14/04 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **Police** – Chris Martin presented his monthly report, which had been circulated, to members [copy attached].

He highlighted the burglary at a shop on London Road and theft from a vehicle in Willis Waye.

He indicated that he was being transferred to the central Winchester team and that Kerry Croutear was to come back to the parish.

Cllr Gordon asked that motorbike riding on pavements and green spaces be investigated; Robert Johnston asked about dog kidnapping; and Mandy Hallisey on persons living in garden sheds.

Cllr White indicated that the follow-up procedures on incidents appeared to have improved and wished him well in his new post.

- **County Councillor** – Cllr White shared the monthly report from Jackie Porter with members [copy attached] and asked that it be circulated. **Action – the clerk**

She highlighted the Lengthsman, Sewage, Council Tax, HWRC Sites, Housing Benefits, Highways, Recreation, LDP Part 2 an the Children's Centre.

- **City Councillor** - Robert Johnston presented his monthly report, which had been circulated, to members [copy attached].

He highlighted the Cart & Horses Junction, Dog Kidnapping, Barton Farm, River Park, Housing Protest Groups, and Refuse Collection Calendars. He also shared with members the 2016 Council Boundary Review, which is to start next month.

- **School Governor** – Ian Gordon reported that the chair, Chris Martin, is to step down. Ian has visited the school to observe playtime and undertaken a Health

and Safety Review where he had highlighted the condition of the railway sleepers. He had been impressed with the new outdoor area. The school shortly hope to receive a grant for the pond area.

- **Cart& Horses Junction** - Cllr White reported on the meeting with HCC Cllr Woodward and Pete Boustred. The monies available for this scheme amount to £63,504. Any feasibility study could cost a large proportion of that amount. A site near Hartley Whitney who have a similar road layout with a number of accidents in recent years, were having a roundabout built, which was estimated to cost some £2 million. Further funding from Barton Farm is unlikely. Consideration is being given to reducing the speed limit to 40mph. Cllr Prince suggested that we need to have the figures for the top quartile rather than mean speed figures. HCC Highways are considering what further can be achieved within the budget and will be consulting with us again in the next couple of months.
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- **Youth Council** - Cllr White reported on her visit to Ringwood Town Council. Two students attend each of their meetings. There is no separate Youth Council. They take part in the discussion, but are not able to vote. She noted that Ringwoods meetings seem to be rather briefer than ours and suggested that a separate forum possibly at the WSSC might be appropriate. The idea of a forum had already been briefly discussed with a number of parishioners who have ideas for improving Parish activities but do not have the time for being on the council. The idea of alternating adult and teen forums was suggested. Members agreed to discuss the details at the next PC meeting with a view to arranging a session in March.
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- **HCC Working Together, HALC Infrastructure to Support Local Communities, HCC Shaping Highways, and Parish Lengthsman Scheme** - Cllr Gordon had attended these events and will be circulating details to members.
- **HCC Transport Forum** - Cllr Barnes had attended this meeting where environmental initiatives for bus services were highlighted, including red/green indicators in driver's cabs.

Members agreed that a representative from Stagecoach be invited to the March PC meeting to discuss this as well as how the new more frequent Spring timetable was working. **Action – the clerk**

- **WCC Local Plan Part 2 Workshop** – Cllr Gordon had attended this event. There is a requirement for some 4,000 houses to be built by 2031. Barton Farm will clearly contribute some 2000 to this target. He highlighted the example where Cherwell Valley DC had not developed any plan, so developers were going to appeal and were gaining permission to build on green field sites.

PC/14/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 18 November 2013

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by Cllr White.

PC/14/06 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18 November 2013

- **PC/13/130 Core Strategy Part 2** – Cllr White reported that the 4 sessions held had been well attended and thanked members for their attendance. Some 140 questionnaires had been returned. There had in the end been very few copied duplicates from pressure groups and even those there were had individualised comments attached. WCC were designing a spreadsheet for the clerk to input the returns. The next sub-group meeting is scheduled for the 13 February 2014 to discuss the results.
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- **PC/13/130 Springvale Road Speed Survey** – Cllr White reported that the police had not objected to a reduction in the speed limit and that Cllr Porter is to formally request a Traffic Review Order [TRO].
- **PC/13/134 Meeting Dates for 2014** - Members agreed that the April PC meeting be rearranged for the 28 April 2014 due to the clash with the Easter Bank Holiday. The Finance Committee meeting will be held on the 23 April 2014

PC/14/07 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 26 November 2013

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Local Plan Part 2** – Members of the public had asked about the procedure to publish the results.
- **Street Lighting** – it is understood that the programme of replacement street lights will start shortly.
- **Planning Applications** – Members had considered the planning applications for 24 Vale Way, The Firs Hookpit Farm Lane, Hazeldene Edinburgh Road, 43 Willis Waye, 9 Court Road, North Winchester Poultry Farm and 8 the Woodlands.
- **SDNP Local List Consultation**- Cllr Taylor had responded to this initiative indicating that some simplification would be desirable.
- **Notice Boards** – Members were concerned that the Top Field Action Group had stapled multiple notices to our boards. However, it was noted that since the meeting, they had largely been removed when requested and staples were no longer being used.
- **Grit Bins**- Requests are to be approved by the Chairman/Vice-Chairman, although we understand that only limited funding is available.
- **Abbots Worthy House** - WCC are to take no further action on the new access way.
- **London Road Car Wash Sign** - both signs had now been removed

Planning and Highways Committee – 3 January 2014

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Half Acre 3 Nations Hill** - Members of the public expressed their concerns regarding this application.
- **Planning Applications** – Members considered planning application for Half Acre 3 Nations Hill, Hazeldene Stoke Charity Road, 5 Court Road. Cllr Gordon expressed his concerns that WCC case officers were not responding to his enquiries.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 2 January 2014

Cllr Allen presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **WSSC Extension to Patio Area** – Members reviewed the proposals and considered that a legal agreement was not necessary as the development was on their land. However, both parties had agreed to a formal survey to ensure that the patio did not encroach onto PC owned land. Members agreed with the suggestion from Cllr Prince that this should be approved by PC, signed by both parties and formal filed with the land registry documents.
- **Church Green Playground** - the consultation with the residents of Church Green Close is to commence shortly, with a view to allow the playground to be built around the sloping area of the green and to alter the covenant to reflect the new location.
- **Eversley Park Accessible Swing** – an application to the Sports Legacy Fund is to be made shortly.
- **Tree Management Work** – Emergency work resulting from the recent storms had been authorised. A long-term management plan is being prepared for tree works on into the future. Cllr Allen outlined the problems of a sycamore tree behind 7 Wesley Road that is presenting a problem. He explained that the tree could be felled or the crown be reduced; however by choosing the latter the tree would need further works every five years or so and may need to be felled at a later date. Initially crown reduction was to be undertaken and review of the ongoing management in two to five years time.
- **St Mary's Churchyard** – a request had been received to extend the churchyard into Church Green by some 4metres. Members felt that there was a need to ensure that this would be acceptable under the terms of the covenant. Cllr Gordon urged caution in view of a previous problem that appeared to have been authorised by word of mouth but resulted in no paperwork being made available. **Action Clerks to find the covenant and report to the PC.**
- **Top Field Footpaths** – Cllr Allen outlined the proposals regarding the permissive ownership of the paths under both S257 and S106 Agreements. Members agreed that a letter be sent to HCC Rights of Way rescinding our

claim and that the paths be dedicated permissive paths, otherwise there is a risk that no paths will be dedicated. They also agreed not to take on the liabilities from WCC of the land transferred under the S106 Agreement at this stage.

- **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Reiners action plan is currently being implemented.
- **Sundial** – this is now with a local contractor for cleaning and recoating

Finance Committee – 11 December 2013 and 15 January 2014

Cllr Prince presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

The current surplus on current account amounts to £7,427 with a forecast deficit of £6,148. This is less than anticipated when the budget was originally set

- **Cheque Signatories** – Cllr Prince outlined the need for the junior clerk to be an approved signatory to the PC cheques. He also explained that all cheques were signed at the finance meeting with a requirement for two other signatories being needed one of which needs to be the Chair or Vice Chair. Members approved the proposal, with Cllr Hallisey abstaining from the vote.
- **Company Secretary** – Members approved Adrian Reeves becoming company secretary with NatWest Bank in place of Colin Arnett.
- **Grants** – a request had been received for £114 for adding an additional name to the War Memorial. Members gave their approval.
- **NatWest Bank** – compensation amounting to £1050 has been received from the mal-administration of our accounts.

PC/14/08 To Approve the 2014-15 Budget and Precept

Details of the draft budget and proposals for the 2014 – 2015 precept had been circulated to all members.

Cllr Prince shared with members that the recommendation is that the budget be increased by 2.5%. This will allow for additional expenditure on tree work and take account of the 6.8% reduction in the Support Grant from WCC, which for the coming year will be £8,108.91. Information on the number of parishioners paying council tax is not available from WCC at this stage.

Members approved a total precept for the coming year of £107,900.00.

Discussion took place in response from a comment from Cllr Allen as to whether the precept would be increased with future new housing or facilities improved. Cllr Prince explained that whilst extra houses had been built in the village we do not know until WCC notifies us how many of those are paying council tax. He went on to explain

that the KWPC precept is currently in the top quartile, however he would not like the PC to find itself in the top five.

PC/14/09 Staffing Arrangements

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 clerks' salaries. The trainee clerk also left the meeting.

PC/14/10 Communications

Cllr White reported that;

- o the website is being regularly updated
- o the spring edition of the newsletter has been drafted and circulated to members for comment
- o The monthly bulletin group of Cllrs White, Barnes, and Taylor is to produce the February edition.

PC/14/11 Clerk's Notices

None

PC/14/12 Chairman's Notices

None

PC/14/13 Items for the Next Meeting

Members suggested the following items for the next meeting; WSSC Land Survey; Local Plan Part 2

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 17 February 2014.

The meeting closed at 10.47pm.

Signed

Dated



Winchester Rural North – Kings Worthy SNT Crime Statistics

For the period 10th Of November 2013 until the 16th Of January 2014

Prepared by PCSO 15107 Chris Martin

Suspicious vehicles and people:

There has been 10 reports of suspicious vehicles and people in the area, thank you for reporting this and please continue to do so. This information is essential to us and it will be investigated.

Theft:

14/11/2013

From **Mountbatten place**, wheelie bin wheels removed.

29/12/2013

Theft from motor vehicle – **Willis Way** Items removed overnight from van.

Burglary:

14/01/2014 – A shop on London road broken into and £10,000 - £15,000 of stock stolen.

15/01/2014 – A garage on Boyne mead, Lock cut entry gained nothing taken.

Criminal Damage:

03/12/2013 – Cundell way windscreen wiper damaged.

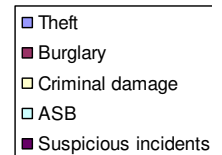
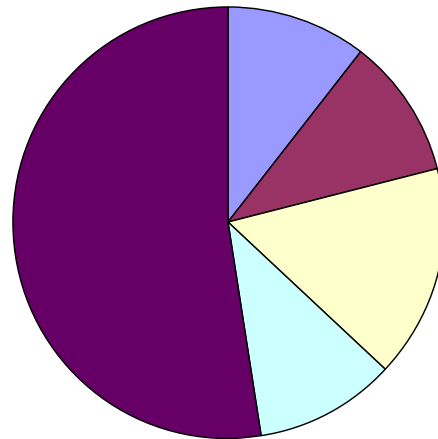
08/12/2013 - Harwood place windscreen damaged

20/12/2013 – North road small pane of glass damaged on front door.

ASB

28/11/2013 – Vehicle driven on village green at Willis Way

13/01/2014 – Fly tipping of garden trimmings at Upper Hookpit Farm Lane



Information to note:

Please be vigilant for commercial vehicle fuel thefts and there has been a recent spike in surrounding areas.

Please be assured that Hampshire Constabulary and your Safer Neighbourhood's Team are regularly conducting high visibility patrols of the area, however, should any member of the public see any suspicious behaviour or vehicles, please do not hesitate to contact 101.

www.crimereports.co.uk is also a useful tool to see what is happening in your area

County Councillors Report for January 2014: Worthy's Parishes

Goodbye to Colin Arnett. Thanks for all your hard work and good sense over the years. I hope you enjoy your retirement.

The **Lengthsman contract has started at last!** In view of the dreadful weather, whether you have the lengthsman or a handyman, can I advise all PC's to use the person managing your community's facilities to check all gullies and drains on village rounds please.

Sewage- systems in difficulty as water levels rise. Please report any problems to me. I will compile and we will try again with the EA/Southern Water.

Council Tax- HCC Council Tax is likely to be 0% rise this year, but there has been a reduction (up to 20% cuts) in funding from Govt.

As Govt funding is 50% of the income, cuts will take place, but the County is expecting the major brunt of the cuts will take place in year 2. However, this will inevitably cause cuts in services. The extent of this is not known fully but will include the Short Breaks Service for children with disabilities, and the mobile library service.

HWRC sites are likely to be undergoing some changes too. Formal public consultation is in June 2014. **Council budget setting on 20th Feb 2014.**

Housing- Communities are identifying sites for housing. You have the biggest development of them all very near you at Barton Farm. You may wish to pursue the Country Park side of the plans to complement your Parish facilities.

For all residents receiving benefits, they might like to use the 'Jam Jar account' with USAL (Hampshire's Credit Union) www.usal.org.uk

Highways- Extensive flooding does not seem to be a problem in KW Parish. I have been asked to look again at grit bins for the area around Churchill Close. Do you have any views on this?

Recreation- CIL was voted on at WCC last week. Lib Dems proposing the communities receive 25% of CIL not 15% as proposed. Lack of future S106 funding is posing real threat to highways infrastructure spending. The Chairman (from the ruling party) had the casting vote- he chose not to allocate more than 15% to the village having to accept the housing. One of his councillors said 'It would be a waste of money to give more money to the villages'. There is a consultation until 7th February, please respond if you wish.

LDP Part 2: Old Railway line has now been registered on Local District Plan. A letter of support would be useful at the appropriate time-consultation Spring /Summer 2014. Details of the dates are on the WCC website.

The Children's centre is looking for Partnership Board members. Please let me know if you are interested.

Cllr Jackie Porter

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CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH

COUNCIL 20th JANUARY 2014

COLIN ARNETT

We both would like to wish Colin a happy retirement. In particular Robert who was on the original team that appointed Colin many years ago, he was always helpful and a pleasure to work with.

CART AND HORSES JUNCTION

A meeting was held when members of the County, City, and Parish Councillors together with our MP Steve Brine attended; the County Portfolio Holder Cllr Sean Woodward who outlined the HCC position addressed us. We were all disappointed to learn that no major improvements will be considered; in particular, that a viable suggestion made to improve the junction had been made available to officers, this was not even considered as an option. The only available funds are for pedestrian/cyclist improvements £63,504 is available and a proposal will be available for consultation in the near future. In addition, a proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40mph will be made.

DOG KIDNAPPING

Members will be aware of a recent case where a Kings Worthy resident lost a dog on the top field they have gone to great lengths to publicise and attempt to find this pet. I have spoken with friends in Oxfordshire and am told that this is a major problem; trained dogs that will cut out a victim target open spaces where owners let their dogs run free. These dogs are either sold or used for breeding. Currently pedigree dogs can be sold for large sums. The police whilst treating this as crime will find it difficult to investigate as probably it is a cross county boundary offence. We should make residents aware of this.

BARTON FARM SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the PDC has been arranged for 13th February 2014 this will be in the Guildhall. Barton Farm has outline planning permission, this will be the first meeting for Phases 1a and 1b and will consider design codes, and reserved matters these will be determined at the meeting. As yet, the agenda has yet to be published but we will report back to you on developments in March.

RIVER PARK LIESURE CENTRE

The controversy on this issue continues, no cost and benefit have been shown and therefore members are unable to decide on the best option. It is hoped that a special group of members will be formed to consider this and take evidence on the best location. A difference of opinion exists between various groups as to the venue and type of centre that should be built. The roof of the swimming pool at the current location has a limited life and a decision must be taken in the near future. Currently low borrowing costs would make it the ideal time to borrow to fund the project.

PROTEST GROUPS OVER HOUSING

Concern has been expressed by misinformation distributed by various groups over this issue. Three groups are making representations, some by distributing leaflets that are showing proposals that are completely wrong and cause alarm amongst residents. In this case, no author is shown and the view cannot be challenged.

REFUSE COLLECTION CALENDARS

Following considerable objections from members, Biffa has now agreed to distribute waste collection timetables, as have been distributed in previous years. They had been planning to simply direct people to the information on the website this year, as a cost cutting measure. We were all concerned that this would inconvenience local people, and be of no use to those who have no access to, or experience of using the internet.

We wish all members of the Parish Council (and its clerks) a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter