

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 25 October 2021 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Stewart Newell (Chair of the meeting), Signe Biddle, Sue Cook, Colin Cossburn, Ian Gordon and Mandy Hallisey.

Clerk(s)

Parish Clerk (Christopher Read)

Apologies

Cllr Emily Fish

Cllr Les Haswell

Cllr Dorry Lawlor

Cllr Matthew Miller-Hall

Cllr Charlotte Smith

County & City Councillor(s)

Cllr Jackie Porter (Hampshire County Council [HCC])

Cllr Jane Rutter (Winchester City Council [WCC])

Members of the public

None.

PC/21/107 – Public question time

None.

PC/21/108 – Impact of Coronavirus (Covid-19)

None.

PC/21/109 – To receive written reports from City & County Councillors and Parish Councillors following external meetings

WCC report (see attached) – All members had received a copy of the report before the meeting.

Cllr Rutter (WCC) summarised her report including the progress on the pathways and open space at Top Field. WCC are also looking at better signage, low level lighting and a full costing for the Tesco/Hookpit Farm Lane layby.

Cllr Rutter will try and ascertain the proposed installation date for the public litter bins on the site and whether they will be dual use to allow for the disposal of dog waste.

(Cllr Rutter left the meeting at this point)

HCC report (see attached) – All members had received a copy of the report before the meeting.

Cllr Porter added that HCC are currently looking into a county plan which could devolve more power to district authorities. Recent cuts proposed cuts to public health have been reduced and there are no proposed cuts to the number of HCC waste recycling centres.

- Abbots Worthy House wall – an application has now gone in for the repair of this wall. Cllr Porter noted that the recent speed check in Abbots Worthy were within 1mph of the previous figures.
- Kim Bishop Walk railway bridge – Cllr Porter raised the issue of who needs to cut back and maintain the trees/foilage on Kim Bishop Walk on the section on top of the old railway bridge. She stated that this bridge will be the responsibility of network rail but as a right of way should be cut by HCC.
- North Winchester Farm (Ecogen) application – Cllr Porter stated that due to the recent highways comments which need addressing, this will not be going to the November regulatory committee meeting.
- Lengthsman scheme – Cllr Porter noted that HCC have proposed to cut funding for the service with Parishes expected to pay for the service going forward. Given the restricted amount of work that the Lengthsman are to be trained to undertake, further training to allow them to work on the highway is being proposed.
- Grass on the highway – Cllr Gordon noted an incident he'd heard of recently in another parish of a private property blowing leaves onto the highway, resulting in drainage issues.

Cllr Porter stated that people aren't always aware of their responsibilities regarding the riparian rights. Cllr Newell stated that this is mostly an issue of the lack of HCC enforcement rather than the rules themselves.

Action: It was agreed for the comms group to include an item on this in the next newsletter.

Hampshire LGPS annual employers pension meeting – The Clerk has attended the recent annual employers pension meeting. He noted that the fund appears to be a good position but there are uncertainties relating to the economic effects of the pandemic. The triennial revaluation will be taking place next year.

PC/21/0110 – Agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27 September 2021

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

PC/21/0111 – Matters arising from the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on the 27 September 2021

None.

PC/21/112 – To receive the minutes of the committees

Finance, Administration & Remuneration Committee – Before the meeting all Councillors had received a copy of the minutes for the meeting held on the 13 October 2021.

- Management report for month ending 30 September 2021 (see attached) – It was agreed to review this at the same time as the draft outturn and budget.
- Annual pay review for the Clerk –

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 proposed pay increase for the Clerk.

The Clerk, Cllr Hallisey and Cllr Jackie Porter (HCC) left the room at this point.

It was agreed to offer the Clerk a 2.5% pay rise.

Action: The Chair will offer this increase to the Clerk.

The Clerk, Cllr Hallisey and Cllr Jackie Porter (HCC) returned at this point.

Planning & Highways Committee – Before the meeting all Councillors had received a copy of the minutes for the meeting held on the 19 October 2021.

- Cllr Gordon noted his thanks to Cllr Cossburn for his recent work on potential speeding improvements for the Parish.
- 17 Sycamore Drive – Cllr Gordon stated that scaffolding had been erected and works had begun for rectification works at 17 Sycamore Drive.
- 2-5 Tudor Way application – There will likely be a need for an extraordinary Planning & Highways meeting to discuss the recent application for 2-5 Tudor Way. Cllr Gordon warned Councillors that he had been made aware of rumors relating to this application.

Recreation & Amenities (R&A) Committee – Before the meeting all Councillors had received a copy of the minutes for the meeting held on the 21 October 2021

- Eversley Park steps – It was agreed to ratify the decision from R&A to accept the quotation of £1,291.41 from Ava Recreation for works to the steps at Eversley Park.
- Litter Pick – The litter pick will be happening on the 06 November from 14:00 – 16:00.

PC/21/113 – Forecast Outturn 2021/22 & Budget 2022/23

The Clerk gave a presentation of the accounts for the month ending 30 September 2021.

Councillors also reviewed the draft Forecast Outturn 2021/22 and Budget 2022/23; no changes were made.

PC/21/114 – Communications (incl. Website / Facebook / Newsletter / Monthly Comms. Etc.)

None.

PC/21/115 – Climate Change

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

PC/21/116 – CPR Training

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

PC/21/117 – Clerk’s Notices

None.

PC/21/118 – Chair’s Notices

None.

PC/21/119 – Items for discussion at the next meeting on the 29 November 2021

None.

Meeting Closed at 20:21.

Signed:

Date:

Report to the Kings Worthy Parish Council from City Councillors October 2021

Old River Park Leisure Centre

Councillors have been briefed about exciting new plans for the old RPLC site in Winchester. Whilst we are not able to publicly confirm the exact proposals yet, we would encourage all members of the PC and anybody else interested to sign up for the online update session on 1st November – see details below.

JOIN US: RIVER PARK LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE

(Monday 1 November 2021)

Since Winchester Sport and Leisure Centre opened in May, we have been considering proposals relating to the River Park Leisure Centre site, working with our partner organisations to ensure the best possible outcome for the city.

If you're interested to hear an update, please email residents@winchester.gov.uk and you'll be sent the link and instructions on how to join the session on Monday 1 November at 6:30pm – it will be hosted online via MS Teams.

We'll update you on proposals for the site which will go on to be discussed by the council's Cabinet on 23 November. You'll hear from the people we've been working with and also have the chance to share your thoughts with the team and ask any questions you may have.



Kings Meadow Progress with Public Open Space and footpaths

Cllr Prince is pleased to report good progress with the Public Open Space at Kings Meadow, including the clearing and re-seeding of the 'kick-about' area, further rolling of the paths around the meadow to make them more durable and better for walking on, and the clearance of overgrown vegetation on the footpath across the old railway bridge, a key walking and cycling route to the school, park and local shops. We are urgently chasing the officers to make progress on the proposed lay-by at the Tesco Express. We await full costings of this vital element of the development. New residents appear content with their homes and with the location. Recent discussions with new residents have raised three areas of concern, which we are addressing:

- 1 Street signs – and we would include effective signage to the footpath to the Kim Bishop Walk
- 2 Tree planting – we are hoping to see significantly more trees planted as part of ongoing landscape works, and are looking into the possibility of community involvement
- 3 Lighting – residents have asked for low level lighting along footpaths by the homes, and there is an ongoing issue with lighting for the Vivid homes in Blackberry Fields.

Steve Cramoysan, Malcolm Prince and Jane Rutter

County Councillor Report for October Meetings of Itchen Valley division Parish & Town Councils



This is a familiar picture of a drain (or gully at HCC call it) as Autumn progresses: leaves and muck washed into it creates a solid block which stops further water draining away.

Please report them immediately and keep a record of the tracking number. If nothing happens, please report to me with the number and I'll follow it up.

The Lengthsman scheme was designed partly to tackle issues like this, but the risk assessment prevents the Lengthsman doing work on the 'live carriageway'. The restrictions has prevented much of the road and drainage works so you have used them for managing footpaths and other jobs on footways and other publicly owned assets.

The Lengthsman scheme is under threat from Proposed Savings, labelled not Transition, but SP2022-23.

HCC is asking local councils to pay the bill instead. It is very clear that they hope to hand over this inferior contract with its restrictive clauses on to you at your cost. This is unacceptable: I would appreciate your views so that I can represent them in my response to the proposal at Cabinet on the 12th October.

Winchester Hospice is now open and accepting patients both at the Hospice and with 'Hospice at Home' care , but they still need £0.5million per year to supply the hospital with the items needed. I was pleased to meet Sarah Eberle with her 'Psalm 23 garden' at Chelsea: it is going to be the Hospice Garden, cared for by Sparsholt college students. Donations and regular orders can be made from their website. Both HCC and WCC supported this project financially.

Resurfacing, Recycling, Regulatory Committee and Cutting carbon

Re-using road tarmac saves carbon, but like all recycled goods the waste has to be kept somewhere .

The road planings application 20/01188/HCS is ongoing and an amended plan awaited.

So too is the application 21/00832/HCS the Ecogen plant, where HCC Highways have still not responded.

Both applications will miss the 20 Oct Regulatory Committee and may be heard on the 17th November.

The Solar Farm at Godsfield seems to have disappeared, but HCC and I am still awaiting details of the procedure for appeal from the Planning Inspectorate; (PINS) for the **Three Maids Hill site near South Wonston**

The Candover Water Augmentation Scheme is still far from being submitted. Thanks for all of your interest in this. Lisa Kirby-Hawkes leads this team and is very sympathetic to the issues we are raising.

The Strategic Plan 2021-25 is out for approval at Cabinet on the 12th October.

Bus Back Better is a funding opportunity to build better bus services in the County. So it is ironic that HCC is proposing a cut of around £800K to subsidies in its Savings Plan 2022-23. It is clear that a functioning bus service helps communities to thrive and cuts carbon too. My meeting with officers to discuss the passenger numbers using buses and how we can improve some services was delayed- it is now on 6th October. I now receive monthly figures of bus use for services at risk (ie: not commercial)

The 240 remains popular.

Bus Stops: I have seen an exciting bus stop with a green roof which is actually approved by HCC! The link is <https://www.localgov.co.uk/Encouraging-biodiversity-in-UK-cities-Bee-Bus-Stops-and-more/52893>

Karen Stagg, Operations Director tel 01635 862100 karen.stagg@externiture can provide more details.

Cllr Jackie Porter //ansaphone 01962 791054, tel/text 07973 696 085, email Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk
Other matters relevant to your Parish will be raised at your meetings or sent separately by email

Management Accounts for the period ending 30th September 2021

Income

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	2021/22 Forecast Outturn	2022/23 Budget
Community Infrastructure Levy	£12,884.51	£6,442.26	£35,609.37	£29,167.12	£35,609.37	£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9,000.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£173,733.08	£86,478.38	£86,633.79	£155.41	£173,405.50	£173,418.00
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£4,399.44	£2,199.72	£1,098.00	-£1,101.72	£4,399.44	£3,927.11
Planning & Highways	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities	£5,560.00	£2,397.97	£2,428.65	£30.68	£5,650.00	£5,650.00
Totals:	£205,577.03	£97,518.33	£125,769.81	£28,251.48	£219,064.31	£191,995.11

Expenditure

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	2021/22 Forecast Outturn	2022/23 Budget
Community Infrastructure Levy	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9,000.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£81,705.67	£44,610.67	£45,983.62	-£1,372.95	£83,352.34	£85,517.72
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£10,315.89	£5,827.93	£3,618.27	£2,209.66	£8,646.65	£8,309.27
Planning & Highways	£7,175.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,175.00	£7,318.50
Recreation & Amenities	£81,257.55	£33,611.70	£28,109.14	£5,502.56	£75,751.74	£75,985.00
Totals:	£189,454.11	£84,050.30	£77,711.03	£6,339.27	£174,925.73	£186,130.49

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	2021/22 Forecast Outturn	2022/23 Budget
Actual Year to Date Position	£16,122.92	£13,468.03	£48,058.78	£34,590.75	£44,138.58	£5,864.62

Memorandum position - Excluding Community Infrastructure Levy receipts and expenditure

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date	2021/22 Forecast Outturn	2022/23 Budget
Memorandum Year to Date Position:	£3,238.41	£7,025.78	£12,449.41	£5,423.63	£8,529.21	£5,864.62

Balance Sheet for period ending 30th September 2021

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	£12,448.29
Unity Trust Tailored Deposit Account	£176,456.34
Sub-Total:	£188,904.63
<u>Investments/Deposits</u>	
Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (45-day notice)	£42,313.17
Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (90-day notice)	£42,686.83
United Trust Bank Variable (100-day notice)	£5,213.92
Sub-Total:	£90,213.92
<u>Other</u>	
B4B Procurement Card	£3.24
Debtors	£275.00
Prepayments	£0.00
Sub-Total:	£278.24
Total Current Assets:	£279,396.79
Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	£10,014.74
Retentions	£0.00
Received on Account (inc. Precept)	£86,109.00
PAYE Payments Due	£407.80
NI Payments Due	£654.57
Pension Payments Due	£1,061.76
VAT to be Paid	£42.83
VAT to be Reclaimed	-£2,940.80
VAT that has been Reclaimed but not received	£0.00
Total Current Liabilities:	£95,349.90
Current Assets Minus Liabilities:	£184,046.89
Earmarked Funds in Reserve	
Church Green Reserve	£5,877.99
Play area maintenance reserve	£34,053.22
CIL Reserve	£25,179.42
Total Current Liabilities:	£65,110.63
Net Assets	
Profit & Loss Accounts Brought Forward	-£8,558.49
General Reserves (inc. £19,297.65 for tree works)	£79,435.97
Profit & Loss Year to Date	£48,058.78
Total Net Assets:	£118,936.26