

Kings Worthy Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present:	Chair of the meeting:	Stewart Newell
	Councillors:	Bob Barnes, Ian Gordon, Mandy Hallisey, Les Haswell, Dorry Hudson, Noel McCleery, Judith Steventon Baker, Denis Welstead and Sarah White;
	Winchester City Council (WCC):	Cllr Jane Rutter
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):	Cllr Jackie Porter
	Clerk:	Adrian Reeves
	Public:	4
	Police	None

Action

PC/16/36 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Karen McCleery and Martin Taylor, and PCSO Kerry Croutear.

PC/16/37 Police Report

No report had been received.

PC/16/38 Public Question Time

A member of public requested clarification on PC16/24 as to why the Parish Council are talking to Drew Smith. Cllr Gordon clarified the background to this issue and as previously stated, the Parish Council will not make any decisions on this issue until the village green application has been decided. It was noted that the village green application is not likely to be decided until September.

PC/16/39 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 15 February 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC/16/40 Development at Top Field – update

See PC/16/38.

PC/16/41 Development off Lovedon Lane – update

Landscaping works will be starting on the 21 March 2016.

Cllr White gave an update on the current status of the proposed pump track in the new park. Due to the costs involved it was suggested that crowd funding may be a source of funding for the track which is likely to cost ~£50,000. Cllr Rutter (WCC) suggested that the Parish Council apply for a sports grant from WCC for a contribution to the cost of the track.

PC/16/42 Reports from the County Councillor, City Councillors, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings

o **County Councillor**

Cllr Porter's report is attached below.

Cart & Horses junction – Funding has now been approved by HCC with a start date for works of the 11th April, subject to Highways England approval.

Cllr Porter thanked Councillors for their support regarding the 30mph speed limit on Springvale Road.

Path adjacent to Kings Worthy Primary School – The school and HCC are meeting to discuss widening this path.

Doctors surgery – Cllr Porter has written to neighbouring surgeries with regards to taking the patients. Mervyn's coaches do not want to tender for the bus service that is planned, on a Wednesday, for over 70's.

No Trespassing sign – Cllr White reported on a sign which has been erected surrounding the old Kings Worthy House site, stating that trespassers will be prosecuted. It was agreed to send this to Recreation & Amenities (R&A) committee, who are to work with Cllrs Porter & Rutter on this issue.

R&A Cttee

o **City Councillor**

Fraser Road car park – The businesses are asking for a 2 hour time limit on the parking spaces.

Footpath Signage – There is currently no finger post marking the path from Springvale Road to Churchill Close. It was noted that erecting finger posts is the responsibility of HCC's rights of way or Highways teams.

Cllr Steventon Baker noted that the path still need reinstating from Churchill Close to Lovedon Lane. It was noted that this process had been started by former Cllr Allen who was dealing with this at the time. It was agreed that R&A will formulate a list of rights of way with issues and HCC are to be asked to come and discuss these with the Parish Council.

R&A Cttee

o **School Governor**

No governors meeting has been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

o **Parish Councillors following external meetings**

Cllr White & Taylor met with Marc Dryden (Friarsgate Surgery) regarding the doctors' surgery.

Cllrs White and the Assistant Clerk met with our grounds contractor and a representative from both Kings Worthy FC (KWFC) and the Worthy Youth FC (WYFC).

Cllr White and the Clerk attended an allotment management course run by APSE Training. IT was noted that if the Parish Council are willing to host a training course, two free places will be offered in return.

PC/16/43 Matters arising from the Meeting of the 18 January 2016

o **PC/16/27 Flooding**

No update has been received yet from HCC.

Cllr Newell is to meet with Ray Gardener (HCC) to discuss why the grille still hasn't been installed on the entrance the drainage pipe outside the Kings Charles Public house. Cllr Newell will also discuss what is happening with regards to the clearance of the gullies as the flow is restricted.

The Parish Council's maintenance contractor is to check the gullies in March & November each year.

Correspondence has been received from Lisa Rake (Environment Projects and Flood and Water Management – HCC) with regards to flood mitigation options for Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy now that the plan for Littleton has been completed.

o **PC/16/26 Friarsgate Surgery - Update**

Cllr White attended the meeting at the Weeke surgery and spoke with Dr Mike Lambert and other surgery staff. Cllr White was told that when the surgery used to open for 7 sessions per week that these were often not booked up, ditto when they dropped down initially to 5. More recently only 50 patients, who use the Pound Road Surgery, had not also visited the main surgery as well.

Friarsgate do not think that keeping a surgery in Kings Worthy is the right model and this is why they have discounted using Tubbs Hall. There are 2000 patients in Kings Worthy (a third of the population) which is only 7% of the total practice population.

The current proposal will be to run a minibus on Wednesday mornings from Kings Worthy to the Weeke surgery which will run an over 70's session. Doctors, nurses and phlebotomists will be available. Various support groups will also be at these sessions on a rotational basis, such as the Parkinson's Support Group. Friarsgate are looking for support from Dial-A-Ride and volunteers for assistance with this service.

The Parish Council set up a petition subsequent to the last Parish Council meeting. As of 14 March 2016 the Parish Council have received 279 signatures. The Parish Council agreed to continue supporting the objection to the closure of the surgery.

It was agreed to ascertain the definitive closing date for the consultation. Comments are to be sent to the chair of Adult & Social Care Committee (HCC), as they will need to review the CCG's decision.

A member of public spoke to the meeting asking that Friarsgate promote the practice as 6,500 people locally is sufficient for a 3 doctor practice, suggesting the use of St. Mary's church hall.

o **PC/16/27 Tubbs Hall Fire Inspection Report**

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The fire door installation is now completed and installation of the roller fire shutter will be taking place on the 4th April 2016.

○ **PC/16/27 Cart & Horses Junction**

See PC/16/42.

○ **PC/16/27 Footpaths**

Cllr Haswell is meeting with M.R.S. Services to discuss the fencing at the Heights.

PC/16/44 To receive Minutes of the Committees:

Planning and Highways Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 23 February had been previously circulated.

The Planning application for 22 Church Lane was refused by WCC's Planning Committee.

Recreation & Amenities Committee

The minutes of the meeting on 3 March had been previously circulated.

- Broadview – The tree works are now completed and M.R.S. Services are to remove the rubbish and metal fence posts to tidy the newly exposed areas.
- Burial Ground – Grass seeding and Pergola are to be finished in April.
- Noticeboard at Willis Waye – A wall mounted board will cost approximately £800.00 plus installation. A £1,000.00 budget was agreed which is to be taken from the 2016-17 budget. It was agreed to write to surrounding residents to ascertain whether parishioners would like a noticeboard in this location.

Cllr White

(Cllr Rutter and one member of the public left the meeting)

- Football Pitches – A meeting was held to discuss the football pitches with Cllr White, the Assistant Clerk, our Grounds Contractor Green Smile, Tom Andrew-Power (WYFC) and Richard Perkins (KWFC). The state of the pitches is deteriorating with intensive usage and a very wet winter being the main contributing factors.

Green Smile have been spending their own money to try and bring the pitches up to a good standard but unfortunately this is simply not working. An extra £2,310.00 will need to be spent to renovate the pitches before the start of the 2016-17 season. It is also suggested that the pitches be restricted to KWFC & WYFC and WYFC over-18s matches only.

It was unanimously agreed to spend a one off cost of £2,310.00 on extra renovations. A review of any renovation works needed will be done annually. It was also agreed to review the pitch fees for next season to reflect this extra cost.

R&A Cttee

- Fryers Close Play Area – Works will be commencing from 21st March with a target completion date of the 24th March 2016.

Finance, Administration & Remuneration

It was noted that the meeting on the 9 March 2016 was inquorate, thus had to be closed.

- Accounts – The Clerk presented the statement of accounts and bank reconciliation to the committee. Cllr Newell then signed the bank reconciliation and bank statement.
- Current Account Arrangements – A letter had been received from Natwest Bank with regards to our current account. Natwest will be charging us for transactions from the 29th July 2016. This is due to the Parish Council’s annual turnover exceeding £100,000.00. Having investigated other current account providers; the only provider that had the sufficient and required controls for a Parish Council, was Unity Trust Bank. It was therefore agreed to switch our current account and direct reserve account to Unity Trust.
- Cheque Listing – A copy of the cheque listing was distributed to Councillors. It was noted that the cheques had been signed before the meeting, due to the Finance Administration & Remuneration meeting being inquorate.

PC/16/45 Communications

None.

PC/16/46 Risk Register

This document had been circulated to all councillors for comment but no comments were received. It was therefore unanimously agreed to adopt this document dated March 2016.

PC/16/47 Parish Plan / Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Newell, Gordon and White are to meet with Steve Lincoln (WCC) to discuss this.

**Cllrs
Newell,
Gordon &
White**

PC/16/48 Clerk’s Notices

Advice had been received with regards to the annual return. It was noted that the annual governance statement must be completed and signed off before completing the annual accounts section.

Clerk

PC/16/49 Chairman’s Notices

- Parking at Tesco – HCC are now willing to install ‘Dragon’s Teeth’ bollards but only if the PC agree to pay. It was agreed to investigate the costs involved and how much our Maintenance Technician would charge.
- Big Lunch on 12th June – All Councillors and their families are invited to the big lunch on the 12th June to celebrate the Queen’s 90th Birthday. Details to be circulated to all councillors. Councillors gave permission for this to be held on the green in front of Tubbs Hall.

Clerk

PC/16/50 Items for discussion at the Next Meeting

Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.

PC/16/51 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 April 2016.

The meeting closed at 21:45.

Signed..... Date.....

Jackie Porter- County Councillor Report for Meetings in March 2016

Council Tax update:

2% adult services increase- £10.6million which is likely to be absorbed by living wage.

1.99% increases on general funding, -£10million which provides extra 'day to day' funding.

I seconded a motion that HCC should only purchase from large companies who pay a 'fair tax'. (in line with Govt guidance for national procurement, extended to LA's.) This had actually been done in the previous months, but not reported- so good news!

Proposal to reorganise Children's Services 'Early Help Hubs' including Children's Services, Pre schools support, Children's Centres.

Consultation out now until 3rd May. Go to my website www.jackieporter.co.uk to see more information on this.

Children's centre proposal is to reduce from 54 to 11- one per district. This will close all Winchester sites.

Youth Service proposal is to only fund the most vulnerable.

Adult Social Care reorganising into three areas: each has a challenge to cut staff/costs by total of £43m by April 2018. Still no update on Cornerways and The Grove.

Still no news on recycling centre consultation: new dates awaited .

20mph in Micheldever. Following a survey in the village area of Northbrook (the most affected) I have recommended the option of Map 1 to Andy Smith. It received the greatest number of votes.

Reports of roads deteriorating on the side are being treated less sympathetically by HCC. The breaking side of the tarmac now needs to show a vertical face of 150mm and the hole must be 300mm wide, or deep from the kerb edge. This is very dangerous for bikes and in wet weather and in the dark.

Update on **Cart and Horses** junction- have requested- will update you this evening.

30mph in place on Springvale Road- thanks for all of your support on this.

No Trespass signage on the A33.

I have asked members of the public to write a few words on their use of this land in living memory to start a footpath designation. This has a good chance of success if we can get enough initial statements.

School now as solar panels!

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CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 14th March 2016

SILVER HILL

The WCC Cabinet has confirmed the decision of Council to withdraw from the Development Agreement with the Silver Hill developer. They have threatened to take the Council to court over this. Legal advice is that they have very little ground on which to challenge the decision of the council, but we wait to see what their response will be.

WORTHYS MEDICAL CENTRE

All avenues appear to have been explored. It is clear there is no real will from the Friarsgate Practice to continue to offer a service to patients from Pound Road. Indeed, some would argue that they have deliberately run down the surgery over several years. We are exploring opportunities for community or subsidised bus routes, with a preference for a circular route, but with the significant financial constraints on all public bodies this is looking less likely as a possibility. The practice appears to think that the community should organise transport for those who need it.

RIVERPARK

Councillors are to attend a briefing on the progress towards a new facility at Bar End on 21st March.

DEVOLUTION

A rival devolution plan based around the Solent, and possibly excluding Winchester – there have been rumours about a late night consultation with the Conservative Cabinet about this – has been proposed. So far, the council has not had a formal opportunity to discuss this or the previous proposal for a 'greater Hampshire' devolved area. The full impact of these various proposals have yet to be spelt out in any detail – many of us remain concerned that the Government's real final intention is to impose single tier local government. This may mean more responsibilities being devolved to enlarged local Parish Councils, and the abolition of Districts – with the consequent impact on historic Cities like Winchester. We remain largely in the dark about any final outcome of these discussions, which in the main have excluded 'backbench' councillors.

The Leader of the County Council has since made this statement: I copy it here as it affects both County and City councils...

County Council Leader calls for devolution rethink

Friday, 11 March 2016

Hampshire County Council has advised Government that it is not prepared at this stage to progress the proposed Solent Devolution deal and confirm the County Council's membership in the timescales set by Government.

Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Roy Perry said: "We have worked extraordinarily hard and effectively as a partnership across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to develop a devolution deal for the whole of the county, in partnership with Government for many months. That work was going very well and I was convinced was offering a deal that would be good for the county as a whole and good for local democracy.

"Regrettably, at virtually the last minute, Government insisted that no deal would be possible without a directly elected Mayor at its head. They have never offered a rational explanation for why that model must be imposed, against the will of the local democratically elected bodies, in an area totally unsuited to a single person carrying so much individual power over different cities and areas. Government's insistence has had the effect of splitting the county on the whole subject. That caused the Solent authorities to develop a separate proposal.

"Hampshire County Council has been under tremendous pressure to join a Solent deal covering just part of Hampshire despite its implications for the whole county and the fact that no such arrangement - a split county - exists anywhere else in the country. We have responded positively to that pressure - from Government and our Solent partners - but I have been expected to endorse a deal in an unmanageable short timescale without any opportunity to formally refer in advance to elected representatives. The area proposed makes little sense. Whilst it covers Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight and the Districts in between the cities, it also includes East Hampshire which is overwhelmingly rural and stretches up the A3(M) to the Surrey border, whilst parts of the Solent LEP area in Winchester, Test Valley and New Forest are excluded.

"I have reached the conclusion that I cannot endorse this - certainly not in the time allowed and with the lack of clarity on profound and complex issues to do with the resources and responsibilities of the County Council. I have stressed to Government that this is one of the highest performing and most cost effective local authorities in the country. My democratic duties to the County Council and the people it serves prevent me from doing so.

"I am going to take time to debate these vital matters more closely with the Elected Members of the Council. I remain of the view that our original proposal is the right one for the economic prosperity and democratic accountability of the whole area, particularly for those who live in the south of the county. I do not understand the Government's insistence on their imposed mayoral model.

"I hope we are given time to think through a more logical model that reflects the area and is genuine devolution. I have not given up hope that the true principles of devolution may be rescued alongside the best deal for the whole of this great county."

FRASER ROAD CAR PARK

I am happy to report that restricting the time people can park in this car park, which has been a request from the local businesses there for some time, has finally reached the WCC schedule for the coming financial year. There will be full consultation on this before implementation. The current desire of the local businesses is for a two-hour limit on the spaces closest to the shops, and a sign at the entrance reminding people that the spaces are for shoppers and hall users only. I welcome your comments and suggestions.

FOOTPATH SIGNAGE

We have been looking at the signage for footpaths in the village as we are trying encourage people to use the local cut-throughs more. Is it possible to have a new finger post for the footpath from Springvale Road to Churchill Close?

Jane Rutter & Robert Johnston 11.3.16

Kings Worthy Parish Council

Management Accounts for the period ended 29 February 2016

2014/15 Actual (Full Year) (£)	Current Month Budget (£)	Current Month Actual (£)	Current Month Variance (£)	Income Item/Description	2015/2016 Budget ytd (£)	Actual ytd (£)	Variance ytd (£)	2015/2016 Budget (£)	Forecast Outturn (£)	2016/17 Budget (Proposed) (£)
124,678	10,042	9,836	(207)	Finance (inc. Precept)	110,467	111,544	1,077	120,509	118,488	119,221
4,800	400	400	0	THMC Income	4,400	4,408	8	4,800	4,800	4,800
33,159	333	1,042	708	Recreation & Amenities	4,865	20,260	15,395	6,200	20,305	8,092
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0	0	0
162,636	10,776	11,277	502	Total Income	119,732	136,213	16,481	131,509	143,593	132,113
				Expenditure Item/Description						
60,214	4,422	7,207	(2,784)	Finance	56,771	62,565	(5,794)	62,047	65,994	66,940
94,525	5,390	4,840	550	Recreation & Amenities	65,129	69,385	(4,256)	73,184	82,159	93,665
6,807	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	3,773	2,850	923	7,545	6,650	8,750
161,547	9,812	12,047	(2,235)	Total Expenses	125,672	134,799	(9,127)	142,776	154,803	169,355
162,636	10,776	11,277	502	Total Income	119,732	136,213	16,481	131,509	143,593	132,113
161,547	9,812	12,047	(2,235)	Total Expenses	125,672	134,799	(9,127)	142,776	154,803	169,355
1,090	964	(770)	(1,733)	Net Surplus (deficit) for year	(5,940)	1,413	7,353	(11,267)	(11,210)	(37,241)