



Headbourne Worthy Village News

Spring 2011

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Village Spring Clean

Join us at Bornholm on Bedfield Lane (the one with the gates!) on **Saturday 26th March from 10am** for a coffee and help Spring Clean our village. Hi-vis jackets, gloves and rubbish bags will be here for all helpers. Just half an hour of collecting litter from the verges can transform the look of a road.

Last year over twenty bags of rubbish were collected. Let's see if we can beat that record and have a clean and tidy village for the spring that we can all appreciate. Families with children welcome - children must be under close adult supervision. For more details contact the Parish Clerk or call Jane Rutter on 884981. See you there!



*These twin black lambs were spotted in the field next to London Road - the essence of Spring!
Photo by Jane Rutter*

Barton Farm Inquiry



Local residents joined parish, city and county councillors to protest outside the start of the Barton Farm Inquiry at the Guildhall in Winchester last month. The Inquiry over-ran by several days, as evidence was presented by many local groups and local representatives, including Chairman of Headbourne Worthy Parish Council, David Pearcey. We will have to wait now for the decision of the Secretary of State when he has considered the conclusions of his Inspector whether to allow Cala Homes' appeal to build 2,000 houses on this Greenfield site. The City Council continues to oppose the development. See inside for David's summary of his submission on our behalf to the Inquiry.

New Bus Passes

Application forms for Concessionary Travel, the new bus passes being administered by the County Council, are available from Parish Clerk Hilary Graham, or they can be had from Hampshire County Council on 0845 0458355, or e-mail concessionary.fares@hants.gov.uk

To contact your Parish Council: Visit www.theworthys.org.uk

or call the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, on 883797. clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk

Planning Issues

Barton Farm

Residents cannot be unaware that a Public Inquiry has recently been held into the City Council's refusal to grant Cala Homes permission to build on Barton Farm, which is within this parish. The Headbourne Worthy Parish Council has always vehemently objected to this proposed development on every occasion that it has had the opportunity to do so.

On this occasion to reinforce our strong objection which was set out in full in our original submission we made a personal appearance before the Inspector and after drawing attention to that submission and not reiterating points made by other objectors at the Inquiry confined our presentation to three main areas: firstly, we emphasised our belief that a development of this magnitude and design would seriously erode the existing natural gap between the City and the northern villages, leading to a continuous urban sprawl. The consequential increase in traffic leading to a demand for and provision of street and traffic lights, roundabouts, crossings and pavements for the safety of residents would irrevocably change the landscape of the area and the unique and attractive character of these villages and especially Headbourne Worthy to an unacceptable degree.

Second, the proposal to re-route Andover Road and the increase in traffic generated by this development would combine to have an adverse effect on Headbourne Worthy and the rural roads in the vicinity.

This would lead to pressure elsewhere on the already congested local network which would inevitably lead to current and new users seeking alternative routes with less obstruction. Wellhouse Lane in particular would be an obvious route to the A33 north and the M3 north and south. This road with its low narrow railway bridge and tight bends in the village centre, together with junctions on this route at Bedfield Lane and Kings Worthy, is already heavily congested at peak times and a further increase in volume of traffic would lead to further delays, frustration and pollution and an increased danger to residents.

Third, this proposal cannot be considered in isolation from the land to the east of the railway line, which is also owned by the same developer. No firm proposals have been made in respect of it and it currently has the protection of being designated a "local gap" in the City Council's Local Plan, which we see as a vital safeguard for the local community from encroachment and development. The outcome of the Public Inquiry will not be known for some time pending the consideration of the Inspector's report by the Secretary of State.

Motor Cross at Down Farm

The refusal of the City Council to grant this application was also subject of a Public Inquiry. The Headbourne Worthy Parish Council objected to the application and on this occasion gave its support to other councils in the vicinity who had joined together to oppose this development. A decision is awaited following the submission of the Inspector's report.

David Pearcey, Parish Council Chairman



In the last "Village News" we gave notice of a special meeting to discuss the "Blueprint" initiative which was a consultation exercise designed to assist the City Council in drawing up its long term planning document. This meeting, held jointly with Kings Worthy Parish Council, took place in November and although there was a disappointingly low turn-out those who did attend approached the task with enthusiasm. We thank them for their valued contribution.

A number of key points arose and these have been forwarded to the Strategic Planning Team. Briefly these were :

- a) although each parish is separate, on many issues the "Worthys" should be considered as a whole.
- b) the "Worthys" is distinct and separate from the City and has its own identity
- c) a good bus or community transport service is essential.
- d) there is a need for a good mix of housing
- e) more local facilities and shops are required, including open space provision
- f) Broadband must be improved
- g) infrastructure must keep up with development and the development of locally based small hi-tech companies to be encouraged.

Fuller details and the submissions of other communities can be accessed on the City Council's website.

David Pearcey

New Councillor Profile

Mrs Lisa Wright

The Stabling
London Road
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Lisa has recently been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

She was born in Southampton and has always had family in Winchester and the surrounding area. Lisa and her husband Tony work in London and moved from Hamble in 2009 to ease the commute. They were attracted to Headbourne



Worthy as it had the feel of a rural village but a stone's throw away from the town.

She can be seen regularly walking Bolli, their black Labrador around the village with her son Jamie, who attends Peter Symonds. Other members of the family are - Scarlet, Maggie and Marina (the chickens).

Lisa has taken over David Pearcey's responsibilities on the Parish Council for Footpaths and Rights of Way. Outside of the Parish Council she is also part of the Headbourne Worthy Neighbourhood Watch team.

Although very new to the village and the Parish Council Lisa believes although some changes may be necessary, these can be made in the overall interest of the Parish and to the benefit of the whole community.

Email: lisa.wright99@btinternet.com

Worthys Festival 2011

The final touches are being put to the programme for September's Worthys Festival (17th – 25th). Cllr Jane Rutter, Chair of the organising committee, commented,

“There are an amazing number of different events planned for the Worthys Festival, from the creation of a new village embroidery hanging, to guided walks, open gardens, street parties, a mini music festival, lots of activities for children, a village quiz and even a dog and pet show! If you've got talent, we want YOU for the Village Variety Show. If you have a classic or vintage car, bring it to the Car Jamboree.

We are delighted to announce that we have already received a grant of £500 towards the costs of the Festival from Cllr Jackie Porter's HCC grant fund for local organisations, for which we are very grateful. ”

The activities we particularly need people to come forward to help with are:

Street Parties: From noon on Sunday 18th September - contact Natalie Newman on 886380.

Open Gardens: Sunday 18th September 2pm - 5pm Contact: Carole Lawes tel: 883745 (You don't have to have the perfect garden, just an interesting one! Why not sell afternoon teas to raise funds for your favourite charity or good cause?)

Village Variety Concert: Sunday 18th September from 7.30pm - all budding 'Worthys Got Talent' stars please contact Claire Goodwin on 882288.

Village Quiz: heats from July, semi finals in the run-up to Festival Week, Grand Final on Wednesday 22nd September at the Sports & Social Club, 7.30pm, with a Celebrity Quiz Master! Call Peter Byford now to register your Team: 880457.

Festival Steering Group meetings are open to all and the details are available on the village website:

www.theworthys.org.uk/festival.html

Or just Call Jane Rutter on 01972 884981 or email pjanerutter@btinternet.com.

Cottage Rises from the Ashes



Two years ago this lovely thatched cottage in Pudding Lane was a smouldering ruin. How wonderful to see it

restored and improved into this comfortable home once more.

Below: just some of the fire engines which attended the fire from far and near in March 2009.



Autumn's Coffee Morning



Photo (left) - Gemma

Morgan of the Good Life Farm Shop with Headbourne Worthy children at the community Sunday Brunch.

School Lane - No Change

A consultation involving residents of School Lane took place before Christmas to determine whether a one-way section from London Rd to the graveyard should be implemented. Residents overwhelmingly decided to keep the road as it is for the time being. *Claire Welland*



Queen's Diamond Jubilee

How should Headbourne Worthy mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year? If you have any ideas, please pass them on to the Parish Clerk, and we will discuss them at the next Parish Council meeting. Various suggestions have been made so far, from rebuilding the Jubilee Hall (!) to street parties and a new bench. What do YOU think?