

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting of 11 November 2013
Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, Kings Worthy
At 7.15

Present

Chairman, Councillor David Pearcey
Councillor Lisa Wright
Councillor Jane Rutter
Councillor Claire Duncan
Councillor Chris Clarke-Smith
Councillor Claire Welland
Clerk Hilary Graham

Apologies for absence

Councillor Harry Whorwood
Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter
Winchester City Councillor Keith Wood
PCSO Michelle Wilkinson
PC John Worsdell
Tom Crutchfield

Public participation

Siôn Graham
Rob Williams; developer
Dan Brill; architect
Kirsten Reiners; KWPC
Philip Allen; KWPC
Mandy Hallisey

The meeting started at 7.18

Minutes of meeting of 9 September 2013

1. The minutes were agreed and signed and dated by the Chairman.

Local Policing

2. PCSO Croutear had sent a report which was read out by Councillor Pearcey. The only incident was a suspicious vehicle sighting on Down Farm Lane.

167 Springvale Road

3. Dan Brill gave a presentation about the proposed plans for eight semi-detached, three story houses.

4. It is a difficult site as it runs alongside the A34 and the drive up to the houses is narrow. To counteract these issues it is intended to erect a noise barrier next to the A34 and to widen the drive. The drive is next to allotments owned by the Diocese and they are prepared to release a strip. The plans have been presented to the design panel at the Planning Department and they think that the reaction was favourable. There has also been a pre planning dialogue with the Planning Department and as a result the scheme has been changed from completely two bedroomed houses to a mix of two and three bedroomed. The design is contemporary. Dan Brill has won an award for his work in Winchester. Several drawings of various aspects were passed around the Councillors. The shapes of the building have been chosen to mimic those in The Dell behind them.

Councillor Pearcey asked if it would be possible to make a path through to The Dell. Also could parking spaces be provided for the allotments. Both of these ideas were received favourably.

He was also concerned whether the occupants could open the windows. In a previous development on the A34 this had not been possible because of the noise element but here the windows could be opened.

Councillor Rutter asked why the design was so modern, why not have a row of cottage type terraces. The architect responded that the design was a question of personal taste. Originally the design was for terraces but the Planning department was not in favour.

Councillor Welland was concerned about the number of cars accessing Springvale Road. Could the drive be made into a proper lane with give way signs at the bottom. The developers would look at this. Hilary Graham asked what the neighbours thought. They had only consulted a couple as the owner of the plot wanted to tell them herself.

5. Councillor Pearcey thanked Rob Williams and Dan Brill for coming along.

KWPC

6. As background information HWPC has some S106 money from developers that will be lost if not utilised by March 2014. There is £15,081 in the Play Pot and £9,380 in the Sport Pot.

The representatives had come to talk about Church Green. A new designer has been engaged and after a consultation KWPC has decided to go ahead. However, the cost is about £15,000 and they only have about £4,000 in their Open Space pot. A copy of the plans was passed around. The scheme is low level and organic.

7. After some discussion a vote was taken on the proposal "that Headbourne Worthy Parish Council transfers its play pot to Kings Worthy Parish Council for the purpose of the play area on Church Green only" The proposer was Councillor Rutter and the seconder was Councillor Welland. Five were in favour and Councillor Duncan abstained.

8. Further, KWPC has nearly £20,000 in its Sport Pot. They propose to resurface the car park at Eversley Green. The cost is about £30,000. Councillor Duncan proposed that "Headbourne Worthy Parish Council transfer its Sport Pot to Kings Worthy Parish Council for the refurbishment of the car park at Eversley Green". Councillor Wright seconded. All were in favour.

9. There is going to be an information event on the 20 and 21st November about new building in Kings Worthy. The clerk confirmed that she would put information on the Headbourne Worthy Notice Boards.

Finance

10. The clerk said that there was £6,946 in the bank account. A schedule of expenditure was circulated and agreed.

11. Jane Rutter suggested that HWPC buy Howard Tissiman a bottle of wine to the value of £15 as a thank you for mowing the path to the church free of charge.

12. Internet banking forms were signed.

Planning

167 Springvale Road

13. The clerk would put together an objection to the proposed plans at 167 on four counts; a link with The Dell would satisfy the permeability condition in the Springvale Road Local Area Design guidelines, the house designs did not satisfy the condition that any new development should maintain a sense of individuality and variety in its architectural treatment and that excessive repetition of standard house types and design features should be avoided, the elevated position and modern design did not meet the condition that new buildings should not appear discordant within the context of their surrounding environment and the proposal changes the nature and character of Headbourne Worthy from a rural approach to a more urban one. Other requirements were the adoption of the drive as a road and parking spaces for allotment holders.

New House, Down Farm Lane

14. No objections

Fishing Lake

15. This had been withdrawn.

Wildflower planting

16. This will be going ahead in the Spring. It had been suggested that the noticeboard at the bottom of Nation's Hill be moved to outside the planted area. The Worthys Conservationists could not do this so

it was agreed that the clerk gets quotes for the work. Tom Crutchfield had suggested signs telling parishioners about the planting. The clerk would also seek quotes for these.

Springvale Road Consultation

17. There had been a consultation about changing the speed limit to 30. In Kings Worthy 56% of respondents agreed and in Headbourne Worthy 70%. Historically Headbourne Worthy has always been in favour of this and the clerk was to pass that message on to the Traffic Engineer.

18. The clerk was also to interrogate the SLR machine for statistics.

19. Councillor Wright asked if we should have our own machine or share with Kings Worthy. The clerk said that one of the reasons for sharing with other parishes is that drivers do not get complacent by seeing the signs there all the time.

Bus shelter

20. Councillor Clarke-Smith had brought a brochure of possible designs. It appeared that the bus stop would have to be moved to directly in front of the boundary of The Marlands, London Road as the path was so narrow. She would get a quote and look at her deeds to see who owned the land. The shelters cost between £2,000 and £3,000 to buy. A grant may be available from Jackie Porter.

Defibrillator

21. There was some contact between Councillor Whorwood and The Good Life. This topic was left until Councillor Whorwood was present.

Lengthsman

22. The interviews were being held in December, with a start date of 1 January. Proposed jobs were cleaning footpaths outside Meadow Cottage, cleaning the path and cutting the shrubbery outside Laundry Cottage to Taylor's Corner, cleaning the footpath in Wellhouse Lane, cleaning the road in School Lane (the slope down to WellHouse Lane) cleaning the village signs and painting the railings in School Lane.

Parish Council budget briefing

23. There was a meeting on the 6 December at 6pm. No one could attend.

School Governor

24. Councillor Welland has been appointed a Governor of Kings Worthy School. She had asked the clerk about registering the interest. It was decided that if any topic came up that had any connection the interest should be noted then.

Newsletter

25. The next newsletter should be ready by the 22 November. The articles would include; defibrillator (Clerk), wildflower planting (Clerk) bus shelter (Councillor Clarke-Smith) Lengsthman (Councillor Welland) School Governor (Councillor Welland).

Next meeting

26. The next meeting would be on 13 January 2014.

The meeting ended at 9.30