

Kings Worthy Parish Council

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2 January 2014
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy

Present:	Councillors:	Stewart Newell [Chairman] Phil Allen Mandy Hallisey Kerstin Reiners (part) Sarah White
	Clerk:	Adrian Reeves
	Public:	None

RA/14/01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

RA/14/02 Public Question Time

None.

RA/14/03 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 November

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

(Cllr Reiners joined the meeting at 19.35)

RA/14/04 Matters Arising from the Meeting of 7 November 2013

- **RA/13/143 Upper Broadview Path** – it was agreed that this item be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action – Cllr Newell**
- **RA/13/143 Church Green Entrance** – it was agreed that this item be carried forward to the next meeting. **Action – Cllr Newell**
- **RA/13/143 Youth Council** – Cllr White attended a Ringwood Council meeting. The youth representatives are able to speak during the meeting but do not get a vote. It was agreed to further consider various ideas for a youth council within the parish. **Action – Cllr White**
- **RA/13/143 Church Green Close Paths** – work now completed; slightly slippery but fine.

- **RA/13/143 Building Developer Facilities Strategy** – Cllr Newell reported that he had made a start on this. **Action – Cllr Newell**
- **RA/13/147 Worthies Sports and Social Club; new steps and extension to the patio area** – Cllr Allen has discussed this with Simeon Watson; the request is to extend out by 4m. It was agreed that a surveyor should be used to measure up and mark out the boundary between the Club's land and that owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Newell undertook to arrange this with Dave Wolford. The Committee expressed their general support of the WSCC in improving the facilities and services offered by the club. **Action – Cllr Newell**

RA/14/05 Church Green Playground Consultation

Cllr Newell has circulated the draft specification to councillors. The contents of the solicitor's letter (dated 31 December 2013) were noted, and Cllr Newell agreed to draft a letter to be sent to the residents of Church Green. **Action – Cllr Newell.**

The clerk is to send a copy of the letter to Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey at Winchester City Council. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/14/06 Spending Priorities for s106 Play and Sport Funding – External Funding Opportunities

Cllr White suggested that it may be able to obtain some funding toward the cost of resurfacing the Eversley Park car park from the travel plan for schools budget. **Action – Cllr White**

A grant application for £500 toward the cost of the accessible swing at Eversley Park is to be submitted to the Sports Legacy Fund. Cllr Newell suggested arranging a meeting with Osbornes who may be able to help. **Action – the Clerk**

Cllr Allen suggested the submission of an Awards for All Grant application. It was agreed that a spreadsheet of external funding opportunities would be maintained in the office. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/14/07 Tree and Shrub Management Plan

It was noted that there had been a number of recent emergency problems over recent weeks, and one emergency had already been dealt with. Cllr Allen presented a map showing the areas requiring urgent action. Three separate quotes would be obtained for the necessary work:

Quote 1	Sites 1-4
Quote 2	Sites 5-7
Quote 3	Sites 8-10

In site 1 one of the trees belongs to Railtrack.

Site 2 is a particular problem with trees rubbing on the roof of 2A Wesley Road.

Site 3 (back of 7 Wesley Road) – it was agreed to crown reduce or pollard the major trees along a 120m length. The sycamore at the rear of 7 Wesley Road would be reassessed in 2-5 years.

Site 7 – more trees are down and one is right over the football pitch and dog walk.

Site 8 – a large tree is down from land at Kings Worthy House.

Site 10 – Worthy Tree Care have actioned.

Cllr Allen needs to get final brief together for the above works. **Action – Cllr Allen**

RA/14/08 Tree Inspection / Maintenance

The urgent items were dealt with under the previous agenda item.

RA/14/09 Budget 2014-15

The draft R&A budget had been approved by the Finance Committee without amendment.

RA/14/10 Burial Ground Registrar's quarterly report was noted as follows:

The following burials/cremations have taken place since the 7 November 2013

Date	Name	Address	Plot No
Burials			
	None		
Cremations			
29.10.13	George Robert Kenneth COLLINS	53 Willis Waye	103
29.10.13	Rose Lilian COLLINS	53 Willis Waye	103
11.12.13	Ernest Edward Pollard RICKETTS	81 Priors Dean Road Harestock	104

RA/14/11 Request for Contract Extension from Green Smile Ltd

While being very satisfied with the standard of work being carried out it was considered that this request was too early in the lifetime of the contract. Agreed to review in a year's time and to notify Green Smile Ltd of this decision. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/14/12 Request to extend St. Mary's Churchyard

A number of questions were raised in relation to this request from the church.

1. Would covenants on Church Green allow this?

2. What steps would the Parish Council have to take
3. How much would the charge be?
4. For what could the proceeds be used?

R&A do not oppose this request in principle but further investigation required. When investigations complete this matter to be referred to the full Parish Council.

Action – the Clerk

RA/14/13 Booking of Ice Cream Van for Summer 2014

Fat Sam's Ice Creams are to be invited to use Eversley Park car park for weekends and during school holidays, on the understanding that no drinks are sold. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/14/14 Designation of Footpaths

Apart from Top Field, both Derek Brockway and the Clerk confirmed that there are no other outstanding footpath issues with Winchester City Council. Drew Smith have received the Order re Top Field which only changes the route around the new dwellings recently erected. Cllr Reiners objected to the previous decision of the Parish Council as she was not present at the discussion; this was noted.

A meeting was being arranged between councillors, Drew Smith and Harry Goodchild (WCC) and it was agreed to go ahead with that meeting. Cllr Reiners suggested public involvement in consultation on the regularisation of the Top Field footpaths; no councillors were in favour of this motion.

RA/14/15 Project Updates

- **Bag It Bin It! Dog Fouling Initiative** – Cllr Reiners reported on the results of the colouring competition. The bin in Lovedon Lane has now been moved and there is a new bin in Lovedon Lane. Despite the campaign dog fouling is still a major problem. WCC have requested to change all red wheelie bins to dual purpose bins. There was no objection to this but councillors wished to know if WCC would charge Parish Council for emptying them and if so what amount. **Action – the Clerk**

(Cllr Reiners left the meeting at 21.32)

- **Eversley Park Path / Steps** – there have been some complaints about the path being slippery in icy conditions. As the path is in an exposed position this was to be expected and the comments noted.
- **Accessible Swing for Disabled Children** – this is awaiting funding. The clerk was asked to write to Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey to inform him of the s106 priorities agreed at the 7 November meeting. **Action – the clerk**
- **Fryers Close Playground** – this scheme had been given a low priority for funding. It was agreed to replace the wooden rails around the site and for this task to be added to the maintenance technician's list.

The contractors who tendered for the whole project to be notified that this was not going ahead. **Action – the Clerk**

- **Eversley Park Car Park Re-surfacing** – Cllr Allen is to arrange a map of the car park boundaries. Cllr Newell undertook to arrange going out to tender with three suppliers. **Action – Cllr Newell & the Clerk**
- **Burial Ground Cremation Area Extension / Shrub Planting** – no progress as Sparsholt College have still not responded. The Clerk was asked to diarise for three months' time to chase up with Jonathan Baker. **Action – the Clerk**
- **Byelaw Signs** – these have now been received. The maintenance technician to be requested to fit these in five agreed locations before the end of March. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/14/16 General Maintenance / Equipment Repairs; Sundial, Maintenance Technician Task Listing

- The potholes in Eversley Park car park have not been repaired by the agreed date. The cricket nets have been tied up high but not removed. Cllrs requested that these be removed completely for the winter. The maintenance technician is to be asked to come in for a progress meeting with the Clerk. **Action – the Clerk**
- The lower fence at lower Broadview now has a large gap in it. An additional bollard is now required at Hinton House Drive as the gap has increased after the tree and hedge work. The maintenance technician is to be requested to carry out these works. **Action – the Clerk**
- **Sundial** – still awaiting response from the company carrying out the repairs. Cllr White agreed to chase this up. **Action – Cllr White**
- **Maintenance Technician Task Listing** – review meeting with Martyn Smith was held and priorities and timescales agreed. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/14/17 Clerk's Notices

A letter had been received from Hampshire County Council's re a Rights of Way Cutting List. Cllrs agreed that high priority be given to paths 3 and 7, medium priority to paths 8 & 9 and lower priority to paths 4 and 5. **Action – the Clerk**

RA/14/18 Chairman's Notices

None.

RA/14/19 Items for the next Meeting's Agenda

Cllr Allen to chair this meeting.

RA/14/20 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is Thursday 6th February 2014. The meeting closed at 10.21pm.

Signed.....

Date