

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 May 2013
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Phil Allen, Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Stewart Newell, Malcolm Prince, Judith Steventon Baker, Martin Taylor and Denis Welstead [until 20.57]

WCC: Cllr Jane Rutter

Clerk: Colin Arnett

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PC/13/57 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hallisey & Reiners, HCC Cllr Jackie Porter and PCSO Chris Martin.

PC/13/58 Public Question Time

None

PC/13/59 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **Police** – No Report
- **County Councillor** – No further report since the recent report at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- **City Councillor** – Jane Rutter had only two items to report;

Cllr Robert Johnston is progressing well after major surgery and wished to thank all for their kind messages of support.

She shared with members a draft poster advertising the Worthys Festival.

- **School Governor** – No meetings to report
- **Community Led Planning Seminar** – Cllrs Newell & Allen had attended this event. The meeting was a useful one and they will circulate the notes in due course. **Action - Cllrs Newell & Allen**

- **Grounds Contractor** – Cllr White reported back on the review meeting with Green Smile. The contract is functioning well with particular attention being made to the pitch renovation work at Eversley Park.
- **Maintenance Technician** – Cllr White also reported back on the review meeting with Martyn Smith. The arrangements are again working well.
- **Street Lighting Replacement Programme** – Cllr White shared with members the proposals from the meeting with Julian Higgins [HCC].

The lamps in the conservation area were suggested to be replaced on a like for like basis with a lantern style for the two lights outside the church. A similar style for those lights attached to telegraph poles would not be possible due to the wiring positioning. Instead a different heritage style [Gladstone or Claremont for the attached lamps] was being proposed for standalone and attached lamps throughout the conservation area. The number of columns and the positioning of the lighting on Church Lane is to be reviewed.

The lamps in other parts of the parish will be replaced on a like for like basis and all throughout the parish will be of an eco-type which will be dimmed during the hours of midnight to 5am. Extra lights have been suggested for Springvale Road, particularly along the most heavily built section. Where additional lamps are installed there will be no capital cost implication for the PC, however we would be expected to cover the cost of maintenance at £35 per column. Although with the savings being made with low energy lighting and the proposed dimming, the Parish Council would not expect to incur any additional overall costs. The number of lighting columns on Lovedon Lane [particularly at the junction of Ramsay Road] are likely to be reduced, or the height of the columns lowered, as the provision is in excess of that recommended.

Cllr Taylor asked that the light on the B3047 in Abbots Worthy opposite the houses be shielded to prevent glare into the windows. Shields are to be made available where there is a problem, although these will be only for the front or rear of the light. It was suggested that parishioners wait until the new lights were erected as the different style, reduced energy and in particular dimming in the early hours may be all that is needed. Cllr Prince suggested that the replacement poles be no higher than the existing.

Cllr Newel asked if the current maintenance costs could be established. **Action – the clerk**

A further meeting is to be arranged.

- **Springvale Road Speed Limit** – Cllr White shared with members the outcome of the meeting with HCC. Those attending were disappointed with the outcome as HCC were unable to give an objective view. She outlined the history of the initiative for councillors and the public;

2010 – a petition had been received with some 400 signatures requesting a reduction to 30mph. There was some concern that multiple signatures from single households and some from out of the area may have been included.

- **Springvale Road Speed Limit cont.**

2010 – a survey was undertaken by the PC as part of our newsletter [asking for responses only from those who had not signed the petition]. 120 returns wished the current limit to stay and 12 were for a reduction to 30mph.

2010 – a traffic survey undertaken by HCC indicated an average speed in the mid-30's with a comment that the number of junctions onto Springvale Road would usually justify a limit of 30 mph. The number of accidents recorded over a 5 year period was 6.

2012 – HCC repeated their survey, speed similar, 5 year accident numbers down to 5.

The Parish Plan had indicated that 50% of respondents had concerns regarding the speed of traffic. The School Travel Plan in 2010 had highlighted a request from 12 parents for the speed to be reduced. Similar numbers were seen in the 2013 School Travel Plan survey

The options for members were; to do nothing; to request a traffic regulation order; to request that traffic calming measures be introduced; to undertake a further survey as evidence for HCC.

After a detailed discussion members decided by a majority to undertake a further survey of the whole of the parish, which would request the addresses or at least postcodes of those responding. It was agreed that HCC should be asked to assist with the wording and that this survey would be delivered as a separate document from the next newsletter in order to encourage as many as possible responses.

Action – Cllrs White, Gordon and Prince

- **Worthies Sports and Social Club** – Cllrs White and Prince had attended this liaison meeting. Topics discussed included; football, WYF Celebration Day, cricket nets; path; resurfacing the car park; provision of a grit bin; showers; ice-cream van.

It was suggested that a visiting ice-cream vendor should be asked to contribute a fee for using the PC grounds from which to sell. Cllr Prince suggested that the fee payable by an ice-cream vendor should be discussed further by the Finance Committee. **Action – the clerk**

Cllr Steventon Baker had received a complaint regarding bird's nests being destroyed with the part removal of the hedge for the new path at Eversley Park. The concern would be highlighted with the contractor in order to avoid any further problems. **Action – the clerk**

PC/13/60 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15 April 2013

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

PC/13/61 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 April 2013

- **PC/13/46 Parish Plan Youth Meeting** – no progress to date. Cllr White and possibly Cllrs Hallisey and Reiners would be attending a youth work training day next month.
- **PC/13/46 Dog Fouling** – Cllr White reported on the progress of the new signage and stencils for highlighting deposits on pavements and grass.
- **PC/13/47 Tesco Garages** – Cllr Gordon reported that slow progress is being made on the repairs, however these were time limited and court action would be taken if necessary. White lines in the car park needed the permission of the owner. Tesco are looking to increase the food storage area after complaints regarding the storage of containers.
- **PC/13/47 B3047/A33 Junction** – Cllr Gordon in response to a query from Cllr Taylor agreed to chase HCC regarding the removal of the hut at this junction.
Action – Cllr Gordon

PC/13/62 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 30 April 2013

Cllr Gordon presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- **Proposals for Hookpit Farm Lane** – Representatives from Drew Smith and Quayside Architects had outlined the possible provision of up to 140 properties on the remainder of the available land at Hookpit Farm Lane. It was explained that the land is part of a Rural Exception site and the type and amount of housing would be dependent on any agreement to extend the settlement boundary.

Their presentation included a traffic assessment and the delivery of affordable housing with Code Level 5 requirements. A formal planning application is shortly be submitted to WCC. Cllr Gordon indicated that he hoped to arrange a public meeting as part of the consultation.

- **Churchill Close** – the refuse collection vehicles are not adhering to the conditions set out in the planning application. Cllr Steventon Baker is monitoring the situation.
- **37 Ramsay Road** – WCC have yet to approve the retrospective planning application.
- **HCC Redesign A33/B3047 Junction** – Members had expressed their concerns regarding the lack of funding for this project and recommended that the resources be concentrated on the B3047/A33/London Road junction and not the Lovedon

Lane/Park Lane junction. A meeting concerning this is to be held with HCC Officers.

- **Planning Applications**- Members had considered applications for properties in Vian Place, Legion Lane, The Pastures, Springvale Road, Springvale Ave, Firs Crescent, Boyne Mead Road, Gillingham Close and Campion Way. Additionally members considered the plans for the additional classrooms at KW Primary School.
- **41 Ramsay Road** – Cllr Gordon outline the challenge by the owner to part of Lower Broadview. Members agreed that it should be referred to the owner's solicitor to take to HM Land Registry.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 2 May 2013

Cllr White gave a dashboard presentation to members

- **Tubbs Hall Flowerbed** – Members approved an estimated sum of up to £10,000 for the new flowerbed. The clerk was asked to initiate the tender process and bid for S106 Funding. **Action – the clerk**
- **Signs** – Members ratified the expenditure of £400 for dog fouling signs and £500 for byelaw signs.
- **Logo** – Members ratified the expenditure of £120 on formally updating our logo to incorporate Abbots Worthy.
- **Replacement Bollards** – Members agreed to the suggestion of a gradual replacement programme of the various wooden bollards rather than one by one in order to reduce costs, Cllr Gordon suggested that scalplings be laid at the base of the bollards to improve drainage to delay rotting. **Action – the clerk**

Finance Committee – 15 May 2013

Cllr Prince updated members on the end of year financial position. A surplus of some £7,800 had been achieved which members agreed to submit to the internal auditor. This will be offset but the deficit in the 2013-14 budget.

A grant of £23K had been received from HCC for the path at Eversley Park

The balance of our S106 monies held by WCC had been reduced by some £6K due to an accounting error where it should have been placed under Headbourne Worthy PC. Members agreed that we should seek a significant contribution from Headbourne Worthy PC's S106 monies for projects from which their parishioners would benefit.

PC/13/63 Core Strategy [Local Plan Part 2]

A further meeting had been arranged with representatives from the WCC Planning Department.

PC/13/64 Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Risk Management

Cllr White outlined the minor amendments which had been suggested and were approved by members.

Members agreed to the change to Para' 1.2 in the Financial Regulations whereby the RFO shall be the clerk or deputy clerk and confirmed Adrian Reeves, the deputy clerk, to take that position from the 1 April 2013.

Members agreed that the terms of reference for each committee should be completed as soon as possible.

PC/13/65 Communications

The monthly communications team for this quarter are Cllrs Prince, Newell and Steventon Baker. It was suggested that the review of the dog bins and the renovations to the football pitches be included within the next bulletin.

The next edition of the newsletter is due for publication at the end of August 2013 and will be a joint delivery with the Worthy's Festival.

Members agreed that the new format for the Annual Parish Meeting went well although there was some disappointment that more parishioners did not attend. However it was an important forum to pass the message onto parishioners.

Facebook was now underway and Cllr White agreed to circulate the page details to councillors. Members agreed that this should be highlighted in the next communications bulletin. **Action – Cllr White**

PC/13/66 Action Listing

Members agreed that the action listing was helpful. Cllr White is to circulate a monthly listing for the PC and sub-committee chairs were requested to do the same for their meetings. **Action – Cllr White/Committee Chairs**

Cllr Gordon suggested a revised format for the minutes with an action column and agreed to design a template for consideration. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

PC/13/67 Clerk's Notices

Fryers Close Play Area – Cllr Allen ask the clerk to chase WCC for a response on the commuted sum from the developer for the maintenance of this area. **Action – the clerk**

PC/13/68 Chairman's Notices

- **Burial Ground** – Cllr White shared with members the wish from the clerk that he be buried at Lovedon Lane. Although he resided outside of the village, he

considered that he is an adopted son due to his length of service as a clerk.
Members unanimously approved the request.

- **Vote of Thanks** – Cllr White thanked members for their support during the past year. Cllr Gordon proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr White for her role as chairman.

PC/13/69 Items for Discussion at Next Meeting

None

PC/13/70 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 17 June 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.22pm.

Signed

Dated