

Minutes of the HWPC Kings Barton Committee

**Meeting held 7.30pm. Monday 21st October 2024 at
Barton Farm Primary School**

Present:	Cllrs	R Watters (Chair), A De Stefano, M Leone, M Iredale
	Non Cllrs	E Barber, M Slinn
	WCC & HCC Cllrs	
Apologies:		N Palmer, J Rutter
Clerk:		Belinda Baker
Public:		One

- KB/24/099** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Mr Palmer and Cllr Rutter.
- KB/24/100** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
There were none.
- KB/24/101** **Public Participation**
The member of the public who attended was there talk about item 10 on the agenda.

The Chair brought item 10 up the agenda

- KB/24/102** **Phase 2a Play area and MUGA**
The member of public had experience in sports pitch design. She noted that CALA had revised their plans for the 2A MUGA. She objected to the design and placement of the MUGA because it meant the MUGA was closer, than recommended, to the nearest housing and the proposed size meant it was only suitable for smaller children. She pointed out that the proposed size would not accommodate a tennis court which meant only games for small children could be played there. She said this meant CALA had not met the conditions for the provision for teenage children. Cllr Watters said he and WCC Cllrs had met with WCC officers and had expressed dissatisfaction with the proposal. He said that the different phases of housing had been passed without checks being made on the open space in between, which had been allowed to shrink. Ms

Barber said that a similar occurrence had happened with the 1a playground which had been installed too close to the adjacent housing. Cllr Watters explained that CALA had agreed to install a larger MUGA elsewhere on the development. The Committee agreed that it was recognised that there were no appropriate changes with the present plan but that there should be a requirement of planning that the new site for the large MUGA is agreed and that the date for its installation is committed to by CALA for a year's time. The Clerk was asked to write this as a response to the planning application and forward to WCC planning.

Action: Clerk

KB/24/103

Approve Minutes of Meeting of 16th September 2024

a. To approve and sign the minutes of 16th September 2024.

These were agreed as 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

- HCC was offering free trees for planting.
- WCC was holding volunteers to help in their wellness and wellbeing strategy.
- A resident had complained that the new gate in Greenfields Park was too easy for a child to open. The Clerk had asked Infinity playgrounds to check the gate. It had been verified by them that the gate was operating as it should.

KB/24/104

City and County Cllrs report

Cllr Porter's report was circulated before the meeting. It was noted she addressed the cuts that were likely to occur in HCC. The City Cllrs did not attend.

KB/24/105

External Meetings

a. Kings Barton Forum

Cllr de Stefano had attended the meeting. He said that CALA's Mr Curry had promised there would be a connecting road between 1b and 2A by Easter of 2025. There may also be a delay in the technical design of the road due to the Highways awaiting the design of M3 jct 9. Cllr De Stefano was disappointed that there had been no mention of the Park and Ride plan. Mr Slinn commented that the local newspaper had said this part of the design was not going to take place.

b. Topics for agenda at meeting with CALA

The Chair and the Clerk were due to meet with CALA. The topics for the agenda were agreed to be:

- The park and ride –the plan for installation as the trigger point is passed.
- Bus service financial support – this is because the service's income is compromised, due to the fact that the Park and Ride isn't operational.
- Barton Meadows (KB/24/107)
- Installation of a large MUGA (KB/24/102)
- Community building (KB/24/108)
- Community facilities at the football pitches,

- Small pieces of land that go to the management company.

Action: Clerk

KB/24/106 **Handover of land to HWPC**

a. Welhouse Woods

The legal work was nearly complete and handover could take place soon.

Action: Clerk

b. Remedial work to be undertaken by CALA

Cllr De Stefano provided photos of the work completed (KB/24/086) but some were outstanding. The Clerk was asked to chase with WCC.

Action: Clerk

KB/24/107 **Barton Meadows**

Cllr Watters explained that WCC had enquired if HWPC would like to take over the land. He said there would be no commuted sum with the handover. He said the area was open space that could be enjoyed by residents and there may be opportunities for managing it differently. The Clerk commented that some of the hard surfaced paths specified in the Condition 16 - Landscape and Open Space strategy document had not been installed. The Committee agreed unanimously to recommend to HWPC that the matter should be explored positively.

Action: Clerk

KB/24/108 **Community Building**

A report from the WG had been circulated. Cllr Leone pointed out the original agreement said the Community building would be 660sqm and what was now proposed was 489sqm. She said she had seen 3 different plans, with the building situated differently. Some of these plans meant that it would be difficult to accommodate a larger building. She said Cllr Rutter was keen to ensure that only the 660sqm size should be agreed. Cllr Watters expressed concern that CALA researched the appropriate size of building at smaller developments.

Action: Community Building WG

KB/24/109 **The Orchard**

a. Update on plan for planting

The Committee hoped to make the planting of the trees a community event but acknowledged that time was running out and agreed that Greensmile should be asked to install the trees and hedging, in the event that no other solution would be forthcoming (KB/24/090b).

Action: Clerk

b. Purchase of edible hedging

HCC was unable to supply the edible hedging. The Clerk had researched the supply of blackcurrant and tayberry whips and rhubarb crowns. These were agreed. The Clerk was asked to place the orders.

Action: Clerk

c. Gazebo

The Clerk had researched metal gazebos. The Committee agreed 5:1 to not move forward with an installation of a gazebo but to consider benches once the orchard was installed.

Action: Clerk

KB/24/110 **Maintenance issues**

a. Planting of bulbs in Welhouse Woods

It was acknowledged that the bulbs needed to be in the ground by the

beginning of December. If the scouts were not able to help, then the Committee agreed to pay others doing the planting.

Action: Clerk

b. Agree quotation for emptying the bins in Welhouse Woods

Payment of £30 a fortnight to Greensmile for the clearance of the bins in Welhouse Woods and £3 a fortnight for the use of the Biffa bin at Kings Worthy were agreed.

Action: Clerk

c. Greenfields maintenance report

Cllr De Stefano confirmed that there were no concerns at the playground but the bin at the back outside the ground was not being emptied. He had contacted CALA's contractors who were dealing with the problem.

d. Remedial landscaping works in 1a and 1b due

Mr Slinn said that Mr Palmer was liaising with Anthem/CALA. A list of the expected work had been circulated before the meeting which included planting of trees and shrubs. Mr Slinn said that CALA was making a contribution to the cost but was saying it was the responsibility of the management company. Cllr De Stefano said the areas should be inspected before they are handed over to ensure they are of the agreed standard. Cllr Watters felt that a more consistent maintenance approach was required and that he would be discussing the handover of this land to the management company, with CALA (C/24/105b).

KB/24/111

Kings Barton Bus Plan

The bus service was now operational. Cllr De Stefano said there were four drivers on the service and the evidence was that up to 25 passengers were using the service a day. He commented that it would be helpful if the frequency of the bus times between 6:30 and 7:30 was increased and that the highest number of uses was on Saturday. Cllr Leone said that the timetable did not provide transport for commuters and for those going to schools. Mr Slinn asked if it was possible to go back to HCC to increase frequency.

KB/24/112

CALA maintenance and infrastructure responsibilities

a. Roads in 1b

Cllr Watters acknowledged that residents has expressed a safety concern after a child had walked out of Greenfields park into the road where a bus was waiting at a bus stop and a moped had been overtaking the bus. Residents were saying that the bus stop should be sited elsewhere. Mr Slinn said it should be moved 20m from the park gate and the present site was unsafe. Cllr De Stefano said that the responsibility for making drivers aware of their speed was CALA's. It was suggested that a "Slow Children Playing" sign would be appropriate. Cllr De Stefano commented that the bus was now in the habit of parking two wheels on the kerb.

b. Park and Ride Installation

This had been dealt with under KB/24/105a.

KB/24/113

Update on smaller infrastructure projects

a. Defibrillator

This had not yet been installed.

Action: Mr Palmer

KB/24/114

Community Matters

a. Christmas lights

At the King Barton Forum HCC had said they were unprepared to approve any alterations to the streetlight specification. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Adams-King to point out this was unhelpful considering HCC was asking for PC's to step in and help with maintenance of grips and ROWs.

Action: Clerk

b. Newsletter

The next newsletter was due to be published at the end of October. Cllr Iredale agreed to help.

Action: Cllrs Watters, Iredale, Clerk

KB/24/115 Finance

a. Approve commuted sum budget account

This was approved.

KB/24/116 Planning

a. New applications – there were none

b. To note recent decisions

Date	Number	Address	Description	Date
29/07	24/01359/HOU	1 Fullers Mill Way Winchester Hampshire SO22 6SS	Installation of a 4m x 3m Pergola	Permitted
17/07	24/01595/HOU	14 Bingham Road Winchester Hampshire SO22 6GB	Garage conversion and side extension to link to house, new bifold doors to rear, new step in garden and new garage door	Permitted
	24/00750/DIC	Barton Farm Major Development	Discharge of condition 5 of planning consent 19/01983/REM.	Permitted
	24/00766/DIC	Barton Farm Major Development	Partially discharge of condition 7 of planning consent 19/01983/REM	Permitted

c. To note decisions awaited

Date	Number	Address	Description	Date
01/08	24/01651, 2,4,5 /DIC	Barton Farm Major Development	Applications to discharge a number of conditions to planning 13/01694	
05/03	24/00528/DIC	Barton Farm Major Development	Original application: 19/01616/REM Condition: 13 (Approval of Play Area)	

d. Enforcement – there was none

KB/24/117 Date of next meeting and matters for the Agenda

The next Committee meeting was to be held on the 18th November at Barton Farm Primary School. Matters for the agenda were agreed to be:

Transfer of Welhouse Woods

Meeting with CALA

Planting of trees and bulbs

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

The Chair thanked the attendees.