

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 July 2015
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present:	Chair of the meeting:	Stewart Newell
	Councillors:	Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson, Karen McCleery, Noel McCleery, Judith Steventon Baker, Martin Taylor, Denis Welstead and Sarah White.
	Winchester City Council (WCC):	Cllr Robert Johnston
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):	Cllr Jackie Porter
	PCSO:	None
	Clerk:	Adrian Reeves
	Public:	3

	Action
PC/15/104 Apologies for Absence	
Apologies for absence had been received from Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon and Michael Short.	
PC/15/105 Public Question Time	
A member of public repeated concerns about the lighting in the car park at the back of Ramsay Road, behind the doctors' surgery. He reported that Cllr Rutter was looking into the problem and that there was no need for the Parish Council to pursue this.	
It was reported that there had been considerable difficulty with a cycling event held on 12 July, with a refreshment tent erected in the Tubbs Hall car park. Concerns were expressed about the lack of route marshals and issues with traffic. Cllr Porter agreed to investigate who had organised this event and / or booked Tubbs Hall.	Cllr Porter
PC/15/106 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2015	
A draft was considered and the final version is to be put to the September Parish Council meeting.	
PC/15/107 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 June 2015	
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
PC/15/108 Website Provision	
It was agreed to examine the provision of a new user friendly website separate from Headbourne Worthy Parish Council, which is also looking at a new independent website.	

PC/15/109 Development off Lovedon Lane - Update

Cllrs Newell and Gordon have met with representatives of a number of departments at WCC to discuss the s106 agreement. HAB joined this meeting later and discussions continued. WCC will have the final say on the final s106 agreement.

Cllrs Newell, Taylor, Gordon & White met last week to discuss the hard landscaping of the park. It was noted that HAB don't agree with the Parish Council's current ideas on some of the details.

There had been a mistake in the submitted planning application. HAB are having to resubmit and it was expected that this application would now go to the September WCC Planning Committee.

If HAB donate the land to the Parish Council they wish to have the land designated as a village green, although Parish Council's legal advice is not going down that route.

Steve Opacic (WCC) has confirmed that this is not a rural exception site. It was agreed that Parish Council will write to Richard Botham (WCC) to request that the 40% affordable properties (6 shared ownership and 14 for rent) are retained for people with strong local connections to Kings Worthy. Parish Council wishes to put pressure on WCC to change policy so that a local lettings policy applies.

Cllr Newell

PC/15/110 Village Green Proposal for Top Field

Notices have been put up advertising the application, but had been taken down because of a mistake; there were no implications on the Parish Council. A vote was taken on not objecting to the proposal with 7 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

PC/15/111 Reports from the Police, County Councillor, City Councillors, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings

o **County Councillor**

Cllr Porter highlighted the issues in her report, see attached.

Barton Farm – 33 bodies, both bronze age and roman, have been found on the site. The next Barton Farm meeting is on 7 October and it was recommended that a representative of the Parish Council attends. Cllr Porter has requested more information about the social housing element of the plans.

Cllr Newell

Fire Safety at Tubbs Hall – the meeting is still to be arranged.

Cllr Porter

Cart & Horses Junction – the Police have objected to the speed limit reduction. Highways England have provided a draft agreement for the works to start, although the Lovedon Lane junction work is being tendered separately. The plan is now back to doing the highways work before reducing the speed limit.

Springvale Road TRO – see written report attached.

Gullies – Cllr Porter reported that the work was still not done despite promises of first quarter completion.

Cllr Porter

Harestock Road closure – Cllr Porter undertook to find out what this was for.

Cllr Porter

HCC's ETE Committee's 2014-15 Budget Underspend – Cllr Newell to write to Cllr Woodward (HCC) re the £8m underspending in the last financial year when urgent works are not being done.

Cllr Newell

o **City Councillor**

Cllr Johnston highlighted the issues in his report, see attached.

Silver Hill – 2009 scheme now approved by WCC.

River Park Leisure Centre – this will be back for consideration soon.

(Cllr Johnston left the meeting)

o **School Governor**

Cllr Gordon reported that the school was on holiday from this week and results were good. A circus was taking place on 22 July.

o **Police**

Cllr Newell has written to the Police & Crime Commissioner about the increase in crime locally and the public perception of it. This was passed to the Chief Constable who passed it the Sergeant in Alresford.

Neighbourhood policing has decreased but we now have "borderless policing" whereby officers are sent to wherever there are incidents. They would only be around and about in Kings Worthy if there were no incidents elsewhere.

o **Parish Councillors following external meetings**

The Clerk reported that he had met with Cllr Hallisey and the Maintenance Technician and had identified suitable sites for the Bag It Bin It signs. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of a further 10 of these signs, with appropriate fixings.

Clerks

PC/15/112 Matters arising from the Meeting of the 15 June 2015

o **PC/15/89 Street lights and trees off Ramsay Road**

Cllr Porter is dealing with this.

Cllr Porter

o **PC/15/89 Tubbs Hall Fire inspection Report**

The Parish Council are in the process of arranging a meeting with representatives of THMC.

o **PC/15/89 Quality of Recent Highways Works**

Cllr Porter is dealing with this.

Cllr Porter

o **PC/15/94 Drains and Gullies at junction of Lovedon Lane and Springvale Road**

This work has now been completed.

- **PC/15/89 Cart & Horses Junction**

See PC/15/111 above.

- **PC/15/94 Springvale Road TRO**

The outcome of the public consultation is now awaited.

- **PC/15/94 Footpaths**

Cllr Porter reported that she was yet to investigate the garden waste being tipped on the footpath between Springvale Road and Lovedon Lane. Fly tipping issues should be reported on the 101 service if on public land.

(2 members of the public left the meeting)

There is a new process for reporting footpath defects, including uploading photographs) on Hantsweb (<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/rightsofway-reporting>).

- **PC/15/94 Kings Worthy Community Centre & The Lionel Tubbs Hall – lease agreement**

The lease between WCC and the Parish Council is almost completed. The lease with THMC will now be progressed.

- **PC/15/101 Springvale Surgery**

Cllr Newell has written to Steve Brine MP, who has met with NHS England's commissioners. The Parish Council will be included in future discussions.

PC/15/113 To receive Minutes of the Committees:

Planning and Highways Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 30 June had been previously circulated.

The committee had voted to unanimously support HAB's application.

Further consultation is to take place on cycle paths via the regular communications.

Recreation & Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 2 July had been previously circulated.

Church Green Play Area – This is now completed and thanks were expressed to Cllr Barnes for organising this successful project.

Burial Ground – Work is planned toward the end of September.

Councillors' Walkabout – This is agreed as Saturday 22 August.

Litter pick – This is arranged for Saturday 3 October.

(Cllr Porter left the meeting)

Cllr Porter

Tree Inspection Report – 3 trees need immediate action. It was agreed to use TCA this year but to aim for competitive tenders for future round of tree inspection works. Parish Council will appoint the tree contractor.

(1 member of the public left the meeting)

Finance

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

- Fixed term deposits – The Co-Operative Bank have come back with a number of queries which had been actioned and the Parish Council are now ready to submit the forms required.
- External storage – The successful quotation had been agreed and Parish Council was now waiting on the landlord’s permission.
- Statement of accounts and management reports – the Clerk reported on the management accounts for the period to the end of June and the bank reconciliation (see attached summary). There was a surplus of £2,504 at the end of June.
- Caretaking Arrangements – It was noted that the new Caretaker was approaching the end of his trial period and that steps were in hand to appoint a new Relief Caretaker.
- Proposed Community Orchard – It was agreed to ask Green Smile if they were prepared to hire the necessary water bowser and pump, being reimbursed any costs by Parish Council.

Clerk

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PC/15/114 Speedwatch

Cllr Newell reported that the Police & Crime Commissioner would find some funding but that the Parish would need to find £1,000 for equipment and £500 for training. As this scheme is only available on roads with a speed limit of 30 MPH or less it was agreed to wait for the result of the TRO application for Springvale Road before giving this further consideration.

PC/15/115 Communications

The next publication is currently being prepared. Deliverers have been organised for the end of August.

PC/15/116 Clerk’s Notices

SLCC National Conference – It was agreed to wait for the final agenda before deciding whether or not to attend.

A request has been received from St Mary’s Church for the use of Church Green for car parking on Wednesday 12 August from for the parking of 60-70 cars between noon and 14.30; this is for the funeral of a prominent local citizen. It was agreed to allow this subject to the following conditions:

Clerk

- 1) The Parish Council’s grounds contractor will examine the ground conditions on Monday 10 August, and the weather forecast, to confirm suitable ground conditions
- 2) The Church will be responsible for repairing any damage to / on the Green

3) The parking must be properly marshalled; the Parish Council's grounds contractor will site stakes and barrier tape to assist with this.

Gambling Act 2005 – WCC is consulting on its Statement of Principles. Interested councillors are to respond directly on <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/licensing/gambling-act/consultation-review-statement-principles-under-gam/> by 6 September 2015.

Church Service at Kings Worthy Festival – Councillors were reminded to respond to the Clerk if they wished to attend this event.

Events at Kings Worthy Festival – It was agreed to enter a quiz team(s) on Wednesday 23 September. On Monday 21 September there is to be a Gardeners Question Time event. As a result of these activities it was agreed to postpone the next Parish Council meeting to Monday 28 September.

PC/15/117 Chairman's Notices

Cllr Newell announced that he had received the resignation of Michael Short as a Parish Councillor, as he was moving out of the area. The Chairman thanked Michael for his contribution to the Parish Council over the period of his councillorship. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would arrange to advertise the casual vacancy which has arisen. Cllr Newell would attend the Recreation & Amenities Committee in the interim to ensure a quorum.

Cllr Newell / Clerk

On Saturday 19 September there will be a family fun day and the Parish Council will be running a Pimms stall.

Cllrs

P/15/118 Items for discussion at the Next Meeting

Possible speed restrictions on B3047 and Lovedon Lane.

P/15/119 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 28 September 2015 (please note new date).

The meeting closed at 22:07

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

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Management Accounts for the period ended 30 June 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	9,838	-204	Finance (inc. Precept)	30,127	29,730	-397	120,509
4,800	400	400	0	THMC Income	1,200	1,200	0	4,800
33,159	333	550	217	Recreation & Amenities	1,855	1,481	-374	6,200
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0
162,636	10,776	10,788	12	Total Income	33,182	32,411	-771	131,509
				Expenditure Item/Description				
60,537	4,904	5,199	-295	Finance	15,755	14,677	1,078	70,047
94,203	5,396	4,151	1,245	Recreation & Amenities	15,804	15,230	574	65,184
6,807	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	7,545
161,547	10,300	9,350	950	Total Expenses	31,559	29,907	1,652	142,776
162,636	10,776	10,788	12	Total Income	33,182	32,411	-771	131,509
161,547	10,300	9,350	950	Total Expenses	31,559	29,907	1,652	142,776
1,090	476	1,438	962	Income less expenses	1,623	2,504	881	-11,267
0	0	0	0	Transfer from Reserves	0	0	0	0
1,090	476	1,438	962	Net Surplus (deficit) for year	1,623	2,504	881	-11,267

Bank Reconciliation as at		30-Jun-15	
Bank:	Current a/c		£109,796.55
	Deposit a/c	£0.00	
	Deposit a/c	£52,463.70	
			£52,463.70
			£162,260.25
	Less u/p cheques and D/Ds:		
	5596 HALC	£84.00	
	5609 Vokes & Beck (not sent out)	£48.00	
	5637 Christopher Read	£32.33	
	5644 Co-Operative Bank	£75,000.00	
	5645 Co-Operative Bank	£25,000.00	
	5658 PCC of Kings Worthy	£375.00	
	5659 Asgard Secure Steel Storage	£349.00	
	5660 Taylor Made Planters Ltd	£717.60	
			£101,605.93
	Add u/p credits:		
			£0.00
			£60,654.32
	Current account as per NatWest bank		£109,796.55
	Less: unrepresented cheques		£101,605.93
	Add: unrepresented credits		
	Balance as per ledger		£8,190.62

Jackie's County Corner

Could you be a Food Waste Champion? Hampshire is looking for volunteers who will be trained to help residents to waste less food, by talks and demonstrations. Contact Zoe Cooke on 01962 832286 or Mike Culver on 01962 846764 for more details.

The Recycling Centres are now closing a bit earlier- from 9 to 6pm until the 30th September, then 9-4pm until the 1st March. Cutting back opening hours for all the recycling sites was a cost cutting measure, which was the better alternative to closing some completely. You can enter your postcode into the hants.gov.uk website for details of what can be recycled at your local site, or call the County Council's general number 0300 555 1375. I would be interested in your views about the changes in this service.

There is a new, **better way to report footpath defects** and 'overgrowth'. Just go online on the www.hants.gov.uk website as usual, but the pages are now different and inform the Countryside Rangers directly so response times should be faster.

Summer is the best time to do road repairs because the weather is better and tarmac will not adhere to damper surfaces. Road closures are inevitable, but residents report that some seem to go on for days longer than needed, and often there are days with no one on site. I am taking this up with HCC

Hitting the cold spots

Keeping your home warm and you and your family healthy can be expensive and sometimes difficult. Cold weather not only makes life uncomfortable but can also lead to serious health problems. HCC recognise that it can sometimes be difficult to know who to contact or where to begin – advice and support is available from HCC's dedicated Advice Line. Contact them on: **02380 336172** (* 9am-5pm, Mon – Fri) where your call will be answered by a member of our Hampshire-based, friendly and knowledgeable team from the Environment Centre. If you are aware of a family or individual who is struggling to keep warm and well then please contact HCC today. Hitting the Cold Spots is funded by Hampshire County Council.

Education is in the spotlight again as exam results are awaited this month. The County does not deliver post 16 education, but has a role to ensure there are enough places in the right location and the right subjects. Employment prospects can be reduced if the right subjects aren't on offer locally. This is being taken up as one aspect of the **Devolution challenge**. NHS, Rail, Police, Fire and Further Education want to be involved in Hants devolution proposals.

County Councillor Grants are a great way to try out something new in your community or give a boost to fundraising. It was great to be invited to an exciting 'Crate stacking' event at Pinsent with the Worthy Beavers who benefited from a grant to buy the equipment.

Highways: 14-15 highways maintenance budget was underspent by several million££'s. This is particularly frustrating, particularly as the money will be spent on the staff transformation programme, and not the roads. **Springvale 30:** approx. 180 responses, of which approx. 50 against. Decision likely at ETE decision day on 15th September. You are welcome to attend & speak

CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL 20th July 2013

Boundary Changes

The recommendations of the Electoral Commissions have been published and the number of members of Winchester City Council will be reduced to 45 members with 'all out' elections next May and then the electoral timing will revert to election by thirds. In the case of Kings Worthy Ward this will be a three member ward known as The Worthys, consisting of Kings Worthy, Headbourne Worthy (including in due course Barton Farm) and part of South Wonston Parish this is basically the housing attached to Worthy Down Camp. Planning permission has been granted for additional housing on the site that will house Soldiers and families re located from Germany. This will not alter any Parish Boundaries and have no impact on KWPC.

Silver Hill

At a full council meeting on 15th July that went well into the next the members voted with a large majority to approve the 2009 Scheme. By the time of the next meeting there will probably other developments.

River Park Leisure Centre

A presentation will be given on the 27th July 2015 by *RPT Consulting* to inform members on the findings from the recent financial options appraisal that they have undertaken on behalf of the City Council. The purpose of this will be to update the options and the funding implications and give information on the discussions with key stake holders. This will then be considered by cabinet in September.

Devolution

Members may have read in the local Press reports on the issue of Devolution in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Currently early discussions are taking place between the County and 11 District Councils together with Southampton and Portsmouth. The ultimate aim of this is to consider any possible economies and to offer better services to local people. At this stage it is worth keeping an eye on any recommendations that may result.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter