

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15 February 2016 at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present:	Chair of the meeting:	Martin Taylor
	Councillors:	Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson, Noel McCleery, Judith Steventon Baker and Sarah White;
		Les Haswell appointed from PC/16/25 on
	Winchester City Council (WCC):	Cllr Jane Rutter
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):	Cllr Jackie Porter
	Clerk:	Adrian Reeves
	Public:	5
	Police	None

Action

PC/16/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Karen McCleery, Stewart Newell and Denis Welstead.

PC/16/19 Police Report

No report had been received.

PC/16/20 Public Question Time

A parishioner asked about the work being carried out on Top Field. It was confirmed that Drew Smith were carrying out maintenance work with which WCC were happy.

Representations were made by a land search agent and a prospective purchaser of Hinton Cottage who wished to buy back a parcel of land sold to the Parish Council (PC) by previous owners of the property. It was agreed by a majority 6-2 to decline to sell the land.

(2 members of the public left the meeting)

PC/16/21 Public Question Time

A presentation was made by Susie Phillips (Winchester Action on Climate Change) on the SAVE (Solent Achieving Value from Efficiency) project. Two projects are taking place across the Solent area in Southampton (urban) and Kings Worthy (rural). In Kings Worthy Susie is available for 2.5 days per week, representing 19 hours. A copy of Susie's presentation is attached to these minutes. If councillors have any ideas on what needs to be done, then they are encouraged to speak to Susie.

PC/16/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 18 January 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC/16/23 Election / Co-Option of New Councillor

Les Haswell, the only applicant, was co-opted onto the council on a secret ballot with 7 councillors in favour and one not voting. Councillors agreed that the declaration of acceptance of office and the declaration of interest forms could be completed immediately and were duly signed off. Les Haswell then became a councillor from item PC/16/25.

PC/16/24 Development at Top Field – update

Cllrs Taylor and Gordon had met with representatives of Winchester Housing Trust and Drew Smith (Richard Waite and Phil Farminer). Although PC wished Drew Smith to drop their planning appeal, it was considered pragmatic to hear what Drew Smith were now offering. On top of the 25 properties currently subject to appeal, Drew Smith stated that if an additional 15 properties were agreed then they would be prepared to give over the remaining land into public ownership. These 40 homes would be split 28 affordable and 12 open market. Cllrs Taylor and Gordon re-iterated that any changes would require public support and that they were only listening to proposals as they had no mandate to negotiate.

WCC need to be seen to be fair to both sides over the open space and are acting as enablers not arbiters. Currently none of the footpaths on the site have been ratified or delivered by Drew Smith.

A couple of councillors said that they felt they should have been involved in the Drew Smith meeting. It was re-iterated that this was fact finding only with no decisions being taken. PC would also expect Drew Smith to fund any future public consultations on this site.

After a vote it was unanimously agreed to continue discussions with Drew Smith to try to obtain a better deal. It was also agreed that any further meetings will be minuted.

(1 member of the public left the meeting)

PC/16/25 Development off Lovedon Lane – update

The s106 agreement has been signed and the PC's legal fees were paid by HAB. HAB were now finalising the land purchase.

PC/16/26 Reports from the County Councillor, City Councillors, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings

o **County Councillor**

Cllr Porter's report is attached below.

A question has been asked if parking charges should be the same for all railway stations across the district.

It was confirmed that The 30 mph speed limit on Springvale Road comes into force on 7 March, despite the confusion caused by the signage being unveiled too early.

There are still some issues with regard to flooding risks.

The tender documents have been issued for the works at the Cart & Horses junction. The traffic management plan is now more expensive and will have to go back to the Director for approval.

- **City Councillor**

Cllr Rutter presented a verbal report.

Silver Hill scheme is back to square one.

An electricity supply for events and Christmas lights was raised. It was confirmed that the costs of this were being investigated with SSE.

Cllr Rutter raised the issue of the Springvale Surgery. A letter had been received from Marc Dryden, representing the Friarsgate practice, which the Clerk had been asked to keep confidential to councillors until letters had been received by residents registered with the Springvale branch surgery; this was estimated to be Wednesday 17 February.

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 a confidential letter received from Marc Dryden representing the Friarsgate Practice.

The Clerk read Marc Dryden's letter to councillors which stated that the recommendation was to close the branch surgery without providing replacement facilities in Kings Worthy because of the costs involved in so doing. It was agreed that Cllr Taylor would write to the practice, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the MP to protest against this decision in the strongest terms.

**Cllr
Taylor**

It was further agreed to create an on-line petition which would be advertised on the website and through social media.

**Cllr
White**

(Members of the public were re-admitted to the meeting. One member of the public left the meeting).

Barton Farm – all meetings are off until after 31 July.

- **School Governor**

The school is expecting an OFSTED inspection in the near future.

- **Parish Councillors following external meetings**

Cllr Steventon Baker has attended a meeting of the Winchester Villages Trust and one payment has been made to a local person in need.

PC/16/27 Matters arising from the Meeting of the 18 January 2016

- **PC/16/8 Flooding**

It was noted that the gullies near the King Charles are not running properly. The maintenance technician has been requested to inspect and clear the gullies in November and March of each year. HCC and the Environment Agency are to be asked for advice on how to clear the ditches properly and safely.

Clerk

- **PC/16/8 Tubbs Hall Fire Inspection Report**

The hardwood counter top and the fire doors have now been fitted. The order for the automatic fire shutter is about to be placed.

○ **PC/16/8 Cart & Horses Junction**

A copy of Cllr Porter's letter to HCC is to be placed on the website.

○ **PC/15/160 Springvale Road TRO**

See PC/16/26 above.

○ **PC/15/160 Footpaths & Parking**

The Maintenance Technician is to meet with Cllr Haswell to agree the specification for the fencing works at The Heights.

○ **PC/16/14 Church Green**

It was clarified that the quote to be obtained is for the electricity supply only.

Clerk

PC/16/28 To receive Minutes of the Committees:

Planning and Highways Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 26 January had been previously circulated.

WCC are considering the installation of dragon's teeth to prevent parking on the verges along Fraser Road.

A request is being prepared for priority signs for the old railway bridge on Lovedon Lane.

The Planning application for 22 Church Lane was adjourned by WCC's Planning Committee.

Recreation & Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 4 February had been previously circulated.

- Fryers Close playground – two tenders had been recommended by R&A Committee. By an 8-1 majority it was agreed to accept the tender from Sovereign Playgrounds but to exclude the fencing works which had been separately awarded to Creative Fencing. It was noted that Sovereign Playgrounds' quote was not the cheapest but it provided the best aesthetic and play value.
- Parking spaces at Eversley Park – the contract had been awarded to Solent Road Markings and the work is to be carried out in the schools' Easter holidays.
- Hinton Park Orchard – Councillors expressed their thanks to the Assistant Clerk for his design work for the sign boards which is to be fitted to an oak frame.
- Trees – Obtaining quotes for the 3 beech trees at Hinton Fields; this work will be carried out within the existing budget.
- Pump track – A meeting has been held with Back-on-Track who are going to meet with HAB. Councillors will be involved in the design.
- Replacement gates – 1 gate at Fraser Road playground and 2 gates at Eversley Park playground are being replaced. The remaining 2 gates at Eversley Park will be locked shut once the new sign is in place.
- Village Fete – Permission has been given for this to take place on Church Green. Councillors agreed to run a Pimms Stall while noting that this had already been advertised.

- Catherine Haigh (HAB) attended a meeting of the Worthys Conservation Volunteers (WCV). WCV to be invited to give a presentation to councillors at a PC meeting or at the Annual Parish Meeting to councillors and the public.
- The wording for the burial ground plaque was agreed as suggested.

Clerk

(1 member of the public left the meeting)

Finance

The minutes of the meeting on 10 February 2016 had been previously circulated.

- It was agreed to give Jubilee Hall a grant for help towards the cost of refurbishing their toilet facilities. It was agreed to grant 1/16 of the cost, with a maximum amount of £1000. The grant is to be paid on completion of the works and the submission of supporting invoices.
- It was agreed to grant St Marys Fete £500 towards the cost of hiring entertainment, a contribution to Kings Alfred buses, security and first aid. £50 will be held back until after the event as a deposit against damage / site clearance.
- It was agreed to accept the recommendation from Finance Committee for the schedule of charges for 2016-17, appropriately rounded. No charge will be made for the interment of stillborns.
- The summary financial report was presented as per the attached below.
- It was agreed to accept the quote of £1,975 (inc. VAT) from for the replacement of the rain guttering at Tubbs Hall. This company was not the cheapest but had the best recommendations and trade association memberships as well as being of the preferred quality and design.

PC/16/29 Communications

It was noted that the latest newsletter was about to be distributed.

The next edition is to mention Streetwise with a one-off notice to ask residents if this is something in which they are interested.

Comms

PC/16/30 Risk Register

This document had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed to submit comments back to the Clerk prior to the next Finance Committee meeting on 9 March.

PC/16/31 Parish Plan / Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that Cllrs Newell, Gordon & White, together with the Clerk, would arrange to meet with Steve Lincoln (WCC) to investigate progressing this.

PC/16/32 Clerk's Notices

- St. Mary's Close footpath - It was agreed to arrange a site meeting to agree a way forward with WCC.

Clerk

PC/16/33 Chairman's Notices

None.

PC/16/34 Items for discussion at the Next Meeting

Springvale Surgery
Risk register

PC/16/35 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14 March 2016.

The meeting closed at 22:58

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

County Report for February 2016

The leaked proposals to cut the hours (or even close) our much loved Recycling Centres across Hampshire caused such a furore that the decision to consult the public was pulled at the last minute. So, the HWRC consultation didn't start on 25th Jan as planned- but it is expected to start soon. I'll let you know as soon as I know when it starts.

We discovered we had been burgled after a few days' away in February. We weren't the only home affected. We had locked every door and window. 'Cyber security' is a problem too. Police & Crime Commissioner Simon Hayes has recently announced a new initiative to tackle cyber crime. But you will be aware that the Police are holding a surgery style event at the Tubbs Hall in early March.

30mph has just arrived in the Worthys. It has been put up too early and the signs will be covered from later on this week (weather depending) until the 7th March. Amey will also be putting out 'new speed limit' signs to inform drivers in early March. (how/why??? -don't ask!!)

A resident has offered to conduct trials of whether the 'lit signs' in our villages really do make us slow down. As I am keen to support pleas for more lit signs in the rural areas, and some communities have started 'Speedwatch', I welcome this research before we spend more money on them. Would you mind joining in with this research?

You will have received the letter about the Doctors' Surgery. This is a devastating decision and one which we should not take lightly. The suggestion of a health café at Weeke as an alternative is preposterous! As councillors we will be arguing that a better service is necessary in the Worthys- two buses to the surgery is too expensive and difficult.

It also puts our pharmacy at risk.

Alresford is a similar size and has a fully functioning surgery there. We should have one too.

On the 18th February, it is the County Council Budget Setting Meeting- and I am expecting that the ruling party will propose up to a 3.99% rise, *and* cuts to services.

A victim of the cuts is a reduction of the staff with a specific remit to oversee the economic case for better train transport in Hampshire. I was therefore pleased that my points were added to the County response in preparation for the 2017 new tender: to improve late night facilities at the stations, better parking at non-main stations and more (capacity and comfortable) seating for longer journeys, as well as fulfilling the promise to deliver part time ticketing. You can see my own response in full on my website www.jackieporter.co.uk.

One key aspect of the new tender is to improve train travel for passengers with disabilities. If you find it difficult to travel by train, please let me know. I will arrange for you to join me at the SW Trains conference for disabled travellers in March.

You can contact me:-

by email Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk, by phone 01962 791054, on facebook, on twitter @JackieLibDem, by text 07973 696 085 or on What's App- or by letter of course!

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Management Accounts for the period ended 31 January 2016

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 (£)	2016/17 Budget (Proposed) (£)
124,678	10,042	12,761	2,719	Finance (inc. Precept)	100,424	101,708	1,284	120,509	119,221
4,800	400	400	0	THMC Income	4,000	4,008	8	4,800	4,800
33,159	333	78	(255)	Recreation & Amenities	4,532	19,219	14,687	6,200	8,092
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0	0
162,636	10,776	13,239	2,463	Total Income	108,956	124,935	15,979	131,509	132,113
				Expenditure Item/Description					
60,214	4,472	7,388	(2,916)	Finance	52,349	55,358	(3,010)	62,047	66,940
94,525	5,390	4,514	876	Recreation & Amenities	57,072	64,544	(7,472)	73,184	93,665
6,807	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	3,773	2,850	923	7,545	8,750
161,547	9,862	11,902	(2,040)	Total Expenses	113,194	122,752	(9,559)	142,776	169,355
162,636	10,776	13,239	2,463	Total Income	108,956	124,935	15,979	131,509	132,113
161,547	9,862	11,902	(2,040)	Total Expenses	113,194	122,752	(9,559)	142,776	169,355
1,090	914	1,337	423	Net Surplus (deficit) for year	(4,237)	2,183	6,420	(11,267)	(37,241)

