



Kings Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday, 23 February 2026 at 19:30 held in Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road

Attendees

Councillors Luke Ainscough, Signe Biddle, Colin Cossburn, Emily Fish, Ray Elliott, Ian Gordon, Charlotte Smith & Mark Sullivan.

Clerk(s)

Parish Clerk (Christopher Read).

Apologies

Councillor Mandy Hallisey (the council resolved to approve Cllr Hallisey's reason for absence).
Councillor Philip Horne (the council resolved to approve Cllr Horne's reason for absence).
Councillor Dorry Lawlor (the council resolved to approve Cllr Lawlor's reason for absence).
Councillor Tim Paget (the council resolved to approve Cllr Paget's reason for absence).

County & City Councillor(s)

Cllr Jackie Porter (Hampshire County Council/Winchester City Council) [HCC][WCC].
Cllr Jane Rutter (Winchester City Council) [WCC].

Members of the public

None.

PC/26/026 – 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]

Cllr Jackie Porter have a short presentation on the history of Tubbs Hall and reiterated a request to meet to discuss the transfer to the Parish Council.

PC/26/027 – Appointment of Councillor(s) onto committees

None.

PC/26/028 – To receive 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. Cllr Rutter (WCC) gave a short summary of the report.

A copy of the County report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.

Cllr Porter (HCC) highlighted that to ensure a balance budget, HCC will need to increase their council tax requirement by 14.9%. However, given the requirement or referendum, an

alternative 4.99% increase is being considered.

Cllr Cossburn updated Councillors on the informational site meeting with the developer of the Kings Worthy Court/House site, including the current poor state of the buildings on the site.

PC/26/029 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 08 January 2026

Defer to next meeting as not published in time for the agenda.

PC/26/030 – Matters arising from the meeting held on 08 January 2026

None.

PC/26/031 – To agree and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026

A copy of the minutes had been published and circulated before the meeting. The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

PC/26/032 – Matters arising from the meeting held on 26 January 2026

Henry Beaufort school bus – After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to object to the removal of the bus service on the grounds of safety.

Action – Clerk to draft a letter to the Director of Children Services including accident data, and streetlighting for the proposed route.

PC/26/033 – To consider the Forecast Outturn (2025/26) & Budget (2027/28)

A copy of the forecast outturn and budget had been published and circulated to all Councillors before the meeting. The revised budget was approved with no further changes.

PC/26/034 – To receive the minutes of the committees:

- **Recreation & Amenities Committee – 05 February 2026** - A copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members and no comments were raised.

Potential consultation on Fryers Close play area – It was agreed to write to properties surrounding the play area to ascertain their views on proposals for the sites. It was unanimously agreed that this would not include a full replacement play area to the ongoing issues on the site.

Action – Write to neighbouring properties as above.

- **Finance, Administration & Remuneration Committee – 11 February 2026 – including review of internal audit provision** - A copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members and no comments were raised.

Grant to Wildfire Youth Project – A grant request had been received to run a Youth bus service at Eversley Park play area. It was unanimously agreed to grant the full amount.

Power to spend - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

- **Planning & Highways Committee – 11 February 2026** – A copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members and no comments were raised.

PC/26/035 – Lovedon Fields – Update on the allotment site including status of works

Cllr Cossburn updated Councillors on the current status of the site.

It was unanimously agreed to install a smaller noticeboard to allow road closure notices to be displayed.

PC/26/036 – To review and approve the Council’s Investment Strategy & Policy

A copy of this policy had been published and circulated before the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the policy with no changes.

PC/26/037 – To review and approve the Council’s Reserves Policy

A copy of this policy had been published and circulated before the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the policy with no changes.

PC/26/038 – Council Communications

None.

PC/26/039 – Update on Councillor training courses including email security & best practices

It was unanimously agreed to proceed with booking Councillors of Cyber & Data security online courses, with the required courses completed by the end of the financial year. The estimated total cost of £480.00.

Action – Clerk to book classes as above.

PC/26/040 – Clerk’s Notices

None.

PC/26/041 – Chairman’s Notices

Cllr Cossburn expressed his thanks to Councillors and the Clerk for their help with the recent planting.

PC/26/052 – Items for discussion at the next meeting on 30 March 2026

To review and approve the Council’s CCTV policy

To review and approve the Council’s Grievance and Disciplinary policies

May Parish Council elections

Meeting Closed at 20:37.

Signed:

Date:

Draft Forecast Outturn (2024/25) & Draft Budget (2025/26) report – Summary

Income

Income - Committee/Department	Current Budget	Year to Date Income	Forecast Outturn (2025/26)	Draft Budget (2026/27)
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	£0.00	£6,602.60	£6,602.60	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration (FAR) committee	£213,840.45	£178,444.26	£213,840.45	£217,374.00
Kings Worthy Community Centre (KWCC)	£11,397.64	£1,830.00	£12,347.00	£10,421.52
Planning & Highways (P&H) committee	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Recreation & Amenities (R&A) committee	£28,212.26	£13,650.81	£32,108.95	£13,189.18
Totals:	£253,450.35	£200,527.67	£264,899.00	£240,984.70

Expenditure

Expenditure - Committee/Department	Current Budget	Year to Date Income	Forecast Outturn (2025/26)	Draft Budget (2026/27)
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	£0.00
Finance, Administration & Remuneration (FAR) committee	£112,342.56	£69,694.93	£91,765.69	£120,033.17
Kings Worthy Community Centre (KWCC)	£24,323.88	£12,731.38	£36,839.94	£22,274.68
Planning & Highways (P&H) committee	£10,354.00	£4,627.03	£9,970.59	£13,495.93
Recreation & Amenities (R&A) committee	£129,108.26	£97,247.70	£130,237.67	£101,576.02
Totals:	£277,328.69	£184,301.04	£270,013.89	£257,379.80

Net surplus/deficit position:	Current Budget	Year to Date Position	Forecast Outturn (2025/26)	Draft Budget (2026/27)
Income minus expenditure	-£23,878.34	£16,226.63	-£5,114.89	-£16,395.10

Reserves Forecast

General reserve forecast for end of 2025/26	£95,746.42
General reserve requirement for 2026/27	£59,084.03
<i>Adjustments to general reserve level</i>	£19,694.68
Revised general reserve requirement for 2026/27	£78,778.71
Additional earmarked reserves to be created - Tubbs Hall future maintenance reserve	£2,000.00
Total reserve funds needed	£80,778.71
Forecast budget deficit for 2026/27	-£16,395.10
Variance on reserves after current deficit is funded	-£1,427.38