



Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 31 July 2023 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Julia Archer, Signe Biddle, Colin Cossburn, Emily Fish (Chair of the meeting), Dorry Lawlor & Charlotte Smith (PC/23/118 onwards).

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)

Cllr Mandy Hallisey (the council resolved to approve Cllr Hallisey's reason for absence)

Cllr Matthew Miller-Hall (the council resolved to approve Cllr Miller-Hall's reason for absence)

Cllr Steve Waters (the council resolved to approve Cllr Waters's reason for absence)

County & City Councillor(s)

Cllr Steve Cramoysan (Winchester City Council [WCC])

Members of the public

PC/23/118 – 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 was given an update on the situation with Lovedon Fields, including the outstanding transfer.

Action: It was agreed for the Clerk to negotiate with the liquidators regarding the daily charges given the delay.

PC/23/119 – Impact of COVID-19 - meeting recommendations

It was agreed to keep the current recommendations.

PC/23/120 – Advertisement of Parish Council vacancy for co-option

It was agreed to advertise the vacancy for co-option subject to confirmation an election has not been called.

PC/23/121 – 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 Cramoysan summarised the report to attendees.

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PC/23/122 – Potential Tetra Pak recycling point in the village

It was agreed to find a location in the bottom of Everley Park car park, near the Parish Council's bin.

PC/23/123 – S106 agreement for the land at Lovedon Fields – update on transfer

See PC/23/118.

PC/23/124 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 June 2023

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

PC/23/125 – Matters arising from the meeting held on 26 June 2023

None.

PC/23/126 – To receive the minutes of the committees:

- Recreation and Amenities (R&A) Committee – 13 July 2023 – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting; no questions or queries were raised.
- Planning & Highways (P&H) Committee – 25 July 2023 – including response to 74 Lovedon Lane application – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting; no questions or queries were raised.

74 Lovedon Lane planning application – Due to the number of Councillors who declared an interest, this recommendation was referred to full council for approval.

Response: It was agreed to object on the grounds of overdevelopment, loss of amenity, safe access for vehicles (including delivery and emergency vehicles) and the precedent it sets for further development to the rear of adjacent properties.

PC/23/127 – Proposed sound survey of Lovedon Lane/Stoke Charity Road

Defer.

PC/23/128 – Eversley Park play area renewal tender – update including delay of works to the tower (and associated costs)

It was agreed to ratify the cost to supply and re-lay the topsoil at the Eversley Park play area at a total cost of £2,643.90.

It was agreed for the Parish Council's solicitor to write to them subject to further advice on the contractual situation.

PC/23/129 – Communications [incl. Website / Facebook / Newsletter Monthly Comms. Etc.]

Quote for newsletter awaited.

PC/23/130 – Parish Council shed - update

Defer until the next meeting.

PC/22/131 – Potential electric car charging points

Defer until the next meeting.

PC/23/132 – Offer of project management work from Ridge

It was agreed to remove this item.

PC/23/133 – Clerk’s Notices

None.

PC/23/134 – Chairman’s Notices

None.

PC/23/135 – Items for discussion at the next Meeting on 25 September 2023

None.

Meeting Closed at 19:55.

Signed:

Date:

Report from WCC Councillors – Kings Worthy Parish Council 31.7.23

Major Developments and regeneration.

Archaeological investigations are turning up some interesting history at the site of the Central Regeneration Area. Planning permission has been granted for the demolition of the old Friarsgate surgery, and its replacement with a temporary park and event space, with a new riverwalk being opened up. We hope this will happen over the summer.

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

We are looking forward to seeing the proposals for improving the shared walking/cycle path from the Worthys into Winchester.

Cart & Horses Junction

We have finally seen progress at the Cart & Horses Junction, with a new STOP sign, road markings and associated changes at the London Road exit onto the junction. New High Risk Route signs are up, and we are pleased to see the lit sign warning drivers coming in from the Winnall roundabout now flashes on much earlier – at about 37mph instead of 44mph! Meanwhile, many of you attended the first in person consultation at the Jubilee Hall on two different approaches to changing the junction to realign with the new roads coming from the M3/J9 proposals. This online consultation closes in September. Please do let the County Council know your views on the options put forward.

Phosphates and Planning Applications

A limited number of sites in the Itchen river catchment area have licences for sale to developers for mitigation of nitrates and phosphates. These are very limited and expensive however, so until a wider scheme is put forward to deal with this issue the number of planning applications for new dwellings is likely to remain small. The City Council is looking into the possibility of a solution via enhanced water treatment, but this is a longer term solution – however it looks like one of only a few possible solutions being considered.

EcoGen – Kings Worthy

Although the closing date for new comments on the latest Ecogen application to vary the conditions to allow a doubling of lorry movements has now officially closed, we have been assured that your views will still be taken into account as this latest application will not be considered before September. Please send your views to Jackie who will pass them on.

Westfield Road Open Space

We will report on the results of the local consultation on this open space managed by WCC in our next report.

City Council News

The latest City Council News can be found via this link: <https://mailchi.mp/winchester/your-council-news-907539?e=9f226c3db7> It includes information on summer holiday play schemes, and a reminder that you can travel for free from the City centre to the new Sports & Leisure Park at Bar End using Park & Ride buses. You can sign up for the Council News to be sent to your personal inbox – it's a good way of keeping in touch with what the City Council is involved with across the Winchester District. You can do this via the City Council's website: www.winchester.gov.uk

Car Parking in Winchester

There has been a lot of comment in the local press about the recent increase in prices for parking in the City Centre. These increases have only affected the most central car parks, and if you choose to park in the Cattlemarket at the end of Worthy Lane, prices have not changed, and you can still park there for an hour for free at any time of day. In effect, this means that you can park there for free for an evening out in town from 5pm. We know there are anomalies in evening charges at some of the central Winchester car parks, and these are being looked into. Please do raise any other concerns you may have with us.

Worthys Festival 2023

The Worthys Festival Team appreciates the support of the Parish Council and we are looking forward to another successful Festival on Saturday 9th September. Cllr Porter has agreed to fund the necessary licences and payments to make the Festival 'legal and safe', which is much appreciated, and we will be doing our best as always to encourage people to walk and cycle to the park and to show consideration to near neighbours if they have to come and park there. We hope to see as many members of the Parish Council there as can make it – should be another great day!

County Councillor Report for Parish and Town Councils, Parish Meetings July 2023

First reminder: the **County Council's budget consultation**- deadline 26th July.

I know that the County Council are considering many options which include charging for on street parking in many more places to support the cost of maintaining roads.

Please take the time to respond to this consultation if you can. www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

Water treatment: of great interest at City and County levels, there is new legislation for owners of 'private water treatment plants' which include small developments and individual properties. This applies from October 2023. You can see the detail on gov.uk and on my website from 6th July.

Southern Water's treatment works continue to be monitored and (limits set) by the EA.

I am working with residents and the Councils to look at this issue across the planning system too.

Flash flooding continues to be a problem as heavy rain falls over a short period. Please report all flood matters on hants.gov.uk for speedy maintenance. Thank you

Boundary changes: notification that the constituency boundaries are changing has been received. Full details are on the Electoral Commission's website. www.electoralcommission.gov.uk

Road, footway and countryside complaints, flooding, overhanging trees etc must be reported online at hants.gov.uk to start any action. I'm afraid the old days of calling up the highways officer have gone and all matters which might require resources start with a reference number. This includes dying trees if planted by HCC this Spring. If you don't receive a satisfactory reply from your complaint, please let me know with the reference number. Many thanks

I attended as a deputy at a **recent Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) meeting at HCC.**

The agenda items and topics of discussion included:

- Mental health support- raising the lack of professional staff to meet the rising numbers needing help. I note too that the lack of Educational Psychologists across the country is leading to an EP crisis in schools. HCC is seeking authorisation to spend £3.35 million more over 5 years on EP Locums to fill the gaps in provision (so urgently needed) to satisfy their legal requirements on EHCP's.
- Shortage of NHS dental services
- Looking again at the Pharmacy availability which was reviewed post pandemic, but the situation is worsening with community pharmacies closing resulting in even more limited access for those without a car. I have asked for the Winchester district paper to be updated to reflect the current position.
- Update on GP recovery towards more efficient services. Although more direct GP appointments are being offered now, I raised the poor phone service that many people felt was the first barrier to an appointment. This was echoed by other members of the committee, and was a point taken away from the meeting by the NHS representative from the ICB.(Integrated Care Board)

Many of you contributed to the Reg 18 report, but the **Minerals and Waste Reg 19 report is not out as yet.** The details of how HCC will handle the inclusion of Free Handling for DIY waste recently announced have not been published. Other changes to the waste stream to reflect Government aspirations are awaited.

Inflation of costs: Barton Farm primary school cost about £8m. Now, a new school for Basingstoke (2FTE to serve children on the Golf Club site) will cost at least £14.5million. Costs of all works continue to spiral.

Research Appreciation Day

If you'd like to take part in medical research but not sure how, why not complete these surveys on Perfectionism, Social Ranking, Mental Health?

https://participate.mqmentalhealth.org/studies/perfectionism-social-rank-and-mental-health/?utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_term=all&utm_content=find-out-more&mc_uid=2726245da1

South Western Railway announces public consultation on station change proposals

South Western Railway has today (5th July 2023) launched a public consultation on potential changes to modernise and update stations across our network. This included proposing changes to the way tickets are sold and customer service is provided. The press release which has been issued this morning is provided below for your reference.

These proposals seek to modernise the railway and bring it more in line with current consumer expectations. They reflect significantly reduced usage of ticket offices over the past decade as customers move to alternative, more convenient ways of buying tickets.

The changes would mean the closure of all ticket offices, but more face-to-face support for customers, greater visibility of colleagues throughout stations, and a higher proportion of colleagues trained to support customers with their retail choices.

Customers will still be able to access the same products and services as they do today through South Western Railway's website, our mobile app, contactless payment, pay as you go, and at our customer contact centre, or at the station.

SWR say, 'We will continue to meet all our commitments on providing accessibility for passengers, including passengers with reduced mobility and people requiring in-person assistance.'

More information about our proposals can be found on our website at

www.southwesternrailway.com/stationchange. Physical copies of this information can also be obtained on request at this station.

Independent passenger watchdogs Transport Focus and London Travel Watch will facilitate the consultation. If you would like to comment on these proposals please contact the relevant organisation to the station you are commenting on by **Wednesday 26 July 2023**.

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New support for families coping with Dementia

Colleagues you met at the afternoon tea have gone into partnership with The Dower House (Springvale Rd) to launch a new coffee morning/carer support group. If you have time, pop in on 16th August 10.30 - 12 (our first one) Thereafter it will be the third Wednesday of the month.

New advice online for 60+

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/livelongerbetter/keepconnected>

Finally, this week, Michael Gove has announced that OfLOG has been set up by DLUHC to assess 'value for money' and 'social value' of councils.

See more at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-local-government>