



Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 26 June 2023 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Julia Archer, Signe Biddle, Colin Cossburn, Emily Fish, Mandy Hallisey, Phillip Horne, Dorry Lawlor, Matthew Miller-Hall (Chairman), Charlotte Smith & Steve Waters.

Clerk(s)

Parish Clerk (Christopher Read)

Deputy Clerk (Anita Husz)

Apologies

Cllr Ian Gordon (the council resolved to approve Cllr Gordon's reason for absence)

County & City Councillor(s)

Cllr Jane Rutter (Winchester City Council [WCC])

Cllr Jackie Porter (Winchester City Council [WCC]/Hampshire City Council [HCC])

Members of the public

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PC/23/096 – Public Question Time [Please note that this is the only time that the public are able to speak and is limited to 5 minutes per subject]

A member of public noted due to a leak, Southern Water have shut off the allotment water supply at Lovedon Fields.

(A member of public arrived at this point.)

Action – Cllr Waters to attend Lovedon Fields and check the water supply.

PC/23/097 – Impact of COVID-19 - meeting recommendations

It was agreed to keep the current recommendations.

PC/23/098 – Advertisement of new Parish Council vacancy

Clerk confirmed vacancy has been advertised. A notice has been drawn up to allow members of the public to request a by-election.

PC/23/099 – To receive written reports from City & County Councillors and Parish Councillors following external meetings

A copy of the City Councillor report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting (see attached). Cllr Rutter summarised her report to attendees.

A copy of the Council Councillor report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting (see attached). Cllr Porter summarised her report to attendees.

Cllr Jackie Porter noted that the meeting regarding consultation about the Cart & Horses Junction is on 10th of July, at Jubilee Hall. There will be two proposals discussed.

PC/23/100 – S106 agreement for the land at Lovedon Fields – update on transfer

The Clerk is chasing the Winchester City Council for confirmation on the funding for a Fields in Trust deed of dedication but no progress yet. It was agreed for Kings Worthy Parish Council to fund this if WCC are unable to do so at a cost £600.00.

Clerk also noted receipt of the final documents to agree and return to solicitors.

(Cllr Jane Rutter left at this point.)

PC/23/101 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 April 2023

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

PC/23/102 – Matters arising from the meeting held on 24 April 2023

None.

PC/23/103 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2023

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

PC/23/104 – Matters arising from the meeting held on 15 May 2023

None.

PC/23/105 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 May 2023

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

PC/23/106 – To receive the minutes of the committees:

- Recreation and Amenities (R&A) Committee – 04 May 2023 & 08 June 2023 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting; no questions or queries were raised.
- Finance, Administration & Remuneration (FAR) Committee – 14 June 2023 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.
 - The Clerk/RFO gave a presentation of the accounts for the month ending 30 April 2023 (see attached).
 - The Clerk/RFO gave a presentation of the accounts for the month ending 31 May 2023 (see attached).
- Planning & Highways (P&H) Committee – 20 June 2023 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting; no questions or queries were raised.

PC/23/107 – Proposed sound survey of Lovedon Lane/Stoke Charity road

Cllr Waters summarised the proposal regarding recording passing vehicle noise on Lovedon Lane at various sites along Lovedon Lane & Stoke Charity Road. Finance committee were approached to fund the interpretation of the survey results with estimated cost of £2,500 - £3,000. Councillors discussed and it was agreed a budget of £3,000.00 for this work.

PC/23/108 – Eversley Park play area renewal tender – update including delay of works to the tower (and associated costs)

The Chair summarised the current situation regarding discovery of debris in the topsoil. The Contractor attended at the weekend try to clean/remove the debris but some debris was still remaining and the play area was left closed. After discussion, including use of the retention held and timescales for rectification of the issues, it was agreed to for the Maintenance Technician and our grounds contractor to undertake the work.

Action:

- **It was agreed for our Maintenance Technician to remove the effected topsoil with a powered sweeper.**
- **Green Smile to be asked to order and re-lay topsoil.**

(A member of public left at this point.)

The Clerk gave an update about the tower. He noted that the installation can go ahead but the tower cannot be opened until the tree planting scheme has been agreed.

The Clerk noted that Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SEN) and Southern Gas Network (SGN) attended to mark the location of the pipe. Our Maintenance Technician had dug an inspection hole to 1000mm depth to find the gas pipe but did not find anything.

Action: It was agreed to install the tower once permission has been given by WCC.

PC/23/109 – To receive the internal auditor's report for the year ending 31 March 2023

A copy of the internal auditor's report (including additional) had been circulated to Councillors. Councillors reviewed the report, noted all items and it was unanimously agreed for adoption.

PC/23/110 – To agree the end of year accounts and approve the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ending 31 March 2023 (including associated documentation and the dates for the exercise of public rights period)

The Clerk noted that the end of year accounts remain unchanged from the set adopted at the meeting on 15th May 2023.

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 – The Clerk read out the questions and it was unanimously agreed to answer yes to all, accept question 9 which did not apply.

Section 2 –Accounting Statements 2022/23 – The Clerk presented the prepared statement to Councillors. No changes were made and the accounting statement was unanimously agreed.

Conflict of Interest form – It was unanimously agreed to sign the form confirming that the Parish Council has no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP.

Exercise of public rights period – agreement of dates – It was unanimously agreed to set the exercise of rights period from 28th June to 8th August 2023.

PC/23/111 – Communications [incl. Website / Facebook / Newsletter Monthly Comms. Etc.]

Cllr Smith spoke about the newsletter. There is a framework for the newsletter but it needs articles in time for publishing.

Action: Articles to be sent to the office for addition into the newsletter.

PC/23/112 – Parish Council shed - update

Cllr Lawlor asked Cllr Waters for help to sort out the Parish Council shed and they agreed to get together.

PC/23/113 – Offer of project management work from Ridge

Cllr Smith summarised a request from the Ridge for potential volunteer work that could be done.

Action: Councillors are to suggest possible options.

PC/23/114 – Potential Tetra Pak recycling point in the village

The Clerk & Chairman had received email from Cllr Jane Rutter (WCC) about where to site a Tetra Pak recycling bins. Cllr Waters noted that the Tetra Pak recycling bin can be smelly so care should be taken with siting.

Action: It was agreed for Councillors to send suggestions for a Tetra Pak recycling bin site to the office.

PC/23/115 – Clerk’s Notices

None.

PC/23/116 – Chairman’s Notices

None.

PC/23/117 – Items for discussion at the next Meeting on 31 July 2023

Cllr Phillip proposed electric charging points.

Meeting Closed at 20:43.

Signed:

Date:

Report from WCC Councillors – Kings Worthy Parish Council 26.06.23

Major Developments and regeneration.

Station Approach

Further to the April update on Central Winchester Regeneration, progress is also being made on Station Approach.

In a recent update at The Cabinet Committee: Regeneration, received a report from specialist partners that had reviewed and assessed the viability of several options for each of the primary 4 areas which are in scope for station approach at this stage. The conclusion is that there are viable regeneration options for several of the defined sites, while one or two may not reach the threshold for viability in the current economic climate. It is important to note that the project is at the early stages of establishing what might be viable, as a way to better define the scope of any potential project. This stage does not actually define the scope of the project. The meeting agreed that a further report will be submitted to a future Cabinet later this year incorporating the conclusions of the capacity study and other technical works undertaken into a Strategic Outline Case setting out options for how this project may be progressed.

Central Winchester Regeneration

The Jigsaw Consortium, have defined a programme of consultation with stakeholders across the district. Look out for invitations to engage with the programme, from July through to early in 2023.

You can sign up for email updates about the project [on our website](#)

Or type this into your browser: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/regeneration/5744/central-winchester-regeneration>

Improved and Extended Shared Walking and Cycling path along London Road/Worthy Lane

£250K of government funds has been allocated for a Worthy Road Cycling and walking route improvements to be taken to the detailed design stage. As you will know if you attended the consultation events, the plan involves widening & levelling the shared pedestrian & cycle path, adding in new crossing points, and extending the route to Church Lane in Kings Worthy and as far as the Andover Rd closer to the city.

City Councillor Roles on Winchester City Council

Following last month's election Jackie Porter remains Cabinet Member for Place and the Local Plan, Cllr Cramoysan takes over as Chair of the Health and Environment Policy Committee, and remains Chair of the Kings Barton Forum, and Jane Rutter takes over as Chair of the Planning Committee. The Liberal Democrats remain in control of the City Council, with 30 of the 45 members, the other seats being held by 12 Conservatives, two Greens and one Independent.

Cart & Horses Junction

At fairly short notice we were all invited to attend a meeting with Cllr Nick Adam-King, HCC portfolio holder including Highways. Cllr Porter & Rutter were able to attend, and heard of proposals for both near term temporary measure to mitigate the risks, and a longer term more strategic re-engineering of the junction. The latter will start with public consultation lead by Highways, which we are led to believe will start in July. We are prompting HCC for the details. As of now the implementation of any scheme that emerges from this is not yet funded, but to start with Highways will need to consult with the public and other local stakeholders, on their ideas.

Sadly there is no evidence as yet that the ideas for incremental improvements that highways considered should help with clarifying priorities at the junction and to lower the risk in the event of an accident have been implemented at all. This is most disappointing, especially as we continue to see serious accidents happening at the junction.

Phosphates and Planning Applications

Nothing new to report.

EcoGen – Kings Worthy

All your City Councillors have sent in robust responses to the latest application from Ecogen to double the number of HGV movements into and out of their site along Lovedon Lane. Today was the last day for sending in objections, although if people have yet to do so, we are assured that their comments may still be taken into account. This information is taken from the latest local newsletter that we produce, which has been delivered by volunteers over the past couple of weeks:

Ecogen is trying again to increase the amount of waste they process and double the number of lorry movements along Lovedon Lane - just as before. They had six months to 'try again' after their last application was refused, and they are doing so. The reference number for this planning application to the County Council is HCC/2023/0269. To comment on or support or object to this application please email planning@hants.gov.uk giving the reference number shown above. There is a Transport Assessment on the website. We consider it to be unrealistic as it does not take into account the dangers on the road for pedestrians and particularly cyclists if an ENORMOUS lorry is coming along too. It hardly ever mentions two vehicles passing one another, and seems to assume that it is only ever lorries alone which use the road! Parents are expected to walk along a footway of less than ideal width with no apparent safety issues - but the report does admit that currently lorries travel over the footway at the old bridge. The previous application was refused, not on road safety grounds, but on noise. A new report from Ecogen considers that it has dealt with the issues of noise - we emphatically disagree. The full application letter with links is on Jackie's website - www.jackieporter.co.uk - please do send in your comments. The deadline for this is 26th June. We would have thought that the evidence of the road itself - endless potholes show how it is crumbling away under the pressure of the current allocation of HGVs, let alone a doubling of them! - should be enough for the County Council to stand firm and reject this assault on our local road network.

Westfield Road Open Space

The public open space behind North Road and Somerville Road, referred to by City Council Officers as Westfield Road park, is the subject of a consultation which starts today. This follows the formation of a group of local residents, supported by Cllr Rutter, who are keen to make the most of this open space, either for play, for a community garden, for wildlife or preferably for a harmonious combination of all three. You can respond to the consultation using the QR code below: This information has been sent to residents who love locally by the City Council and disseminated through social media by ourselves:

North/Somerville Road Open Space Consultation

Please come to the old park behind North Road/Somerville Road and Westfield Road at 2.15pm on Tuesday 27th June for an informal 'Street Meet' with local residents, councillors and officers from Winchester City Council to discuss ideas for continuing the improvements to this local area of public open space. There will be an online consultation starting on 26th June, via the QR code below.

All residents in Edinburgh Road, North Road, Churchill Close, Westfield Road, Castle Rise and Somerville Road should have received a letter from the council about the meeting and consultation, but anyone from the area is welcome to come along. We want everyone in the area to be aware it is happening and that your views are important to us. We will be looking at possible improvements including a seating area, a small orchard, raised beds for growing vegetables, keeping enough grass for children to play, and wildflower areas and other places for wild creatures to live.

For more information please contact Cllr Jane Rutter at jrutter@winchester.gov.uk or text 07766 431244.

26th June 2023

Jane Rutter, Steve Cramoysan and Jackie Porter

County Councillor Report to Town and Parish Councils, and Parish Meeting, June 2023

Councillor's Grant scheme

After the County Council's AGM in May, and a new fiscal year, and I'm pleased to announce the return of the County Councillor Grant scheme from 1st June 2023 to 28th Feb 2024 or until the grant money is fully granted, whichever is the earlier. The application process is relatively simple, but if anyone is interested, they need to contact me first to discuss the application.

Arrangements at HCC have changed.

The new Chairman is Cllr Patricia Stallard. The Leader continues to be Cllr Rob Humby.

At the AGM, the HCC constitution was changed to reflect the change of Directorates earlier in the year. As the number of directorates has decreased, it was argued that the number of hours of Scrutiny would decrease, which was a concern. It was therefore decided that each of the Scrutiny meetings would extend for up to a full day to ensure the wide range of the county's activities would be covered and the number of members briefings would be increased to inform all councillors. FYI: Cllr Nick Adams- King continues to be the Exec. Member for Universal Services, including Countryside services, Highways, footpaths etc. I continue to be the Opposition (shadow) spokesperson for Children's Services.

Local issues

Cart and Horses junction. After the fatal accident in the Autumn, the local councillors felt they had no democratic way to voice their concerns to the Exec Member. He agreed to meet only after the accident investigation, but relented and he met with Parish and City Councillors at the end of May. My thanks to those who took the trouble to attend.

We discussed the councillors' suggestions for short term junction improvements which are now being assessed for feasibility by the traffic engineers on the call. We all acknowledged that a long term improvement to the new junction 9 is a key opportunity for a complete change and the County will be consulting on options for that new Cart and Horses junction in the summer, probably July- September. I raised this, too, at the M3 Junction 9 Open Floor Hearing on the 17th May. You can see the full (OFH) Open Floor Hearing on the NSIP website; my presentation is also on www.jackieporter.co.uk

Planning Permission for the Taylor Wimpey site at Sun Hill was granted in 2019, but as I write, there is still no agreed Construction/Engineering Management Plan. I am pressing HCC to finalise this, but am fully sympathetic to the problem: there's no easy way into the site, and HCC are making it difficult because they want to protect local residents during construction.

Many of you will walk the Millennium Walk alongside the river in Alresford. Plans to do the work this summer may yet falter because EA permission has still not been granted. I have urged the County to do this asap. A lady fell in the river recently, caused by a path pothole. This must not happen again

Talking of potholes; I asked three questions at the last HCC meeting, about potholes, recycling and the cost of travel to special needs education which has increased by 27%.

One was the number of **complaints about potholes in the first three months of 2023**. The answer was 1175, distinctly increasing from the previous year.

I also asked a question about **pedestrian access to the Alresford HWRC**. It was a question posed to me by a resident. The Exec member agreed to look at this again, this time specifically for Alresford and a couple of other urban sites. You can see the answers to these and my third question on the HCC County Council recording of the 18th May 2023.

Good news about Worthy Road improved pedestrian and cycle path plans: after the cancellation of the Active Travel grants, the county has been granted £250K to develop the plans (which you first saw at Jubilee Hall, Headbourne Worthy a while ago) and install crossings: the first being at Stoke Road. The bad news for worried parents is that this puts Henry Beaufort buses back in question: already two more parents have been informed, despite promises by the HCC officer that this would not happen, that their child's journey is too short to claim a bus pass. I am investigating why HCC seems to be reengining on their promise not to change anything until 2025.

Water Treatment is such a big issue at Sutton Scotney and Micheldever: SW tanker foul water out every day to the SW treatment sites and are constructing a new pipeline from Sutton Scotney to the Harestock Water Treatment works.

I have had three appointments with the Management at the Southern Water site (at Otterbourne to glean further information) cancelled for various reasons. This is very frustrating. Meanwhile, I continue to work with residents to improve and update different water treatment systems.

Ecogen had set up their first Liaison Meeting which is on June 8th, but disappointingly, have since put in planning permission seeking *the same changes to conditions* that were proposed before. I have asked that Wonston Parish is represented at the Liaison Meetings as well as Kings Worthy, the most affected.

Kings Barton continues to be a challenge, and the County and Cala are still not 'on the same page' on the road design. I continue to work with County officers to bring this to a conclusion, but frankly, I am losing patience with both parties. Both must sort this out in a timely way for the sake of residents on and off the development.

I'd like to see all of these matters brought to a conclusion, but meanwhile, I am dealing with a number of **families across the county whose children are finding that a suitable school** place is a real challenge this year. Although some can be solved, there are still some parents who are disappointed. I hope that the HCC scrutiny on the subject, promised this Autumn, will bring some relief for parents.

Mid-year moves to this county are a particular problem for children requiring a special school place in Hampshire- there are just not enough places.

The Candover Water augmentation scheme plans are being considered by HCC now. I noted the Northington objection, but felt that I had to make constructive comments regarding conditions. This solution short term to the slow fill of the Havant thicket reservoir is a requirement of the Ofwat permission to trade in this area. But only if we require conditions will they be considered by the Regulatory Cttee. SW have improved the offer since the first application- but I acknowledge that there's still much to do.

Cllr Jackie Porter, tel: 07973 696085 Ansaphone: 01962 791054, email Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk
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Management Accounts for the period ending 30 April 2023

Income

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Community Infrastructure Levy	£9,507.31	£4,801.19	£16,956.39	£12,155.20
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£184,096.44	£15,248.54	£15,249.33	£0.79
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£7,930.97	£660.91	£183	-£477.91
Planning & Highways	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities	£7,633.65	£0.00	£280.99	£280.99
Totals:	£209,168.37	£20,710.65	£32,669.71	£11,959.06

Expenditure

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Community Infrastructure Levy	£83,447.38	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£107,921.03	£7,587.06	£5,134.93	£2,452.13
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£11,120.16	£1,828.55	£1,344.43	£484.12
Planning & Highways	£11,070.00	£109.96	£0.00	£109.96
Recreation & Amenities	£94,196.54	£9,349.18	£9,123.17	£226.01
Totals:	£307,755.10	£18,874.75	£15,602.53	£3,272.22

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Actual Year to Date Position	-£98,586.74	£1,835.90	£17,067.18	£15,231.28

Memorandum Position - Excluding CIL Income, CIL Expenditure and Eversley Park play area spend

Memorandum Year to Date Position:	-£6,269.15	-£2,965.29	£110.79	£3,076.08
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Balance Sheet for period ending 30 April 2023

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	£26,347.54
Unity Trust Tailored Deposit Account - 2.31% AER	£144,193.04
Sub-Total:	£170,540.58
<u>Investments/Deposits</u>	
Nationwide variable (35-day notice)	£85,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (45-day notice)	£42,313.17
Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (90-day notice)	£42,686.83
Sub-Total:	£170,000.00
<u>Other</u>	
B4B Procurement Card	£62.99
Debtors	£1,238.72
Prepayments	£0.00
Sub-Total:	£1,301.71
Total Current Assets:	£341,842.29
Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	£9,852.21
Received on Account (inc. Precept)	£0.00
PAYE Payments Due	£76,246.67
NI Payments Due	£285.00
Pension Payments Due	£452.24
Other Creditors (awaiting advice from HMRC before payment)	£738.18
VAT to be Paid	£0.00
VAT to be Reclaimed	-£2,329.16
VAT that has been Reclaimed but not received	-£3,191.25
Total Current Liabilities:	£82,053.89
Current Assets Minus Liabilities:	£259,788.40
Earmarked Funds in Reserve	
Church Green Reserve	£187.49
Play area maintenance reserve	£44,053.22
CIL Reserve	£86,652.33
Total Current Reserves:	£130,893.04
Net Assets	
General Reserves (inc. £24,727.65 for tree works)	£111,828.18
Profit & Loss Year to Date	£17,067.18
Total Net Assets:	£128,895.36

Management Accounts for the period ending 31 May 2023

Income

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Community Infrastructure Levy	£9,507.31	£4,801.19	£16,956.39	£12,155.20
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£184,096.44	£30,522.20	£31,023.24	£501.04
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£7,930.97	£1,321.83	£366.00	-£955.83
Planning & Highways	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities	£7,633.65	£658.45	£3,525.13	£2,866.68
Totals:	£209,168.37	£37,303.67	£51,870.76	£14,567.09

Expenditure

Department/committee	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Community Infrastructure Levy	£83,447.38	£0.00	£80,866.08	£80,866.08
Finance, Administration & Remuneration	£107,921.03	£20,289.72	£12,799.54	£7,490.18
Kings Worthy Community Centre	£11,120.16	£2,599.31	£2,961.28	-£361.97
Planning & Highways	£11,070.00	£219.91	£0.00	£219.91
Recreation & Amenities	£94,196.54	£27,609.35	£13,291.71	£14,317.64
Totals:	£307,755.10	£50,718.30	£109,918.61	£102,531.85

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Year to Date
Actual Year to Date Position	-£98,586.74	-£13,414.63	-£58,047.85	-£44,633.22

Memorandum Position - Excluding CIL Income, CIL Expenditure and Eversley Park play area spend

Memorandum Year to Date Position:	-£6,269.15	-£18,215.82	£5,861.84	£24,077.66
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Balance Sheet for period ending 31 May 2023

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Unity Trust Bank Current Account	£10,919.81
Unity Trust Tailored Deposit Account - 2.31% AER	£90,194.61
Sub-Total:	£101,114.42
<u>Investments/Deposits</u>	
Nationwide variable (35-day notice)	£85,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank Variable (90-day notice)	£42,686.83
Sub-Total:	£127,686.83
<u>Other</u>	
B4B Procurement Card	£100.00
Debtors	£3,450.44
Prepayments	£0.00
Sub-Total:	£3,550.44
Total Current Assets:	£232,351.69
Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	£4,329.77
Received on Account (inc. Precept)	£1.14
PAYE Payments Due	£60,997.34
NI Payments Due	£267.96
Pension Payments Due	£705.12
Other Creditors (awaiting advice from HMRC before payment)	£1,071.33
VAT to be Paid	£0.00
VAT to be Reclaimed	-£19,694.34
VAT that has been Reclaimed but not received	£0.00
Total Current Liabilities:	£47,678.32
Current Assets Minus Liabilities:	£184,673.32
Earmarked Funds in Reserve	
Church Green Reserve	£0.00
Play area maintenance reserve	£44,053.22
CIL Reserve	£5,786.25
Total Current Reserves:	£49,839.47
Net Assets	
General Reserves (inc. £24,727.65 for tree works)	£192,881.75
Profit & Loss Year to Date	-£58,047.85
Total Net Assets:	£134,883.90