

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28th April 2014
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman], Phil Allen, Bob Barnes,
Stewart Newell, Judith Steventon Baker, Denis Welstead.

WCC: Cllr Robert Johnston

HCC: Cllr Jackie Porter

Clerks: Adrian Reeves
Chris Read

Public: 2

PC/14/39 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorrie Hudson, Malcolm Prince and Martin Taylor.

PC/14/40 Local Plan Part 2

Cllr White briefed the meeting on the numbers of properties required and it was stated that after taking into account those possible within the settlement boundary 22 properties were still needed, which would have to be built outside of the settlement boundary. Six areas had been put forward for consideration by their respective owners to Winchester City over recent years. This list of six was filtered down to 3 due to issues with distance from the settlement centre, an ancient monument site and flooding. The 3 remaining sites are:

- Lovedon Lane Site
- Land off Hookpit Farm Lane (also known as Top Field)
- Site of the old Kings Worthy House

The suggestion was to allow building of 25-50 properties and to make use of the rest of the site for recreational open space. Four public consultations on Local Plan Part 2 were held to ascertain public opinion. 120 completed consultation forms were received and some standalone letters. There were concerns about some of the questions but these were generally about facts rather than opinions. The results of the consultation were analysed by Winchester City Council (WCC) and ordered by importance of criteria. All but one of the criteria favoured the Lovedon Lane site.

Initially the Lovedon Lane site developer put forward only part of their site which involved the building of only 30 properties and provision of a very small recreation area. WCC and the Parish Council went back to the developer and looked at 50 homes being built, 40% of them being affordable, as has been stipulated all along, but with the whole of the rest of the site being given over to recreation for the parish. Cllr Steventon-Baker questioned whether or not the 40% affordable housing would be allocated from WCC's joint housing list and it was confirmed that this would be the case, but that this detail is for discussion at a later date. It was agreed to refer this question to the May Planning & Highways meeting, to ascertain the rental proportion of the affordable housing element in all recently built areas. **Action – Cllr Gordon**

A vote was held regarding the sub-group's recommendation to go ahead with the Lovedon Lane site (site 365) as the Parish Council's choice, with the proviso that the recreational area goes toward retaining the strategic gap. Councillors were unanimous in their agreement with this proposal. The owners of the Lovedon Lane site are keen to hold further public consultation, along with the Parish Council, on the design and style of the housing as well as the type of community facilities. The Parish Council agreed to inform WCC that the Parish Council support the choice of the Lovedon Lane site (site 365). **Action – Cllr White**

(1 member of the public left at this point)

PC/14/41 Public Question Time

None.

PC/14/42 Timing of Annual General Meeting

The new parish council will take effect from the 26th May 2014, and the Annual General Meeting needs to be after this date. It was agreed that the Parish Council meeting on the 19th May will be an ordinary meeting and that the Annual General Meeting will move to the 2nd June at 19:30. The Annual Parish Meeting will stay as it is, on the 12th May. Planning and Highways committee meeting will move to Tuesday 20th May, in order that it is before the current council is dissolved.

PC/14/43 Report from Police

Please see Police Report attached.

PC/14/44 Stagecoach

The chairman welcomed Martin Gibbons, Winchester Operations Manager for Stagecoach who had taken up post last September. The success of the new 15 minute service was congratulated. Councillors commented that they were impressed that notices regarding rerouting had gone up very quickly during the flooding, although some elderly residents found it difficult to catch the bus.

Mr. Gibbons reported that Stagecoach currently received less complaints about The Spring than any other services. Councillors commented that moving the bus stop, supposedly because of congestion, from the Bus Station out onto the Broadway had made things difficult for elderly people travelling onward to the Friarsgate G.P. Practice in Weeke. It was discussed that the Parish Council should write to Friarsgate asking for longer morning surgeries to take into account the longer time taken to get to Friarsgate and asking for retention of the daily morning service in Kings Worthy which appeared to be reduced in frequency. **Action - Cllr White**

It was noted that The Spring was only subsidised after 19.30 and that this subsidy could be reduced by Hampshire County Council (HCC). If passenger numbers continue to increase then this may lead to further service improvement but if the subsidy is cut there could be reductions in the frequency of the evening service.

(Trainee Clerk arrived; Martin Gibbons and Cllr Allen left at this point)

PC/14/45 Reports from County Councillor/City Councillor/School Governor/Parish Councillors

- **City Councillor** - please see copy attached. It was noted that Winchester City Council is holding a flooding workshop this week, on the 30th April, so nothing to add on that subject. It was noted that we need to watch for the ward consultation which is to take place around July.

The issue around Top Field is also not dead and will need to be watched.

Cllr White has contacted Andy Smith regarding updates on the 30mph speed limit on Springvale Road and it was noted that this is now a HCC issue.

(Robert Johnston left the meeting at this point)

- **County Councillor** – see copy of report attached. Cllr Porter highlighted that the public transport consultation continues until 31st May and that Cllrs are urged to respond to this; nine o'clock start for bus pass users is crucial.

Some Kings Worthy children have not got places at Kings Worthy Primary School.

It was noted that during the flooding some people had purchased their own sandbags and that there had been some confusion over who could use council supplied sandbags. Blocked gulleys also need to be reported so that they could be dealt with.

- **South Downs National Park**– A feasibility study for opening up the old railway route from Alresford to Kings Worthy was being considered.
- **External Meetings** – [copy attached]. (draft- to be added later) Cllrs Barnes and Newell attended a meeting on public transport. HCC are facing an overall £93 million shortfall by 2015-16. At present bus services after 19:30 are subsidised by HCC. It was noted that a change is to be made to the subsidised services for bus

pass holders, moving the start time for free travel to 09:30. Mervyn's coach services are supported by HCC for 1½ of the 3 days it runs. It was agreed that the Parish Council are to respond to HCC as a group (Planning and Highways to consult). **Action – Planning & Highways**

- **School Governors Report** – No report received. It was noted that the outdoor space has been really improved.

(One member of the public left the meeting)

PC/14/46 Twitter/Email Cascade – [copy attached].

- The Trainee Clerk showed a presentation by Cllr Reiners on Twitter and Email Cascades. The recommendation is to set up and test a Mail Chimp account. It was agreed to put a request for views on email cascade distribution methods and experience of Twitter on to Hampshire Association of Local Council's round robin to gauge experience of other councils. **Action – Clerk**

The Trainee Clerk was congratulated as this was his first presentation to the council.

PC/14/47 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17 February 2014

It was agreed that the minutes be amended to add Cllr Steventon-Baker to the apologies.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

PC/14/48 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17 February 2014

- **PC/14/16 Springvale Road (TRO)** – After the latest speed check survey, this will go ahead in 3 to 4 months' time.
- **PC/14/21 Redecoration of the Office and Meeting Room** – It was noted that two expressions of interest had been received. Quotes are to be sent out to the two interested parties for redecoration with magnolia walls, white ceilings and white woodwork. **Action - Clerk**
- **P/14/39 Streetlights** – HCC will deal with issues when they arise. Quite a few people had come into the office with complimentary comments regarding the new lights.
- **F/14/70 Digital Mapping Software** – It was agreed that this is to be discussed in detail in Recreation & Amenities and Planning & Highways committees in the coming months.
- **PC/14/33 Parish Plan** – Cycle paths are to be discussed in June meetings.

Kerriann Mclackland has emailed back and stated that no land will be available for allotments from recent farmland sale. Councillors asked that if the land was available for housing (this area had been put forward as a potential building site for LPP2) why not then allotments. **Action – the clerk to challenge this assertion**

Springvale stores parking Following discussion with Fraser Road residents, a letter is to be sent to City Councillors that the Parish Council wish to hold a joint meeting with them and the residents regarding parking in the area generally; a letter is to be written letter to City Councillors conveying this. **Action – Clerk.** It was agreed to check with Mark Halsley from HCC regarding the ownership of the Springvale Stores carpark. **Action- Cllr Gordon.**

(Cllr Steventon-Baker left at this point)

PC/14/49 To receive the Minutes of the Sub-Committees:

The Minutes of the following Committees were received and discussed.

Planning and Highways Committee – 25 March 2014

Cllr White presented the minutes and highlighted the following;

- Request for Parish Council support from a parishioner re Hyde Homes' properties at land off Hookpit Farm Lane. It was discussed that individual cases were not the remit of the Parish council, but that confirming that Winchester City and the Housing Associations were following the priorities laid out in the covenant was.
- St Mary's Close
- Planning application for Woodstock, Mortimer Close
- Flooding
- Tudor Cottage planning application has been withdrawn.
- B3047/A33 Junction - chase up HCC Highways
- Planning Applications

Recreation and Amenities Committee – 3 April 2014

Cllr Newell presented the draft minutes and specifically highlighted;

- Follow up on use of motorcycles on Top Field
- Ice cream van at Eversley Park during Easter holidays – this appeared not to have happened and needed to be followed up with the supplier.
- S106 Monies
- Spray paint for dog faeces - hair spray paint to be ordered as this seemed to be the best as far as short term washing away was concerned
- Eversley Park Car park - devolvement to R&A to decide on the specific contractor and the specifics of the project was unanimously agreed

- Sundial is now in position
- Green Smile quote accepted for grassing outside Tubbs Hall (with poppies)
- Professional company for Petting Farm
- Pony Rides
- WSSC boundary has now been marked out by a local professional surveyor – awaiting signing of document between WSSC and the Parish Council

Finance Committee – 23 April 2014

Cllr White presented the draft minutes, that had not yet been approved by Cllr Prince, and specifically highlighted;

- **Grants –**

1. **Worthies History Group** - a grant for 2 history boards developed by the Kings Worthy History Group was favoured with the following restrictions –
 - i) Instead of the monies going to the Local History Group, the parish council are to procure the signs on behalf of the group.
 - ii) The location will need to be agreed with the Parish Council.
 - iii) The Kings Worthy Parish Council logo is to be incorporated into the boards.

All were in agreement with this proposal

2. **War Memorial** – a £270 grant had been received from the War Memorials Trust.

Confidential minute – see separate sheet

PC/14/50 Flooding

Please see copy attached below. Cllr White highlighted the survey. The survey has so far gathered 75 responses (50% paper / 50% survey monkey). Cllr White went through slides from her presentation on flooding. It was noted there was no great interest in a public forum or meeting. It was agreed to include the subject at the Annual Parish Meeting and to specifically invite those who had requested a forum. It was also noted that although there had been a huge flurry of activity on Facebook during the flooding that most survey respondents had favoured communication via newsletters, noticeboards and email rather than social media – all forms of communication to be pursued, but preserving older methods as well as electronic versions

PC/14/51 Annual Parish Meeting

The following items were agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting:

- A brief flooding item
- A small presentation from local organisations on the display boards
- Drinks and Nibbles
- Invites to be sent as previous year to local groups by email

It was noted that Cllr Porter kindly offered to provide a projector and screen for APM.

PC/14/52 Fete

The Fete is to be held on 26th May; the Parish Council are to again run a Pimms stall until 8pm. Cllr Newell made his apologies as he will be away on this date. A drink licence is being obtained by the church. Cllr White will prepare a councillors' rota for this. **Action – Cllr White**

PC/14/53 Communications – The groups were not working as well as previously. It was agreed to wait until the new council is in place to review the best process for maintaining regular public communications.

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 clerk's remuneration and terms and conditions. The clerk also left the meeting.

PC/14/54 Clerk's Notices

None.

(Jackie Porter left the meeting at this point)

PC/14/55 Chairman's Notices –

- **Quiz** – For the end of electoral term celebration it was agreed to attend the Curry/Quiz night at the Kings Charles Pub. Past councillors and clerks since the 2010 elections are to be invited but not partners on this occasion.

PC/14/56 Items for the Next Meeting

None

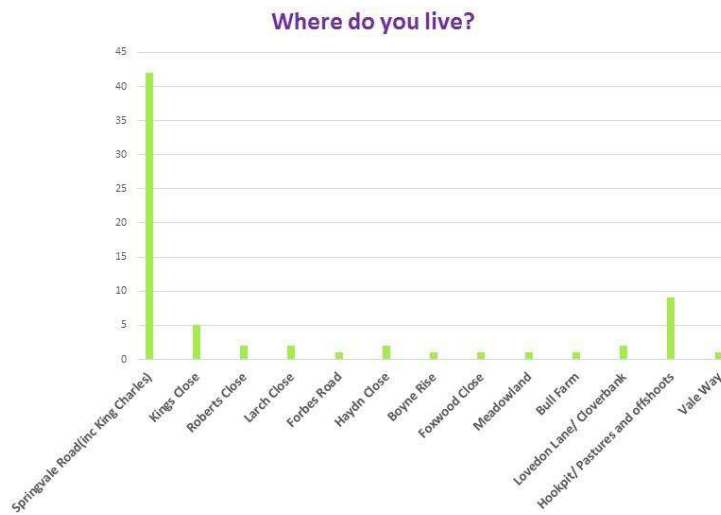
PC//14/57 The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 19th May 2014.

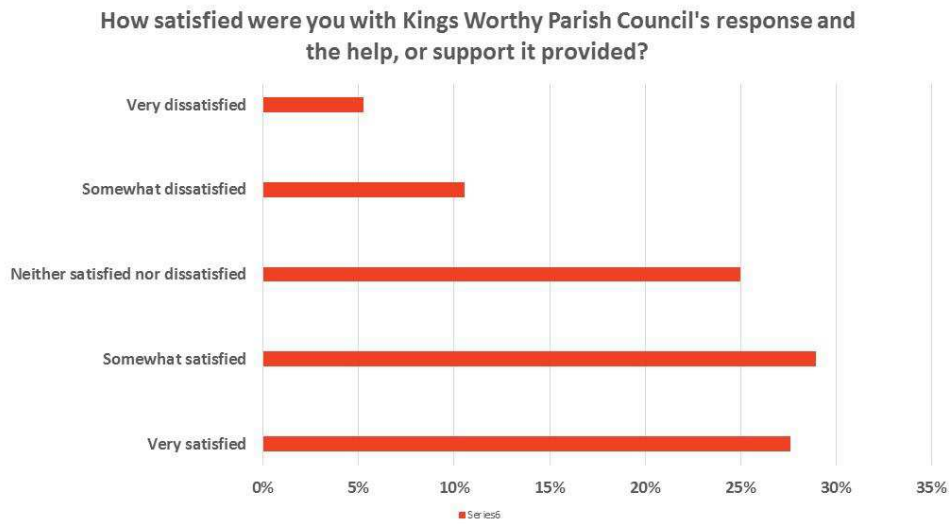
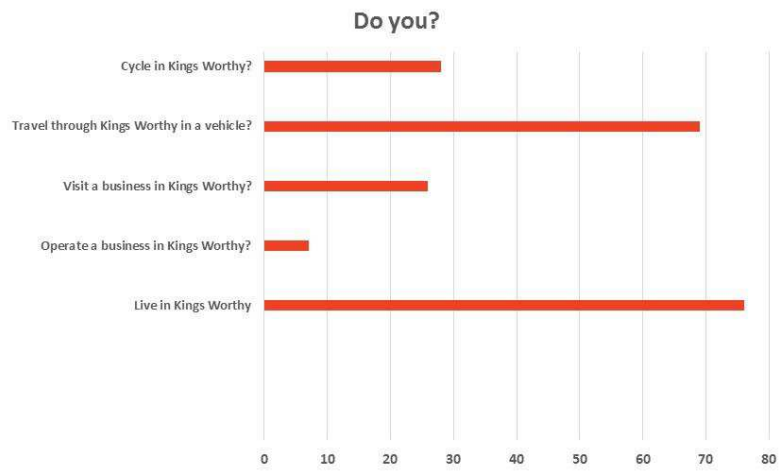
The meeting closed at 10.53pm

Confidential minute

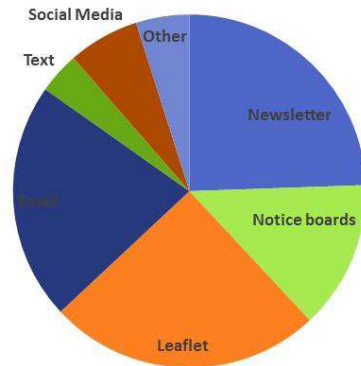
- The Clerk, Adrian Reeves has been offered the post of clerk for Headbourne Worthy Parish Council. Finance committee suggested that this would be acceptable on condition that KWPC premises and intellectual property is not used for HWPC purposes. All councillors were in agreement with this
- **Pay Increase** – Finance committee proposed a cost of living pay increase of 1% from the 1st May. It was also agreed that when the Clerk is on holiday; the Trainee Clerk is to receive an extra £50 per week for the extra responsibilities. Parish Council were in full agreement to this

Post Flooding Survey Kings Worthy Spring 2014

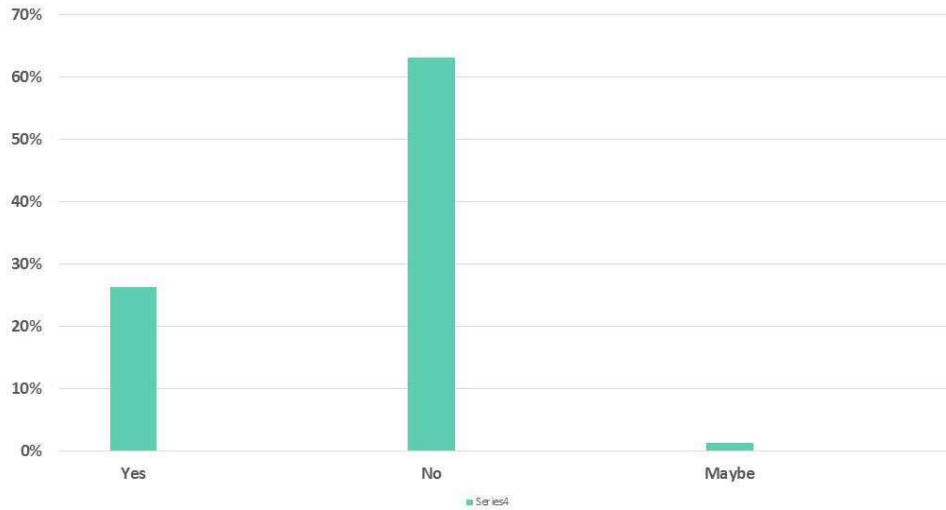




By which means do you receive, or would like to receive, general information and/or flood alerts from your Parish Council?



Would you be interested in attending a public forum on flooding?



Other Points

Sewage issues

Several households along Springvale could not use their downstairs toilets, or washing machines - the wording of this survey may not prompt this information x3

Building has covered many known springs in the area.

Interest in hearing about improvements/preventative measures

I would like to have information about the possible improvements that could be made. To have experts in this fields inform us of the options for improved management, drainage, prevention for future episodes.

Rather than being alerted to flood risk, we would prefer to hear that steps are being taken to prevent a recurrence

Drain/gulley clearing

No need for a public forum

I went to a public forum last time round but did not find it useful, especially as any progress made then was soon dissipated eg keeping the ditches and gullies clear.

Prefer to notify views and /or praise and criticism by mail in writing



Winchester Rural North SNT – Kingsworthy Crime Statistics

For the period 24/02/14 until 25/04/14
Prepared by PCSO 13466 Kerry Croutear

Please note, mental health concerns, neighbour disputes, harassment, and similar offences are not included on this report, Therefore, if you compare the figures to those on Crime Reports they may differ.

<https://www.crimereports.co.uk/>

3 x Reports of cars splashing pedestrians during the floods. (26/2, 3/3 & 11/3)

5th March – report of a lawnmower and leaf blower being taken from a gardeners van outside an address in Church Lane.

6 x reports of nuisance bikes on the field and old railway line off Hookpit Farm Lane (7/3, 14/3, 20/3, 24/3, 28/3, 31/3). A bike was seized from a local youth on 15th April, in the nearby area.

26th March – Report of nuisance youths jumping through gardens, no trace of youths on Police arrival.

29th March – Report of nuisance youths climbing scaffolding.

9th April – Report of cold callers knocking door to door selling items. No trace of male on Police search of the area.

We are working hard with local NHW members and Margaret Filley to increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) within the Kingsworthy area, we are actively recruiting new co-ordinators, please contact me if you know of any residents who maybe interested in becoming a co-ordinator. In addition to this we have received a grant from Councillor Jackie Porter to purchase NHW leaflets, which will be distributed throughout the area.

Continued parking issues at Kingsworthy School, double yellow lines have now been put in place in Hinton Fields, which hopefully will help alleviate some of the issues.

Thank you to all who helped local residents and ourselves during the floods.

Our Twitter account is now set up: <https://twitter.com/WinchRuralCops>

Any queries or questions please contact me:

PCSO 13466 Croutear, Mobile: 07901 102445

Winchester Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team, Alresford Police Office 101

CITY COUNCILLORS REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL 28th April 2014

FLOODING

Jane was concerned that there was no flood Clinic arranged for the Worthys (as it turns out due to a breakdown in communication with the City Council). She has now organised a flood clinic for Wednesday 30th April which will be held here in the Tubbs Hall meeting room which will be staffed by City Council and CAB staff, and has been agreed by both Parish Councils. It will be advertised with posters which WCC are providing, in the Headbourne Worthy current newsletter, and on the community website.

MAYORS AWARDS

The Mayors awards were held on the 18th March when Alec Fry, Colin Arnett, Eric Norgbey and the Worthy Players were presented with their awards. Eric and Rose Norgbey added colour to the event by coming in Ghana national dress.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

At a recent council meeting the council voted to retain the existing voting cycle of thirds this will involve the reduction of city council members to about 42 members and result in 3 member wards covering large wards. From now on the Boundary Commission will make the final decision, it is worth noting that at the last boundary change the Sparsholt and Headbourne Worthy ward was created, as up to then Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy were one ward. The Parish Council may wish to make representations on the current boundary although this is not part of the remit of the Boundary Commission..

GEISSEN PARTNERSHIP

Robert returned from Giessen after the opening of the Giessen Landegatenschau when Mayor of Winchester and Burgermeister Graber Bolz planted a commemorative tree at the opening of a Garden Festival. A concert will be held in June when an Orchestra made up of players from Geissen and a group from the Winchester Chamber Orchestra together with players from the other Partner Cities throughout Europe and beyond.

TOP FIELD

We note the recommendations as to the site in Lovedon Lane for development. . Members may have seen the email from the owners of the Top Field site and it is worth noting that although an application has been made for the remaining area to be designated a Village Green this may or may not be granted. The status will left in Limbo for several years currently the land is designated as agricultural land and could be sold and used for other purposes by a new owner. Similar situations exist in the South of the district and remain unresolved after sixteen years.

BARTON FARM FULL PERMISSION

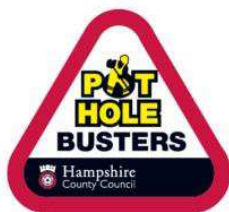
At a recent planning meeting the first two phases of Barton Farm were formally granted Full Planning Permission this will involve two phases the first at the south of the site the second to the North and the construction of the new road. This will result in 423 dwellings work will commence in the summer.

30MPH FOR SPRINGVALE ROAD

The speed checks necessary on Springvale Road before the County can proceed to the next stage of formal consultation have been delayed due to the flooding.

Robert Johnston and Jane Rutter

County Councillor's Report for MARCH 2014



Flooding has been at the top of the agenda this month.

On 4th /5th March, I have attended/held meetings, including at KW, to look at issues going forward for flood mitigation across the area, in response to my formal request for Govt/EU funding through the Government scheme. Linda Tartaglia-Kershaw attended from HCC. She is an experienced engineer who is leading the HCC bid. The issues in both parishes are different but linked. A list was drawn up which relate to the capacity of ditches and culverts, water levels across the beds and management of water courses which come up every year (although worse this year.)

The meetings were useful- but where the needs are clear, I will continue to push for pipes and gullies, rather than more meetings and more planning! It is unlikely that properties not flooded but where sewage systems were overwhelmed will get sums of money attached to them by WCC: the schemes are described on my website, and WCC residents will be informed.

Mending potholes and clearing up sandbags are the next priority for the Highways Teams.

To have any chance of success in our aim to mitigate flooding, and to help Parishes where flooding or another emergency might take place, we agreed that **Flood Reports and Flood Plans should be compiled** for each Parish. This can be led by either an interested resident or a member or clerk of the Parish Council (or both!). These reports should describe impact on individuals, vulnerability of residents involved, and severity of flooding. I have placed links to possible compensation packages on my website www.jackieporter.co.uk

Waste/Recycling Centres are under scrutiny with a view to reducing their cost by at least £1million. As Councillors we rejected the proposal to close any of the sites, and did not like the idea of stopping early evenings entirely. There is a consultation which can be viewed later this month, go to: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/waste-recycling.htm> *The main options are to reduce hours of opening*, and to formalise the income stream from the recycled goods area, and allow small businesses to use the sites for a fee. They also propose to charge for asbestos waste. Please respond as a Parish and as individuals.

Broadband. You will have received notice of a Parish Broadband Awareness event on 1st April and there will be the mobile demonstration van there to see the system for yourselves. I urge you to attend if you can. At the Business Broadband meeting last week, upload speed was an issue for businesses. The County has contracts in place to extend the delivery of Superfast Broadband (>24Mbps) to 90% (ie 59000 households) of Hampshire by 2015, and is currently negotiating a contract for the 90-95% range by 2017. 80% of the 90% will have speeds of 50Mbps or more. The map showing grey (commercial) green (90% by end 2015) and yellow (the last 10%) is on the HCC website. This affects the further reaches of the parish. Residents are still frustrated that they don't know how it will affect them, and so from April '14, HCC hope to have a postcode checker on the site too. This will enable communities to really know the position so they can make choices.

Kings Worthy Primary School: despite the poor weather they are only about a week behind schedule. The children are being introduced to the job role and are fascinated by the tractors! Meanwhile, I am trying to get HCC to improve the Nations Hill/ Recreation Ground path once and for all, and have raised it with County estates. This would improve the route significantly for Worthys residents.

The 67 bus will cease being run by Purple Velvet, but following my query to them, I now know that what the County is intending to do to continue the service. HCC are contracting for the period 5th May to September with a view to re-tendering for the service. As the SDNP wants to trial a Sunday service, I hope that HCC can combine these two plans to make a seven day service from September.

The A33 junction: Dan Conroy, local resident, has met with HCC and a new design has been drawn up to give better visibility for right-turners. This is being drawn up for consultation with KWPC etc, hopefully within next month.

Church Lane priority is currently drawn up in two forms and is now with Safety engineering teams for assessment.

County Councillor Grants are now closed until June 1st.

As you know, the Hospital has proposals for a Trauma unit. The statutory consultation has just finished but I am in conversation with the Trust on this. Essentially, the choice is between Winchester and Basingstoke- or at Basingstoke. I would be pleased to hear views from all Parishes; I will talk about this again next month.

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