

Village News

KEEP OUR PARISH TIDY !

We were delighted to see so many turn out to the last parish litter pick in the spring and to hear so many people keen to keep our area looking at its best. It was suggested by several that all parishioners could help towards this. We could all take responsibility to keep the 100yds or so around our personal property boundaries, including our own gardens of course, litter free, dog poo free, weed free and plants in as neat a state as possible. If we all agreed to this there would be quite a lot of overlap, so 2 or 3 households could take it in turns to clear any litter, report any dog fouling, deal with any weeds etc. etc. This could draw neighbours together, those more agile could do the picking up whilst those less so could take note of what needs attending to.



CAN WE MAINTAIN THE WHOLE OF OUR PARISH LIKE THIS ?



CAN WE ALL (on and around our own properties) -

- TIDY UP LITTER
- KEEP WEEDS AT BAY
- DEAL WITH ANY DOG

FOULING (if you feel able - challenge owners of regular culprits or alternatively report to the parish office so we can ask the dog warden to patrol your area)

- KEEP HEDGES TIDY
- AVOID PARKING ON

VERGES (avoid the muddy mess that results in the winter)

Can we maintain our hedges and front gardens and inform the local authorities of any of their hedges or shrubbery that become unsightly



Parking like this :-



Turns the verge into this in the winter:-

**Please be considerate:
Scoop it up!**



**Please telephone 01962 848350
to report repeated incidents**

Can we keep them like this?



COULD WE WIN THE BEST VILLAGE/PARISH AWARD OR EVEN A BRITAIN IN BLOOM MEDAL?

THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE :-



In the Parish Plan questionnaire a lot of people said how they like our beautiful semi-rural environment and want to preserve it. Lets get our Parish into as neat a state as we can and progress from there, starting with our own front, and back, gardens and surrounding 100yards

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS FOR GOOD CAUSES



In these straightened times we are pleased to have been able to award small grants to organisations who are helping other residents

Grants so far awarded have been to :-

KINGS WORTHY PRE-SCHOOL

WORTHYS CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

WORTHYS FESTIVAL

We hope also to be helping the local CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Further applications are welcomed—if you are a local organisation that works with or for residents of Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy and a small grant would help you towards one of your projects, or simply to keep running apply to the Parish Office for details Tel 01962 884150 or e email kwpc@btconnect.com

FOOTBALL/BASKETBALL HARD COURT IS COMPLETE



We are delighted that we have at last managed to revamp and totally upgrade the five-a-side /basketball area at Eversley Park. This has been paid for out of S106 funding. (This is a fund held by WCC into which property developers pay whenever they build new properties and from which Parish Councils can apply to provide sports, play and recreational facilities for their parishioners)

We were particularly pleased that this was finished and available for use before the summer holidays, but there will be an **OFFICIAL OPENING** during the WORTHYS FESTIVAL on

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH 3.30pm

Come along and join in a basketball coaching session with a top coach, bring along your own ball. How many baskets can you get out of 10? All ages join in a match. Come along and join the fun

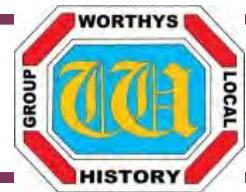
We responded to suggestions at the Annual Parish Meeting

New newsletter timings?

It was pointed out at our Parish Meeting in May that our newsletter is soon followed up by the church one, often with similar information in . Although stating the obvious we had not actually considered this highly sensible point so have reconsidered our publication times and can see no good reason why ours cannot be moved forward a bit so that its distribution should fall half way between the church ones each time. We also hope to work with the church in publishing other groups activities from time to time so that you get a regular 3 monthly parish newsletter

And for our first featured local group -

WORTHYS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



An A4 52page booklet has been published describing the pillboxes and other fortifications that were built for the defence of the Worthy Down airfield during World War 2. Pillboxes, retractable forts and other surviving contemporary structures have been recorded and are described in detail with technical drawings and photographs. Their exact locations, tactical disposition and strategic significance are also described.

As well as being of local interest, the booklet will appeal to those interested in military history, the Fleet Air Arm, airfield defences, and World War 2 early strategic thinking. Price £4 +P&P

This and other publications are available from Jean Merrikin (881917), Peter Finn (885266) or via our website www.communiGate.co.uk/hants/worthyslocalhistorygroup

Green Spaces/Circuit/Outdoor Gym



We have had this equipment for a while, but how much is it used?

We all need to use more energy and burn off those calories, a stroll through Hinton Park, improve your balance and mobility with the Fraser Road equipment

or do some serious toning and exercise on the circuits at Eversley.

It is there for your use—how can we help you do this?

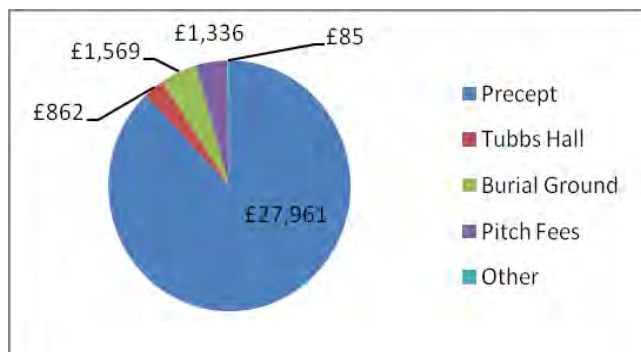
KEEP FIT USING OUR OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT



Quarterly Financial Update (April-June)

At the end of June, September, December and March a summary of the Parish Council's financial position will be published openly on www.theworthys.org.uk

1. Income

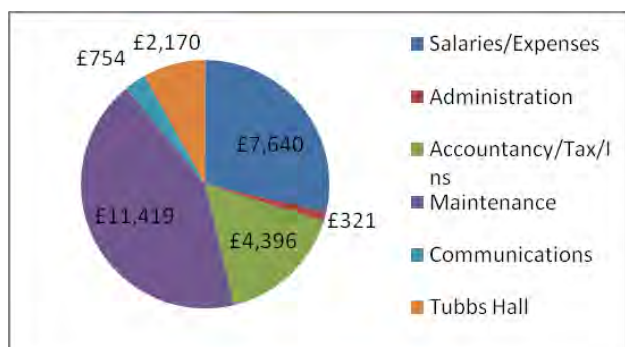


Income totalled £31,812 for the quarter ending 30 June. This was £1,102 higher than our budget. For the same period last year the income was £30,459.

Principal sources of income are the precept (£27,961), pitch fees (£1,335) and burial ground income £1,569. The latter two items were higher than expected for the quarter.

2. Expenditure

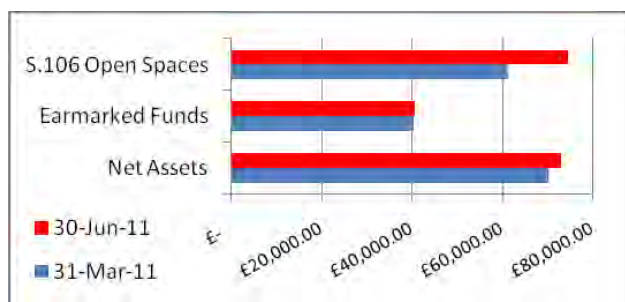
Total expenditure for the quarter was £26,700. This was £1,766 lower than our budgeted amount. In the same period last year expenditure was £23,680. The main categories of expenditure are shown in the chart



The increase in expenditure compared to the same period last year is principally attributable to projects completed late in 2010/11 and paid in the current year. Also our insurance premium of £3,349 was paid in full rather than spread over 12 months. The cost of insurance in 2011/12 will be approximately £2,000 less than the previous year.

3. Assets Held and Movements

The red bars on the bar graph highlight an increase in two of the three categories of monetary assets held by Kings Worthy Parish Council during the last 3 months



S106. Open Spaces Funds which are held on our behalf by Winchester City Council have increased by £13,205 to £74,402 over the last 3 months. £5,000 of the increase is a result of a contribution received from Headbourne Worthy Parish Council as a contribution towards the multi use games area in Eversley Park. We shall shortly have to pay £47,233 for this new facility. Other funds in this category are received through levies on new properties. Any monies received can only be used for sport/play facilities.

Earmarked funds have remained constant over the quarter at £406,910. These funds are held specifically to provide lifetime maintenance of Church Green and Broadview

Net assets (principally held with our bankers) have increased by £27,350 as a result of income for the quarter being higher than expenditure.

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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Full Parish Council meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm, except August and December.

Committee meetings are as follows:

Recreation and Amenities - 1st Thursday at 7.30p.m., except August and December.

Planning - Last Tuesday at 7.30p.m., except December.

Finance - 2nd Wednesday at 9.30am.

All meetings are held in the Tubbs Hall and we welcome members of the public.

There is a slot in each meeting where you can ask questions. It can be helpful to speak to the clerk first if you have a specific interest, so you can be directed to the most appropriate meeting

Come and see how we work and how decisions are made

OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY TO THURSDAY 10.30-3.30 AND FRIDAY 10.30-1PM

Our clerks are Colin Arnett and Noel Brooks

(phone before visiting the office, to check the clerks are not out on other duties)

What are the Parish Council Doing Next?

We are taking quotes for a revamp of the children's play area on Fraser Road. We want to build on the nautical theme of some of the newer pieces of equipment, replace some of the older ones, preserve some others and generally improve the playing surface and fence.

We would hope this work will take place sometime in the spring

WATCH THIS SPACE IMPROVE

Current sea-side theme



Proposed new equipment



**DONT FORGET
THE**

Worthys Festival 2011

Sat 17th SEPT TO Sat 25th SEPT

See www.2011festival.org and the noticeboards for events details

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We are continuing to keep you informed of what we are up and other relevant news via regular monthly bulletins on our noticeboards, on our website and via the Parish News.

If you have any comments on what the Parish Council is doing, good or bad, please let us know, telephone, email or write—all contact details above

We are your Parish Councillors, using your money for your benefit so we would value your contributions

