

**Draft minutes of Headbourne Worthy Parish Council
meeting held on 26thth July 2010**

Present:

**Chairman David Pearcey
Vice Chairman Dennis Curling
Councillor Jane Rutter
Councillor Harry Whorwood
Councillor Claire Welland
Councillor Steve Cramoysan
Winchester City Councillor Keith Wood
Clerk Hilary Graham**

Official representation:

**PC Don Haggar, HW Community Beat Officer
PCSO, Kerry Croutear, HW Police Community Support Officer**

Public participation:

Sandy Whorwood

1. Public questions

1. Sandy Whorwood asked if anyone knew anything about the noisy bikes going along Wellhouse Lane and Springvale Road. The police said that it was two learner drivers from Kings Worthy.
2. Earlier in the year Sandy and Harry Whorwood had a fox stolen from their garden. This had now been recovered, from Springvale Road, where it had been dumped behind a garage. The garage owner had contacted Neighbourhood Watch.

2. Councillor Wood

1. Barton Farm; he congratulated the Chairman on his representation at the recent appeal meeting. It was unclear what was now happening about the Cala appeal, which has been postponed from the 7th September.
2. Changes of policy; HWPC needed to keep an eye on the changes evolving from the new government's policies, and the Local Development Framework was being reconsidered. It may be that there would be consultation with Parish Councils. A certainty was that Winchester needed affordable houses as generally local salaries were not enough for house purchase.
3. Church Green playground: he had contacted Robert Johnson, the Kings Worthy Councillor, who was keen on pushing this issue with Kings Worthy Parish Council. There were some funds available, the HWPC Open Space funding and in theory the Edwards Close S106 of £24,000, which was supposed to be for play facilities. Claire Welland, acting as an individual and not as a Councillor, was going to make a presentation to Kings Worthy Parish Council in September.
4. Chairman Pearcey said that HWPC should not lobby another Parish Council, and that any decision on this was solely a matter for Kings Worthy Parish Council. Councillor Rutter disagreed on the basis that HWPC would be representing the views of its parishioners

3. Policing

PC Haggart outlined recent events:

1. Headbourne Worthy House had trouble with drunks moving through their grounds on their way home, moving benches around.
2. Barton Farm railway bridge: drinkers gathered under the bridge and left their litter. There had been graffiti on the walls, which had now been washed off.
3. Neighbourhood Watch had reported a scam where someone had rung an elderly lady with a sob story and asking for financial assistance.
4. Speed checks had been carried out at the lower end of Down Farm Lane and on Springvale Road, but there were no problems.
5. There would be a beat surgery at The Goodlife on Saturday the 31st July. Future dates had just been agreed and would be put on the website.
6. There was a discussion about the speed of vehicles on the chicane at Wellhouse Lane., and on entering Headbourne Worthy from Springvale Road where the speed limit changed to 30. It was decided to approach the City Council for a flashing 30 sign, and the clerk would e-mail Councillor Wood. This sign would also register the number of cars breaking the speed limit.
7. Councillor Wood asked what had become of the suggestion that the bottom end of Down Farm Lane had a stop line, but it was generally felt that there was no evidence to warrant this.

4. Notes of meeting of 17th July 2010

1. Councillor Whorwood proposed and Councillor Curling seconded that these be agreed. Chairman Pearcey signed the notes on each page.
2. The internal auditor had raised the issue of the unsigned notes from the meeting of the 13th October 2009. These had since been signed by the former Chairman Stephens and were now countersigned by Chairman Pearcey.

5. Councillor Gorman's resignation

1. Councillor Gorman had resigned for personal reasons.
2. It was decided to advertise the vacancy on the notice boards and the website with a deadline of the 31st August. The issue would then be discussed at the next meeting in September.

6. Balance on Accounts

1. The clerk reported that the bank balance was £5,737.36.

7. Payments made

1. A list of the payments made in the current financial year, totalling £871.89, was circulated

8. Internal Auditor's letter

1. This had been circulated and most of the issues had been actioned by the clerk.
2. It was decided that the previous year's minutes should be bound.
3. The paragraphs and the pages in the minutes would in future be numbered.

9. Planning

1. 147, Springvale Road; a reply to the Council's letter to the Planning Department at WCC about how the granting of the planning application complied with Springvale Local Area Design Statement had been received, and gave a detailed explanation. This had been circulated to the councillors and there was nothing further to add.
2. Home Field, London Road; Councillor Rutter declared her interest in this matter as it was next to her property. Nevertheless she wanted to explain the purpose of

the application. The driveway at present was in a dangerous place with poor visibility. There was a mirror opposite the drive to facilitate exit. The idea was to move the drive nearer to the bridge. The Council had no objection.

3. New House, Down Farm Lane; an application to fell 9 trees with TPOs. There was no further information with the application. Local knowledge suggested that the roots were an issue, and that an expert had prepared a report. It was felt that the decision should be left to Winchester City Council's experts.
4. Barton Farm; the Chairman had spoken at the appeal. He said that Councillors who spoke were only given 3 minutes, and that it was important to prepare and practise beforehand, otherwise the tendency was to gabble.
5. Motocross; the appeal had overrun the two days allocated and would now resume on the 16th and 17th of November.
6. Fishing Lake: Concern was expressed at the height of the water. The clerk said that the Chairman had already raised this issue and The Environment Agency has been out to check that the level complied with the planning permission, which it did. They promised to review the situation if there were further concerns. An enquiry had been raised by a parishioner about the size of the hut, which Winchester City Council was looking at. Councillor Rutter asked whether planning had been granted for the bunds which looked really high. The planning was for bunds of about 2 metres.

10. School Lane

1. A post had been flattened at the London Road end. The clerk was to contact highways to press for a meeting on site, to be attended by Councillors, to explore the options to make the road safer. A lack of positive response would be referred to the chairman. Councillor Porter was to be copied. Highways' response would be discussed at the next meeting. Also the surface of the road had deteriorated.

11. Wellhouse Lane

1. This issue was the poor low bridge signage at the Andover Road end. This was to be taken forward with Highways by the clerk.

12. Standing Orders

1. Updated Standing Orders had been circulated by the clerk, and were adopted at this meeting.
2. During this exercise it had become apparent that the purchase of "Word" for the clerk's laptop would be a good investment, instead of the "Works" currently in use, and it was agreed that the clerk would cost the purchase for consideration at the next meeting.

13. Open Space

1. Councillor Cramoysan in his role with the Worthys football club had approached KWPC. They needed to identify the need for new changing facilities in the recreation ground in order to progress the matter with Winchester City Council Sports Facilities.

14. Worthys Festival

1. A discussion document had been circulated before the meeting. The aim was to have the first festival next September, 2011, and the first planning meeting on the 27th July 2010. Councillor Rutter was given HWPC's support and a pledge to help with reasonable requests. None of the Councillors were free for the planning meeting.

15. Yahoo Group

1. This had been trialled since the last meeting. The idea was to have a central repository for all e-mails and discussion documents, so that new members in future could go through the issues that had been discussed, and to save in-boxes becoming full. After a discussion it was decided that it would become just one extra place to look and that there was not sufficient support to make it workable.
2. Help was offered to the new councillors if they required guidance on anything and there was new councillor training run by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC).

16. Parish Plan

1. The clerk had contacted Derek Smithers who was on the steering group for the Kings Worthy plan with a view to attending their next meeting. However, there had been a lot of change on the Parish Council in the recent elections and new members were going to be going to the next meeting, making it a busy meeting. There would be a possibility of going to the following meeting. He suggested that the clerk obtain a toolkit from Steve Lincoln and get an idea of the first steps.
2. HWPC decided to pursue a Parish Plan and as a first step obtain a toolkit, to see what needed to be done next.
3. It was stressed that the steering committee when formed would not be made up of councillors, and would need enthusiastic local people.

17. Website and Newsletter

1. Councillor Curling would be putting the website forward for an award from HALC again.
2. The number of viewers had gone up appreciably, from 3,300 in the first half of last year to 6,200 this year. In May this year, following the 'Hantsweb Award for Best Public Services Website' in February there were 1468 "hits". This had been the highest ever figure in one month. He said that up to date news was required.
3. The copy date for the next Newsletter would be the 18th October. Councillor Rutter was not sure if it fitted the categories for an award but would investigate the matter.

18. Next meeting

1. The date of the next meeting would be the 20th September.

The meeting finished at 9.25