

Kings Worthy Parish Council

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5 November 2015
at Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present: Councillors: Sarah White [Chairman],
Mandy Hallisey, Dorry Hudson and Stewart Newell.

Clerk: Adrian Reeves

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	<u>Action</u>
RA/15/161 Apologies for Absence	
None.	
RA/15/162 Public Question Time	
None.	
RA/15/163 Minutes of the R&A Meeting held on the 1 October 2015	
The minutes were amended as follows: RA/15/47 delete "s" after "Baker" RA/15/153 amend "it" to "is" after Cllr White" The minutes were then agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Cllr White.	
RA/15/164 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2015	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RA/15/145 Jubilee Obelisk – This work has now been completed. ○ RA/15/145 Meeting with Potential New Football Team – A mutually convenient date to meet has yet to be found, as a response is still awaited from the team. ○ RA/15/145 Folding metal posts for Eversley Park Path – These are to be fitted at the same time as the required replacement wooden posts at Eversley Park. ○ RA/15/151 Church Green playground – Thanks were expressed to Cllr Barnes for performing the formal opening. ○ RA/15/151 Visibility splay on Lovedon Lane – A progress report was given on the discussions which had been held with the property owner. It was established that a very small area of hedging to the south of the burial ground was in the ownership of the new owner. A reduction in the 	

hedge at this point would not be detrimental to the integrity of the burial ground

- **RA/15/153 Dog Issues** – Cllr White has put up notices along the path from Nations Hill to Eversley and contacted the head teacher at Kings Worthy Primary School (KWPS), asking for an item to be put in a school newsletter to parents requesting that this path is kept free of dog faeces.
- **RA/15/145 Eversley Park path** – As Caroway were not responding to correspondence it was agreed that Cllr Newell would speak to Hampshire County Council to see if they could assist.

RA/15/165 Tree Works at Broadview & Hinton Park

Cllr White has drafted letters to Mr Sansom & Mrs Power, which are to be signed at the end of the meeting, as well as to neighbours of the new sections of Broad View which are to be tackled this winter.

RA/15/166 Hinton Park Orchard

Phil Jeffs (Worthy Plants) will obtain the trees. Students from Sparsholt College can carry out the planting in the morning of either 19 or 26 November, with KWPS attending for a planting ceremony, with councillors invited to attend. Phil Jeffs has agreed to prune the trees for the first year. Phil Jeffs is paying for 5 trees, the remainder of the cost, about £70 - £80 will be payable by the Parish Council. Cllr White will confirm a date.

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RA/15/167 Footpaths, Cycle Paths and Ownership of Hedges

Letters have been prepared and will be sent out this week. Cllr White is to resend, to the office, the draft letters on surfacing at St. Mary's Close and the footpaths at Top Field, to be sent to the Rights of Way team at HCC.

Cllr White

RA/15/168 Play Inspector's Report

Cllr White shared proposals for the prioritisation of the required works, which were accepted by the rest of the committee. Cllr Barnes & the Clerk were asked to meet with the Maintenance Technician to agree the works as scheduled. Red items are to be completed by the end of November and orange by the end of January. Progress on these works is then to be discussed at the February meeting.

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RA/15/169 Tree & Hedge Inspection/Maintenance

Cllr White has been in touch with Dave Harris (TCA Associates) and James Etheridge (Worthy Tree Care). Works will take place at Eversley Park on 16 November, Hinton Park 19 November and Nations Hill 26 November.

Tom Postle (Green Smile Ltd) and residents have reported concerns about a tree at Hinton Fields. Dave Harris has agreed to re-inspect it.

A resident has complained about a tree in Eversley Park conflicting with a tree in her garden at the corner of the park by the footpath. Dave Harris has been asked to examine this and advise.

RA/15/170 Budget 2016-17

A detailed consideration was given to the R&A forecast outturn for this financial year, together with a first draft of a budget for 2016-17. The completed version is to be sent to Finance Committee for consideration at their next meeting.

Cllr White will draft a letter for Cllr Newell to send to WCC to request full details of the current process for claiming from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Cllr White

It was agreed to plan for laying pebbles for placement of cremation stones in the two remaining quadrants of the new cremation area at the burial ground and the previously proposed improvement to the resilience of the Church Green entrance.

Clerk**RA/15/171 Project Updates**

- Bench Refurbishment – The Clerk played a recording taken from the office answerphone of a conversation between the two contractors who had been asked to carry out the refurbishment of the PC's benches. Because of the tone and content of this conversation and non-performance to date (despite agreement initially for early summer) of the works, it was unanimously agreed to write to Waterman & Hayter cancelling the order for them to carry out this work. It was further agreed to ask M.R.S. Services to carry out the work on 6 benches this financial year with the remainder to be carried out in the next financial year. This proposal was agreed subject to confirmation of the price and agreement that the works would be carried out within the required timescales alongside other tasks already given.
- Accessible Swing – The remedial work has now been carried out successfully.
- Burial Ground – Cllr Hallisey reported on progress. After the potential difficulties with the delivery and installation of the slate monolith, a modular slate monolith had been purchased instead and this was now on site awaiting installation. A large tree root at the site of the monolith and water pool had delayed this work but it was now well under way. A commemorative plaque was being considered. Cllr Hallisey thanked the clerks for organising the refreshments for the Sparsholt students. Some of the plants have been donated by David Domoney (gardening celebrity who was exhibiting at Chelsea this summer).

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It was agreed to obtain quotes for repainting the gates at the Burial Ground, and also to purchase a new wheelie bin for there.

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- Eversley Park Path & Steps – see RA/15/164 above.
- Fryers Close Playground – Cllrs Barnes and Hudson have met to start this project. 5 companies have been asked to visit the site and make suggestions as to designs. Cllr White is to investigate why the residents

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did not want the fencing moved to the edge of the road (as per previous consultation).

- Pump Track – Cllr White has spoken to the two contractors who have been providing advice. One would charge by the hour for design work. The other would require flat ground with good access and located away from houses and trees. Cllrs White and Hallisey, will arrange with Jamie from the local skating community, to visit the pump track facility in South Wonston.

**Cllrs
Hallisey &
White**

RA/15/172 General Maintenance / Equipment Repairs

- Maintenance Technician Task Listing – it was agreed that the prioritised list of actions from the play inspection report would be added to this list.
- A letter has been received from Green Smile Ltd offering a contract extension of two years (to 31 March 2019) at the existing price. It was agreed to recommend acceptance of this offer to Finance Committee.
- Cllr White offered to investigate allotment management courses.

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RA/15/173 Clerk's Notices

None.

RA/15/174 Chairman's Notices

None.

RA/15/175 Items for Communications

Formal opening of Church Green playground
Community orchard

RA/14/176 Items for the Next Meeting

Budget 2016-17
Projects for 2016-17

RA/15/177 The next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 pm on the 7 January 2016.

The meeting closed at 22:30.

Signed _____ Date _____