

Minutes of the HWPC Headbourne Worthy Committee

Meeting held 6.30am. Monday 14th July 2025 at St. Mary's Church Rooms,
Kings Worthy.

Present: Cllrs N Wilson (Chair), J Hamblin

Non-Cllrs A MacCaul

WCC & HCC Cllrs J Porter, J Rutter

Apologies: J Moore

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: None

HWC/25/017 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Moore, Ms Welland and Cllr Cramoysan.

HWC/25/018 To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda

None were declared.

HWC/25/019 Public Participation

None attended.

HWC/25/020 Minutes of HW Committee Meeting held 9th June 2025

a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting 9th June 2025

These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

b. To deal with matters arising not on the agenda

There were none.

c. To deal with any correspondence

An email from a resident regarding the Down Farm Lane project had been received and would be discussed in that part of the agenda.

HWC/25/021 Down Farm Lane Improvements

a. Receive proposal for traffic calming measures

HCC had now provided their proposal for installing a modular filter in the road (HWC/23/019). Cllr Hamblin explained the project had been initiated in response to the concerns of local residents (C/21/159) who had experienced speeding traffic outside their homes. Ideas to reduce the amount and speed of the traffic had been discussed by the Down Farm

Lane WG prior to engaging HCC Services (C/22/012). Cllr Hamblin said he felt that closing the road would be received positively by local residents. He said that people who lived there felt unable to walk into the village, and had complained that they couldn't access the road from their driveways. It was noted that when there was problems on the A34 and traffic was diverted there were often traffic jams along a considerable stretch of the road. Committee members commented that the filter should be installed further up, to just before the golf range (coming from HW). Positioning it there would enable vehicles to turn around safely and for the farm traffic to continue to use the full stretch of the road. The Committee agreed to ask HCC for this new position.

Action: Clerk

b. Agree Community engagement strategy

The email from a resident (HWC/25/020c) did not express support for the project. The Committee agreed it would be desirable to gauge public support before spending money on the design. The Committee agreed to hold an online survey to be promoted in the Council's newsletter. The Committee agreed to ask HCC for a graphic/sketch to illustrate to residents what was being proposed.

Action: Clerk

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Cllr Porter had met with National Highways to ask them to direct vehicles away from Winchester when there were diversions in place. She noted that adherence to promoted diversion routes was generally considered to around 60%. Cllr Hamblin asked if the route management apps could be encouraged to do this as well. Cllr Porter confirmed that the freight routing apps had taken this on board and it was being investigated if the speed limits into Winchester could be reduced to ensure these routes were less attractive.

HWC/25/023 Community Resilience

a. Development of Headbourne Worthy Community Resilience plan

Cllr Welland did not attend but she had asked if the plan should include Kings Barton. The Committee agreed that the Kings Barton plan would be a matter for KBC.

Action: Clerk, Ms Welland

HWC/25/024 The Dell

a. Receive inspection report

The recent quarterly inspection report had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that splintering on the new climbing frame had been rectified. The report had showed low or very low risk concerns.

Action: Clerk

b. Consider tree works

It had been established that KWPC was not the owner of the land behind the play area (HWC/25/10b) and that Arbri were. The Clerk had emailed them and they were due to visit the site and decide what to do.

Action: Clerk

HWC/25/025 Upgrade of Nuns Walk

No update as to the progress of the project had been received from HCC. Cllr Porter noted that the officer who had made the successful applications would

be available in September and she anticipated that there would be progress then. The Clerk noted that the SDNP grant was only available until December.

Action: Clerk

HWC/25/026 Infrastructure – Update on smaller projects

a. Steps accessing St. Swithun's graveyard from School Lane

The Clerk had asked for two quotations for the work but had not received them yet. Cllr Hamblin asked if the PCC could contribute to the cost.

Action: Clerk

b. Suggestions for further infrastructure projects

Ms MaCaul was due to meet with Ms Welland to come up with a list of appropriate projects.

Action: Clerk

HWC/25/027 General amenities and maintenance

a. Lengthsman co-ordination and tasks for July/September

The Clerk had asked the owner of the hedging in Springvale Rd to cut it back. Work that the lengthsman had not undertaken in June would be put on to the July and August schedules.

Action: Clerk

HWC/25/028 Newsletter, Communications and website

a. Date and communications for next newsletter

The Summer newsletter was being distributed. The Autumn newsletter would be printed in October. The Committee agreed to promote the survey for Down Farm Lane in the newsletter.

HWC/25/029 Items for next agenda, date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting HWC meeting would be on Monday 13th October 2025 at St. Mary's Church Rooms, Kings Worthy. The next HWPC meeting would be 8th September and KBC would be 21st July.

Items for the Agenda:

Nuns Walk

Down Farm Lane traffic calming improvements

Steps at School lane

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed 7.30 pm
The Chair thanked the attendees.