

# Kings Worthy Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 January 2016  
at the Kings Worthy Community Centre, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy**

Present:	Chair of the meeting:	Martin Taylor
	Councillors:	Ian Gordon (from PC/16/9 part), Mandy Hallisey, Karen McCleery, Noel McCleery, Judith Steventon Baker and Sarah White.
	Winchester City Council (WCC):	Cllr Jane Rutter
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):	None
	Clerk:	Adrian Reeves
	Public:	10
	Police	2 (PC/16/2 only)

**Action**

### **PC/16/1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bob Barnes, Dorry Hudson, Stewart Newell, Denis Welstead, Jackie Porter and PCSO Kerry Croutear.

### **PC/16/2 Police Report**

PS Andy Fisher and PC Paul McShea attended from the neighbourhood team based in Alresford. PS Fisher reported on the effects of recent cutbacks which meant that PC McShea is the only full time support at Alresford. Only PCSOs now have responsibility for specific beat areas, whereas PCs cover wherever they are needed.

Sgt Fisher apologised for the quality of the 101 non-emergency service, which is nationally based. Crime statistics were now available to view on [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk), where any area could be examined. If PCSOs are on duty they will attend Parish Council (PC) meetings, with sufficient notice.

Kings Worthy has pockets of drug issues and residents are encouraged to report problems via 101 or through Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or (anonymously if required) at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> Questions were raised about the gas canisters found at Eversley Park and Kings Worthy Primary School, as well as about local drug dealers. The Police are careful with supplied information so that the source cannot be identified.

### **PC/16/3 Public Question Time**

A parishioner asked if the PC would support the Top Field Action Group in their challenge to the granted planning permission for Top Field and their Village Green application. It was reiterated that the PC was neutral on the Village Green application, the consultation for which is open until the end of January.

A suggestion was made that gates, with possible pinch points, be erected at the entrances to the village as a reminder of the 30 mph speed limit. This item was referred to Planning & Highways Committee for consideration.

Clerk

Issues with traffic in Churchill Close were raised in conjunction with concern over cyclists not stopping when crossing. It was agreed to refer the possibility of installing offset bars, to prevent children going straight out across the road, to Planning & Highways Committee for consideration.

Clerk

**PC/16/4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2015**

PC/15/158 was amended to replace "Originally" with "Traditionally" and to remove the word "now" from the section on allotment size. The amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 16 November 2015 were then agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**PC/16/5 Development at Top Field – update**

This was discussed under PC/16/3.

**PC/16/6 Development off Lovedon Lane – update**

The s106 agreement has been finalised and was ready for signature. Thanks were expressed to HAB for involving the PC in this process.

The street name put forward for this development is Eversley Gardens.

The path around the outside of the proposed park can be at ground level.

**PC/16/7 Reports from the County Councillor, City Councillors, School Governor and Parish Councillors following external meetings**

o **County Councillor**

Cllr Porter's report is attached.

o **City Councillor**

Cllr Rutter's report is attached. If the Bar End proposal goes ahead, plans for River Park Leisure Centre site will need to be formulated. The tennis courts and bowls club will stay, together with reduced parking availability.

**(1 member of the public left the meeting).**

o **Parish Councillors following external meetings**

Cllr Steventon Baker has met with Susie Phillips of Winchester Area Community Action. PC have 2.5 days a week of her time for 2 years to advise on energy / recycling matters.

Cllr Taylor had attended, with representatives from other local PCs, a Winchester City Council (WCC) meeting on flooding and emergency plans. It was commented that the gullies between Tesco and the King Charles were still an issue and it was agreed to ask the Maintenance Technician to regularly inspect these and to arrange clearance twice a year.

Clerk

**PC/16/8 Matters arising from the Meeting of the 16 November 2015**

○ **PC/15/155 Drug Issues**

It was agreed to put an item on this in the next newsletter.

**Comms**

○ **PC/15/160 Flooding**

Cllr Steventon Baker reported that the water on Springvale Road had cleared very quickly after the recent rains.

○ **PC/15/160 Tubbs Hall Fire inspection Report**

The emergency light in the kitchen and the fused spur for the automatic kitchen shutter have now been fitted. The hardwood counter top was scheduled to be fitted this week and the fire doors should be fitted by the end of January.

○ **PC/15/160 Cart & Horses Junction**

There has been no action on this and the Clerk is therefore to draft a letter to Cllr Sean Woodward at Hampshire County Council (HCC).

**Clerk**

○ **PC/15/160 Springvale Road TRO**

This has been approved but no implementation date has yet been notified, although Cllr Rutter stated that this was likely to be before the end of February.

○ **PC/15/160 Footpaths & Parking**

PC are awaiting a quotation from the maintenance technician for reducing the height of the fencing at the Heights as suggested at the site meeting held with a representative of the management company.

A letter has been received from the Highways Manager at HCC stating that they may be able to fund the installation of dragons' teeth outside Tesco on Springvale Road.

○ **PC/15/164 Councillor Vacancy**

This has been advertised with a closing date of 25 January.

**(2 members of the public left).**

**PC/16/9 To receive Minutes of the Committees:**

**Recreation & Amenities Committee**

The minutes of the meeting on 7 January had been previously circulated.

- History board by St. Mary's Church – Enquiries are being undertaken to ascertain whether or not planning permission will be required.
- Finger post at top of Nations Hill – Further investigation is being undertaken by Derek Brockway.
- Signs – New signs were being ordered for the play areas at Fraser Road, Eversley Park, Church Green and Eversley Park.
- Hinton Park Orchard – this had now been formally opened. Finance had recommended providing an information board to show details of the trees etc. rather than just a commemorative brass plaque. This was referred back to Recreation & Amenities Committee.

**(Cllr Rutter left the meeting)**

- Trees - Work would be commencing soon on Broadview phase 2. Dave Harris (TCA Ltd) will be managing the contract work on behalf of PC and has also been asked to provide advice on the 3 large beech trees at Hinton Fields which are near to the end of their lifespan.re-inspecting the trees. Worthy Tree Care have started this section of tree work.
- Burial Ground refurbishment – The fitting of the pergola and the grass seeding will take place in the spring. The fitting of the solar pump has been re-scheduled for March 2016.
- Fryers Close playground – The tenders will be received for examination at the next Recreation & amenities committee meeting.
- Pump track – A site visit to the skate park at South Wonston has been undertaken.
- Allotment Course – Cllr White and the Clerk are to attend an allotments management course in Central London.
- Spring litter pick – It was decided to stay with the planned PC litter pick at 2 pm on Saturday 16 April. PC would however support the Brownies for their involvement in the Big Tidy up on 4 / 5 / 6 March and that they could borrow the PC’s litter picking equipment.

**Clerk**

**Cllr White**

**Clerk**

**Finance**

The minutes of the meeting on 16 December and 13 January had been previously circulated.

- It had been agreed not to proceed with the repointing and cleaning of the path outside Tubbs Hall.
- The 2016/17 budget now included the £1,500 for Speedwatch.
- The new paragraph on re-tendering has been added to Financial Regulations.
- Exercise Classes – It was agreed to charge a revised sum of £5 per hour for the adult fitness class on Eversley Park.
- Rat damage – The Clerk reported on the damage caused by rats in the roof space at Tubbs Hall, and that this could possibly be the subject of an insurance claim; investigations are continuing.
- History Board – The cost of £631 was noted.

**Clerk**

**(Cllr Gordon arrived)**

- As one of the tenders for tree works at Broadview (Phase 2) did not include costings for all the required works it was agreed to recommend acceptance of tender D from Worthy Tree Care in the sum of £3,750. PC unanimously accepted this recommendation.
- Play area gates it was agreed to replace the bowtop gate at the Fraser Road play area at a cost of £871. It was also agreed to replace two gates at the Eversley Park play area (the two nearest the new path) at a cost of £790 each. Installation will be undertaken by the Maintenance Technician and the cost of this is not included in the prices. Following a recommendation from Cllr Barnes, Cllrs Taylor and White will arrange to visit the play area at 3.30 pm on a school day to ascertain how much use is made of the other two gates at Eversley Park play area.

**(Cllr Steventon Baker left the meeting)**

**PC/16/10 Top Field - Update**

Cllr Gordon gave an update on the latest position. At a meeting with WCC’s New Homes Delivery Team (NHDT) it was reported that Drew Smith wanted to meet with PC before

Christmas, but they were unable to make any of the suggested dates. Pc's view is that they were not willing to meet with Drew Smith unless their appeal was withdrawn or postponed. NHDT have subsequently said that they no longer wished to be involved in these discussions. Drew Smith have written to say that they wish to meet with PC to see if there is any common ground but could not postpone the appeal. A response to Drew Smith was agreed.

**Clerk**

It was reported that WCC's Cllr Tait has verbally informed Cllr Gordon that NHDT are not requiring any social housing element from their planned Whiteley development and that the offset is to be in villages such as Kings Worthy, as this is where people want to live.

Drew Smith's outline permission doesn't include donating the remainder of the land to WCC. A larger proposal might make this offer again available.

Cllr Gordon is investigating if a planning appeal can be suspended.

**Cllr  
Gordon**

**(5 members of the public left)**

### **PC /16/11 Planning and Highways Committee**

The minutes of the meeting on 24 November 2015 had been previously circulated. Cllr Gordon gave an update on the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2015.

It was agreed to add a request for a no U-Turn sign for the Cart & Horses junction to be added to the letter to Cllr Sean Woodward.

**(2 members of the public left the meeting)**

### **PC/16/12 Budget for 2016-17**

Cllr Taylor and the Clerk presented the budget proposals for 2016-17, which had been agreed by the respective committees (as attached). The increase in the parish precept income of £250, to offset the small loss of income on Community Support Grant, when spread over an increased tax base will produce a very small reduction in the precept for the average Band D property. It was agreed that the precept form should be sent to WCC.

**Clerk**

### **PC/16/13 Communications**

The next newsletter is to be issued in February and is to include an item on drug issues.

Cllr Taylor had given comments to the Assistant Clerk on the outline design of a new website.

The last comms should be put on the website when possible.

**Assistant  
Clerk**

### **PC/16/14 Clerk's Notices**

- It was agreed to that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester Scouts could use the football pitches at Eversley Park for a Cubs football competition on Saturday 5 March.
- A proposal had been received for Christmas lights to be installed on Church Green. It was agreed to investigate the total costs involved.
- 41 Ramsey Road – this issue was referred to Finance Committee for further consideration.
- WCC's Mayor's Community Awards are open for nominations until 31 January 2015; the Clerk has details.

**Clerk**

- Kings Worthy Fete – An application to hold the fete on Church Green has been received. Information on the exact start and finish times of this event is awaited.

**Clerk**

**PC/16/15 Chairman's Notices**

Cllr White agreed to check if the obstructing foliage on Lovedon Lane belongs to PC.

**Cllr  
White**

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

Parish Plan / Neighbourhood Plan  
Risk register

**PC/16/17 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 15 February 2016.

The meeting closed at 22:40.

**Signed..... Date.....**

# County Report to Parishes

Jackie Porter [Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk](mailto:Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk) text: 07973 696 085 phone: 01962 791054

*Happy New Year!*

## **Flooding**

New team under Ian Hoult looking at flooding. I met with the team just before Christmas and have been promised regular updates- I'll keep chasing!

Have heard that Micheldever was ok in the heavy rain, and no evidence of problems so far at Sutton Scotney either. If this isn't the case, please let me know asap.

Incidents over Christmas showed most of the preventative maintenance worked except in Alresford and on the A31. This information needs to be conveyed to (and acknowledged by) WCC.

Some evidence of flooding in the Worthys too.

Please use your lengthsman to clear all gulleys.

## **Highways**

I visited the Highways team at their control centre in Winchester just before Christmas to see how highways works are processed- from pot holes to projects. Key complaint from residents and me is the failure to act quickly- as you will have seen in the bollard/young girl case this Christmas.

Lib Dems are making budget case for more highways engineers:-under the new structure, there are too few engineers who have to cover 24/7 leaving decision making for too long before work is commissioned, assessed or checked. The best way to report is via the website with a photo which clearly marks the position (eg: near a street light or house number) Everyone realises this is more difficult on rural roads though. The more accurate the position, the quicker it will be processed.

*Funding for 2015-16 has already run out-* now only emergency repairs being done. An example- three holes in the road, two fulfil the 'dangerous' criteria, the other does not. Result: 2 filled; 1 not! Madness isn't it?

## **Council Tax- being decided on 18 Feb 2016.**

Potential for rise by 1.99% for general and further 2% for social care. This would raise approx. £5m per 1%.

Consultation said- modest tax rise, modest cuts and modest use of reserves. No sign that Conservative run county council will follow the spirit of the consultation.

## **Service cuts /consultations**

Please respond if you can!

Alresford Library and Recycling at risk under new proposed cuts. This is also true in Bishop's Waltham etc.

Mobile Library service is all but gone. I'm very concerned/angry for the sustainability of the market towns.

Children's centres and youth funding in this area likely to be cut by 75% from April 2017.

Consultations are being held, but these are just to massage the reality- the services will be cut anyway.

Subject	Website/address	deadline
Rail tender *led by DfT not HCC see my website for my requests	Search for "South western stakeholder consultation" on <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a>  Reply to: <a href="mailto:swfranchisecompetition@dft.gsi.gov.uk">swfranchisecompetition@dft.gsi.gov.uk</a>	9 <sup>th</sup> January
Boundary Commission	<a href="http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk">www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk</a>  email <a href="mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk">reviews@lgbce.org.uk</a>	7 <sup>th</sup> January
HWRC (recycling centres) closure/hours cut	<a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk">www.hants.gov.uk</a> Go to HWRC in search or 'have your say'	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan plus 6 weeks
Libraries		ended
Fire Service reductions in reserves		ended



## CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### GOVERNMENT HOUSING POLICY

At last week's council meeting members (including Jane who was quoted in the Chronicle) again expressed concern about the Government's housing policy and its likely impact on the provision of affordable and council housing in the District. The planned Housing Revenue Account has had to be scrapped, following the Government's decision that social rents, instead of rising by 1% annually, should be reduced by 1%. This may seem a good thing for social tenants, but it has torn to shreds planned maintenance and new build programmes. Replacement of kitchens is likely to now happen every 30 years instead of 20, and bathrooms will just be maintained, not replaced. The new build programme is under serious threat. 'High Value' council properties are under threat of being sold off to subsidise the government's 'right to buy' policy for Housing Associations anywhere across the country – despite local taxpayers having 'bought back' its council stock from the government just three years ago – the city council has another 27 years of debt to pay off for that.

### SILVER HILL

A Special Council on 28<sup>th</sup> January will decide whether to call the developer's bluff and give the statutory 28 days' notice to end the agreement – if they comply with the requirements of the development agreement and start building then the scheme will go 'unconditional', but if they don't – and they are saying they need at least another 9 months – then the City Council will have to find a new development partner and additionally decide whether to go ahead with the Compulsory Purchase Orders. This would speed up any future plans, but in the short term leave the council woefully short of money, putting under threat all other major projects.

### DEVOLUTION

No new information is currently available.

### WORTHYS MEDICAL CENTRE

Waiting to hear results of bid put to CCG.

### RIVERPARK

Any rebuilding now at risk due to delays in Silver Hill. Did you have any comments on what should remain/be built there instead should we go ahead with Bar End sports hub? At least the city council is now working closely with the University and the County to realise this ambitious project.

### BARTON FARM

Work has been stopped indefinitely pending negotiations with Winchester College over the price to be paid for the land. We are concerned that this should not precipitate a reduction in the proposed number of affordable houses on the site due to a change in the viability of the scheme. – no change from last report.

### DEVOLUTION

There will be a briefing on this for Parish Councils at the County on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It is important to send at least one representative as this is an important but difficult issue to explain.

Jane Rutter & Robert Johnston 16.1.16

### Management Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2015

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	9,855	-188	Finance (inc. Precept)	90,382	88,947	-1,435	120,509	118,488	119,221
4,800	400	400	0	THMC Income	3,600	3,608	8	4,800	4,800	4,800
33,159	333	1,650	1,317	Recreation & Amenities	4,198	19,141	14,942	6,200	20,305	8,092
0	0	0	0	Planning & Highways	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>162,636</b>	<b>10,776</b>	<b>11,905</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>98,180</b>	<b>111,696</b>	<b>13,516</b>	<b>131,509</b>	<b>143,593</b>	<b>132,113</b>
				Expenditure Item/Description						
<b>60,214</b>	<b>4,435</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>-930</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>47,876</b>	<b>47,970</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>62,047</b>	<b>65,994</b>	<b>66,940</b>
<b>94,525</b>	<b>5,390</b>	<b>4,442</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Amenities</b>	<b>49,016</b>	<b>60,030</b>	<b>-11,014</b>	<b>73,184</b>	<b>82,159</b>	<b>93,665</b>
<b>6,807</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Highways</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>7,545</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>8,750</b>
<b>161,547</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>9,807</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>100,665</b>	<b>110,850</b>	<b>-10,185</b>	<b>142,776</b>	<b>154,803</b>	<b>169,355</b>
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<b>1,090</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>Net Surplus (deficit) for year</b>	<b>-2,485</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>-11,267</b>	<b>-11,210</b>	<b>-37,241</b>