

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council

Draft minutes of meeting of 12th September 2011

Present

Councillor David Pearcey-Chair

Councillor Harry Whorwood

Councillor Steve Cramoysan

Councillor Claire Welland

Clerk Hilary Graham

Official Representation

Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter

Winchester County Councillor Keith Wood

PCSO Kerry Croutear HW Police Community Support Officer

Public participation

Mrs C Duncan

Mrs S Whorwood

Apologies

Councillor Jane Rutter

Councillor Lisa Wright

New Councillor

1. Councillor Cramoysan had been reviewing his commitments and said that he would have to resign as a Councillor. He was loathe to do so as he felt that all ages needed representing on the Council.
2. Councillor Pearcey introduced Mrs Claire Duncan who had come forward as a candidate for the existing Councillor vacancy. Mrs Duncan gave a brief resume about herself and was nominated by Councillor Welland and seconded by Councillor Whorwood. All the Council

agreed. The clerk explained that she would be summoned to the next meeting and asked to read and sign an acceptance before joining as a full Councillor. Councillor Pearcey said that she would also have to sign a declaration of interests.

Councillor Keith Wood

3. He summarised current points of interest:
4. The Barton Farm planning decision has not been made yet.
5. Winchester Council is running out of money, and the time will come when further cuts have to be made. Parking receipts have dropped by £300,000.
6. The new market site on the High Street has been contentious as existing shops have said that their trade has been affected. The situation is being monitored.
7. The Silver Hill Development in central Winchester has moved to the CPO stage. Two architects put in a bid to revisit the scheme but the Council feared it would mean paying all the upfront fees again so that was rejected.
8. There is a problem with public buildings like the Leisure Centre as there is no money for maintenance/renovation.
9. Winchester City Council has to buy the stock of council houses from the Government, which would be another drain on finances.

Local Policing

10. PCSO Croutear itemised several incidents:
11. The jacket of a well-known homeless person was found in the garden of a house in Bedfield Lane.
12. A jacket was stolen from a grassed area on Nations Hill.
13. There was an altercation between youths on land above Hookpit Farm Lane, and a knife was seen.
14. A suspicious man was seen in School Lane.
15. Several notifications of suspicious vehicles have been made by The Goodlife.
16. Lead has been stolen from building sites and Kings Worthy school.

Councillor Jackie Porter

17. Several issues were drawn to the Council's attention;
18. Kings Worthy Primary school is increasing in size with children from Headbourne Worthy and Abbots Barton.
19. The late night bus from Winchester will be withdrawn from the 30th October. Councillor Porter is behind a scheme to use a bus taxi instead. This could be self-funding if 4 to 6 people are catching it on a regular basis, and there would be a second taxi available for extra passengers. A group of young people is working on the project, and Headbourne Worthy Parish Council supported the scheme.
20. An e-mail from a parishioner about the narrowness of Church Lane and the consequent danger to pedestrians, including children attending school there, had been forwarded by the clerk to Councillor Porter. There is already an initiative in the pipeline to widen the pavements on either side hence making it one way, and the clerk undertook to advise the

parishioner. The Council backed the scheme. Councillor Porter was going on to Kings Worthy Parish Council to seek their approval.

21. A flashing 30 sign for traffic calming had been used in Kings Worthy recently, and another is available. Hampshire County Council is offering to buy the camera and Headbourne Worthy Council would have to provide a post and the fixing costs, at a cost of about £200. An existing post could be used to save money. The Council agreed to this offer.
22. Money for the Royal Jubilee events is running out fast.

Minutes of last meeting

23. The minutes of the meeting on the 9th May were agreed and signed on each page by Councillor Pearcey. He also read and summarised the notes of the meeting on the 11th July when there was not a full quorum and therefore no decisions were taken.

Planning

143 and 145 Springvale Road

24. The clerk outlined the current position. Andrea Swain from Winchester City Council Planning had rung the clerk to seek the Council's views. There were issues with the plans and they were to be refused. The adjoining scheme at 147 had not been done in accordance with the planning permission as one property had two extra rooms in the loft space and the landscaping had not been carried out. She felt that this development would make the alteration to the look of Springvale Road more pronounced. The landscaping proposed at 143 and 145 was inappropriate to small gardens. Councillor Pearcey mentioned the Parish Council meeting of the 11th July when the developer, Mr Williams, attended; he and Councillor Rutter had been pleased to learn that Mr Williams was willing to allow access from this site to 147 which would increase permeability, which was one of the Council's concerns. Councillor Pearcey summarised the Parish Council's position on 147. An objection had been made as the Parish Council thought the plans contravened the Local Area Development Scheme (LADS). The reply from Winchester Planning said that LADS was not as clear cut as the Parish Council seemed to think, and that the plans broadly fitted.
25. It was decided to follow Winchester City Council's lead with regard to this scheme.

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26. A revised application had been submitted. The original application had been turned down by Winchester Planning Department on the grounds of environment issues. The overriding factors for Headbourne Worthy was Traffic and noise. It was decided to object broadly along the same lines as previously.

General Amenities

Bedfield Lane

27. Councillor Welland summarised the meeting with Neville Crisp, Traffic Engineer, regarding the possibility of a crossing island at the bottom of Bedfield Lane, on the Springvale Road junction. He thought it was a possibility and had gone away to produce drawings. Councillor Welland suggested that the next phase should be a consultation.

Dog mess

28. Councillor Welland had forwarded a flyer from Kings Worthy Parish council that they had posted in Kings Worthy. It was adopted by Headbourne Worthy Parish Council but with the HWPC logo. Councillor Welland would take it forward.

Financial matters

29. The clerk advised that the bank balance at 31 August 2011 stood at £5,604. A schedule of the payments made was circulated.
30. The annual accounts had been agreed by John Murray the internal auditor and a letter had been received to confirm this.
31. A new signatory was required for the bank account with National Westminster Bank and Councillor Whorwood had agreed. Ex-Councillor Curling was to be removed.

Annual adoption of Standing Orders

32. These were adopted and signed by Councillor Pearcey.

Clerk's Contract

33. This had been altered to reflect the increase in the clerk's hours to 156 a year. It was adopted and signed by Councillor Pearcey and the clerk. The clerk confirmed that her tax position had been reviewed in accordance with new guidelines by HMRC.

Newsletter/ Website

34. The next Newsletter was not due until later in the Autumn.
35. The website was an ongoing issue. Councillor Welland was in talks with Kings Worthy Parish Council as to the future of the joint venture. As a temporary stop gap and because the facility was being withdrawn in November it was decided to make use of Hampshire County Council's free website page for parishes, directing readers to the official Worthys website.

Worthys Festival

36. This was about to start. A letter had been received thanking Headbourne Worthy Parish Council for its contribution.

Correspondence Received

37. There was nothing further.

Date of next meeting

38. The next meeting was fixed for November 14th
39. The meeting finished at 9.15