

**Headbourne Worthy Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting of 8 July 2013**  
**Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, Kings Worthy**  
**At 7.20**

**Present**

**Chairman, Councillor David Pearcey**  
**Councillor Harry Whorwood**  
**Councillor Claire Duncan**  
**Councillor Jane Rutter**  
**Councillor Claire Welland**  
**Councillor Chris Clarke-Smith**  
**Clerk Hilary Graham**  
**Winchester City Councillor Keith Wood**  
**Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter**

**Apologies for absence**

**Councillor Lisa Wright**  
**PCSO Michelle Wilkinson**

**Public participation**

**Siôn Graham**  
**Tom Crutchfield**  
**Dan Rye**

1. The meeting started at 7.18

2. There was a discussion about the attendance record of Councillor Wright. The Chairman said that he would discuss the position with her. Two parishioners, Tom Crutchfield and Dan Rye, were keen to become Councillors. Councillor Rutter proposed that they be co-opted on as non-voting members and Councillor Clarke-Smith seconded. All were in favour.

**Jackie Porter**

3. Councillor Porter had sent her report to the clerk. The main points were that there is a problem with her e-mail address and she apologised for not responding, pot holes are being looked at, the on-line system of reporting Highways issues is poor and is being monitored, and she has a meeting with Peter Watson about Rights of Way issues in Headbourne Worthy on Thursday 11 July.

4. The budget for the improvement work to the A33 is only 27k. The recent accidents have cost hundreds and thousands of pounds; accidents of all sorts average 78k. She is pushing to reevaluate the work, including looking at the Barton Farm funds.

5. If anyone spots graffiti, a photo should be sent to [jon.whale@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jon.whale@hants.gov.uk)

6. Tom Crutchfield pointed out that he works for the Landscaping department of Hampshire County Council and it would be a good idea for Highways to consult them when schemes are being drawn up.

**Local Policing**

7. Councillor Pearcey said that one or two things had to be mentioned. There had been a spate of thefts from outbuildings of pressure washers, disk cutters, chainsaws etc. There had also been thefts from cars in rural car parks.

## **Notes of meeting**

8. The minutes of the meetings of the 13<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed and dated by Councillor Whorwood, the acting Chairman for those meetings.

9. Steve Brine had asked for a copy of the minutes in future.

## **Finance**

10. There was £6,478.38 in the bank and a record of the expenses incurred was provided. The annual accounts were not yet approved. There had been a question asked by the auditors, BDO, about the valuation of the parish assets.

11. The internal auditor had suggested that clerk should have an increase in salary to a higher scale point, as she had been on the same point for 4 years. Councillor Rutter proposed scale point 21 and Councillor Welland seconded. That is £9.94 an hour. The clerk works 3 hours a week.

12. The Clerk raised the issue of internet banking. The internal auditor had suggested Unity Trust bank. Two signatories are required for each transaction, which is what the rules specify. The bank does not have High Street branches but it is possible to nominate another bank for transaction purposes. Councillor Rutter proposed and Councillor Welland seconded. All agreed. The signatories would be Councillor Pearcey, Councillor Whorwood and Councillor Rutter. The clerk would explore if the parish could nominate the local Post Office as the designated branch.

## **Lengthsman scheme**

13. A Lengthsman had not been appointed yet. The clerk had left the maintenance of the path over the watercress beds, hoping that the lengthsman would cut it. Subsequently the normal maintenance man and another handyman had let her down. She had arranged for another quote that day.

14. It was suggested that the odd job man used by Kings Worthy Parish Council would be suitable.

15. The clerk reported that Southern Water had checked the drain on the watercress path and found that it was not broken. They suggested that the flooding had been due to a Winterbourne. Councillor Whorwood did not agree and asked the clerk to go back to them.

## **Keith Wood**

15. Councillor Wood had a report to make about current issues.

16. Winchester City Council is negotiating to buy the Carfax site, opposite the railway station for redevelopment purposes.

17. The roof of the Riverpark complex is rusting and proposals are ongoing for repairs. The final scheme will depend on costs.

18. Tesco is not prepared to sell the Bar End site to the City Council, but may sell it for redevelopment. That will mean the end of the football pitch.

19. He had attended a conference on Alzheimers, an ever increasing problem. The Council are trying to ensure that they have enough trained staff to cope with confused people.

20. River Cottage has got the go ahead in Colebrook Street. It should open in January 2015.

### **General Amenities**

21. Councillor Wood is trying to get a cycle path between Worthy Down and the John Moore Barracks.

22. Howard Tissiman from School Lane had written regarding traffic problems. His comments had been passed to Councillor Wood and Andy Hickman had responded to him.

### **Springvale 30**

23. Councillor Welland had drawn up a consultation document for consideration. Small amendments were suggested. These will be hand delivered. The clerk was to confirm the number of copies to be printed.

24. Tom Crutchfield asked if anything could be done about traffic calming along Springvale Road. Councillor Porter said that if anything is to be done it would be at Tesco Express.

### **Widflower planting**

25. At present the position is that three sources have been approached. The cheapest solution would be using Phil Jeffs from Worthy Plants overseeing volunteers. The clerk had an appointment with Bruce Graham on Wednesday evening to this end.

26. Tom had applied for a grant but had been unsuccessful. He suggested that a meter of cut grass all the way round is the most effective.

### **The Dell**

27. The clerk had written to ask why part of Headbourne Worthy had been reassigned to Kings Worthy. A response had been received on behalf of Simon Eden. The letter stated that each person in the affected area could request that the name of the parish be removed from the address. This was not the issue and the clerk was advised to write back and say that it was the precept and electoral roll issues as well as moving the boundary without consultation that was the problem.

### **Website**

28. Sometimes Headbourne Worthy news is replaced by other items. Councillor Welland would look at this.

### **Worthys Festival**

29. The clerk asked for a receipt for the grant given.

### **Newsletter**

30. The next issue is in the Autumn.

### **Down Farm Lane**

31. The Barrows of White Cottage had asked for some edging on the verge below their house as the bank is being eroded by cars. Tom Crutchfield suggested country kerbs. Councillor Porter will talk to the relevant parties. Councillor Clarke-Smith suggested a give way similar to Park Road.

### **Next meeting**

32. The next meeting is on the 9 September