

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of 12th November 2012

Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, Kings Worthy

At 7.15

Present

Councillor David Pearcey-Chair

Councillor Harry Whorwood

Councillor Claire Duncan

Councillor Jane Rutter

Councillor Claire Welland

Clerk Hilary Graham

Official Representation

PCSO Kerry Croutear HW Police Community Support Officer

Sergeant Mark Lamper

Winchester City Councillor Keith Wood

Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter

Public participation

Hilary and Brian Neilson

1. The meeting started at 7.15

Local policing

2. PCSO Croutear said that there had been a spate of incidents at the end of September. Suspicious males had been checked out. On the 8th October jewellery had been stolen from a house on Pudding Lane. Press releases had gone out but there had been no leads yet. Last week some half-barrels worth £40 to £50 each had been left in School Lane, but the owners have not been traced.

3. PCSO Croutear is leaving on the 19th December, but will be returning next July/August. PCSO Michelle Wilkinson will be looking after Headbourne Worthy in the meantime.

4. Chairman Pearcey wished her well.

Councillor Jackie Porter

5. One of the historians from Kings Worthy has done a lot of work on Morn Hill Camp. This was an army base in the First World War and between 1.5 and 2 million soldiers went through it. At the end of the war a promise was made that a memorial would be erected and never carried out. Next year a

series of exhibitions and fund raising is planned and memorials will be built. Leaflets about the project were handed out.

6. Councillor Porter handed out a report on current issues.

7. She queried whether the Clerk had notified Hampshire County Council of areas that are prone to flooding, for their risk assessment. The Clerk had, but had forgotten two areas; under the A34 bridge and on the pavement outside Born Holm in Pudding Lane. The Clerk would e-mail the relevant contact and let Councillor Rutter have a copy.

8. There is an issue with the road surface from Bedfield Lane to the A34 bridge, and the Clerk undertook to contact Hampshire Highways.

Councillor Keith Wood

9. Recently a property in Kings Worthy had sewage in the garden. This was reported in the press.

10. Winchester City Council is currently setting the Council Tax for next year.

11. There had been a new e-mail scam; someone pretending to be in Spain on holiday needing emergency cash.

12. Car parking charges across the district are to remain unchanged.

13. Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall is opening a branch of River Cafe in Winchester.

14. The City Council is going to build a mobile bandstand, in the form of a pod, by next Easter. Anyone interested should contact Eloise Appleby at Winchester City Council.

15. Councillor Wood apologised for missing meetings, the reason being that Monday evening is a popular time for meetings. Chairman Pearcey looked back through the meeting notes and said that he had been present more than absent.

Brian Neilson

16. They had come to protest about the proposed play area on Church Green. They felt that teenagers would congregate there and that with the new development down the road the play area was bound to expand. They couldn't see why the 4 or 5 mothers who would use it couldn't go to Eversley Park in Kings Worthy. Chairman Pearcey explained the background to this initiative. The proposal is by Kings Worthy Parish Council as the land is in their parish. Headbourne Worthy has accumulated funds from developers known as S106 money, and it is held by Winchester City Council in a "play pot". Under new rules coming in next year the money may be lost and in the past Headbourne Worthy has helped to fund projects in Kings Worthy, so Kings Worthy had asked for help with this venture. Councillor Welland is on the committee and Headbourne Worthy was awaiting the result of the residents' consultation.

17. Chairman Pearcey thanked them for attending. They left at 8.05.

Finances

18. The Clerk stated that there was £6996.63 in the bank. A list of expenditure to date was circulated and signed by the Chairman.

19. The Clerk had obtained a letter from the parish Auditor about internet banking to confirm that it is possible. It was left that the clerk would contact Nat West bank about the mechanics of setting it up. Councillor Porter said that the parish of Wonston had gone to internet banking.

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20. These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Planning

21. The Hilltop proposal had been permitted.

22. There were two new applications; Middle Orchard, crown lift of a tree subject to a TPO and an extension at 7 St Nicholas Rise. There were no objections.

Amenities

Lengthsman scheme

23. Headbourne Worthy agreed to join this scheme. This would involve the parish sharing a handyman with 9 other parishes and being able to use him for work costing up to £1,000, to be paid for by Hampshire County Council. He will have a digger and vehicle. One Councillor or the Clerk will need to allocate the work.

SLR equipment

24. This had been ordered. A handyman from Littleton had quoted £50 for moving the equipment. This would happen about 5 times in the first year. The Clerk is co-ordinating four parishes.

Closing Wellhouse Lane

25. This was raised in The Village News and a number of residents had expressed their views, both in favour and against. The Clerk is in contact with Hampshire Highways, whose comments are awaited before any further action is taken.

Barton Farm

26. There was a discussion about the effect of Barton Farm. A forum has been set up to consider ideas. One idea is that there would be a station at Barton Farm. It is important that any novel ideas are considered now.

Bedfield Lane refuge

27. This is on the list and would not be started before the New Year.

Correspondence received

28. Christine Clerk-Smith from The Marlands in London Road had contacted the Clerk about the Councillor vacancy. The Clerk had circulated an A4 resume received from Christine and had been to meet with her to discuss what the Parish Council does. Several of the Councillors already knew Christine. It was decided that she would be co-opted on at the January Meeting after the Clerk had gone through the formal procedure of posting the vacancy on the Notice Board.

New Code of Conduct

29. The Councillors needed more time to digest this and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Worthys 2013 Festival

30. Councillor Rutter said that there would be a meeting at 7.30 on the 21st November at the Worthys Sports and Social Club to launch the next festival. An application for a grant would be made before the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch

31. A Newsletter is due out next week. The Chairman asked that parishioners make sure that outbuildings and garages are properly secured.

Website/ Newsletter

32. There had just been a Newsletter and Chairman Pearcey wanted to thank Councillor Rutter for producing it. Councillor Rutter in turn thanked Councillor Pearcey for delivering it. It takes two half days.

33. The Clerk is to confer with Councillor Welland about training for uploading material on the new website.

Next meeting

34. The next meeting is on the 14th January.

The meeting ended at 8.55