

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2012
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman]; Ian Gordon [Vice-Chairman] [left at 10.33pm] Bob Barnes, Mandy Hallisey, Malcolm Prince, Kerstin Reiners, Rosemary Sign, Judith Steventon Baker and Martin Taylor.

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston

Clerk; Colin Arnett

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PC/12/69 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bohle & Welstead and PCSO Kerry Croutear.

PC/12/70 Public Question Time

None

PC/12/71 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **Police** – a report had been circulated to members [copy attached].

It had been suggested that a sonic deterrent be installed outside the KWCC to deter youths from congregating, however with the children's playground being in the vicinity this was not considered feasible. WSSC had highlighted problems with youths and litter at the recent liaison meeting. It was agreed that ongoing youth issues would be discussed at the next quarterly meeting with the police and their advice sought.

- **County Councillor** – no report had been received since the APM.
- **City Councillor** – Robert Johnston presented a report on behalf of himself and Jane Rutter [copy attached].
 - He added to his report on the Top Field project and the implications for additional social housing. He also informed councillors of the need to be cautious in accepting any land at this site. To upgrade the site could use any S106 monies received and more.

PC/12/71 Reports from Police/County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors cont.

○ **City Councillor cont.**

- His report also detailed the results of the survey undertaken as part of the recent election. It was interesting to note that the results mirrored that of the parish plan.

School Governor – Cllr Gordon reported on the addition of two [initially temporary] classrooms which would increase the annual intake to 60 pupils and the school register to 420 pupils.

WSSC – Cllrs White and Prince had attended a liaison meeting. Membership had increased to some 500 members with 90% coming from Kings Worthy as a result of promoting family friendly initiatives. The toilets and changing rooms had been improved which the PC had given a grant towards. Although access will be restricted to the outside toilets to avoid vandalism, the public would be welcome to use the facilities inside the club. The plan is to improve the front of house

Concern was expressed with regard to the pot-holes at the entrance to the car park. Members approved a quotation from WCC of £420 to undertake the necessary repairs.

Police Partnership – Cllr Gordon had attended the recent meeting with senior officers. They emphasised the need to recruit volunteers if parishes were looking to introduce speed-watch. An outline of the success of the scheme was given by representatives from Bishops Waltham. Parking issues were raised and officers updated the meeting on new powers to move travellers on from various sites. Officers also updated the meeting on the proactive arrangements being used to track down metal theft.

PC/12/72 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16 April 2012

The minutes were agreed as a true record with one amendment – PC/12/58 Para' 2 Delete "lead" – add "leads" and were signed by Cllr White.

PC12/73 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 16 April 2012

- **PC/12/55 - Street Lighting** – Cllr Gordon indicated that the new street lighting should be an improvement as the upgrades will be to the relevant British Standard. He also reported that the new white light would make areas safer as people would be able to see anyone around more clearly as well as being able to see colours.
- **Evening Bus Service** – Cllr Gordon suggested that we discuss with other parishes the option of funding the services ourselves. Members agreed that this should be referred to the P & H Committee as a project for the Autumn.
- **Tesco Garages** – Cllr Gordon is chasing WCC for a site meeting.

PC12/73 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 16 April 2012 cont.

- **Scottish and Southern Energy** – Members agreed that the presentation day on the 11 May 2012 was excellent. The clerk was asked to circulate the website link to all councillors. **Action – the clerk**

Cllrs Barnes, Hallisey, Gordon and Steventon Baker expressed an interest in visiting the Portsmouth Control Centre. **Action – the clerk**

Cllr Gordon agreed to co-ordinate the community day. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

Cllr Steventon Baker agreed to co-ordinate the listing of persons requiring a priority service. **Action - Cllr Steventon Baker**

Members agreed that an article should be included in the next edition of the newsletter and consideration be given to projects for funding.

PC12/73 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 16 April 2012 cont.

- **Dog Fouling** – Members agreed that the initiative had been successful and had highlighted the need to generate a good image within the village. Cllrs Sign and Steventon Baker are continuing to use the spray in their locality.
- **Byelaws** –the consultation period on the new byelaws is to end on the 16 May 2012.

PC/12/74 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

- **Planning and Highways Committee 24 April 2012**

Cllr Gordon gave a dashboard presentation on the screen on the position of applications received and their progress with WCC.

A petition had been received from residents in Willis Waye with regard to the new residents from The Dell speeding in the area. The petition had requested that the speed limit to be lowered to 20mph together with other improvements. He also advised members that a copy of the petition had been forwarded to HCC and acknowledged by Cllr Thornbar.

An amendment to the development at Red Marley, Nations Hill had been considered by members. The lack of a highways report with the initial application had led to members requesting that it be viewed by the WCC Development Control Committee as the removal of the garage facility would have implications on the site parking arrangements.

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 3 May 2012

Cllr White gave a dashboard presentation on the screen.

These included project updates on the Children's Playground at Fraser Road, and the Eversley Park Cricket Nets and Path.

The advertisement for the maintenance operative had been placed on our notice boards and the local shops.

o Finance Committee 16 May 2012

Cllr Prince gave a dashboard presentation on the screen for the year end accounts at 31 March 2012 and the income and expenditure for April 2012.

The end of year accounts showed a small surplus of £1013. Members wish to formally record their thanks to Cllr Prince and the deputy clerk.

The expenditure for April amounted to £6,122.58

PC/12/75 Annual Parish Meeting

Members agreed that the meeting on the 14 May 2012 was the most successful to date. The following improvements were suggested;

- o Refreshments be served from 7 – 7.30pm
- o Speakers use a PA system
- o Community Associations be given a display area
- o One system for presentations with one operator
- o No main speaker

PC/12/76 Land at Hookpit Farm Lane

Cllr Gordon shared with members the outcome of the meeting with WCC, whereby they will identify in outline usage of different areas with the developer and come back to us.

PC/12/77 Olympic 2012 Torch Relay

Cllr Prince updated members on the progress to date. Cllr Reiners has now joined the project group with responsibility for communications. A flyer is being prepared for distribution to each household within the village.

PC/12/78 Queens Jubilee Celebrations

The initial results of the public consultation on the location for the obelisk show an equal majority tied vote for the KWCC and the King Charles PH. Cllr Sign had established that the land outside of the King Charles PH was common land.

PC/12/78 Queens Jubilee Celebrations cont.

Cllrs White and Steventon Baker agreed to hold another session at Tesco Express. Further consultation will take place at the Pimms stall at the Jubilee event on bank holiday Monday.

Members were asked to volunteer for the rota to man the stall. Cllr Sign agreed to prepare the fruit in advance. It was agreed that any profit should be set against the cost of the obelisk. The clerk was asked to check the procedure with HALC.

Action – the clerk

The granite for the obelisk was still in transit and unlikely to be installed for the Queens Jubilee. Cllr White agreed to circulate the proposed wording. **Action – Cllr White**

PC/12/79 Keep Britain Tidy “Love where you Live” campaign

Members agreed that the current initiatives on litter, dog fouling etc were a more than adequate response to this campaign.

PC/12/80 Community Communications

This quarter's communications team is Cllrs Prince, Hallisey and Taylor.

Website

Cllr White updated members on the progress by the project team. Claire Welland is arranging for the domain name to be transferred.

Derek Brockway is arranging for details of the village walks to be included on the new website.

Cllr Reiners gave a presentation on a new email strategy whereby messages would be cascaded to lists of contacts. She also outlined the use of Twitter and Facebook, together with automated email responses.

Members agreed to the policy of cascading emails, but suggested that the other initiatives be deferred until later in the year.

PC/12/81 Inter-council communications

All agreed that the new dashboard presentations were of value and should continue, but not be published.

PC/12/82 Deputy Clerks Hours

Members agreed to increase the Deputy Clerk's contracted hours of employment from 15 hours to 18 Hours per week to provide for bookkeeping duties. The additional hours worked will be included for the purposes of the HCC pension Scheme. Adrian Reeves' increased hours are backdated to 1 April 2012.

PC/12/83 Clerk's Notices

None

PC/12/84 Chairman's Notices

None

PC/12/85 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 on the 18 July 2012.

The meeting closed at 10.36pm.

Signed

Dated