



# Headbourne Worthy Village News

Summer 2018

News and Information from your local Parish Council

## Annual Parish Meeting Report

There was a very good turnout for the annual Parish Meeting which this year was held in St Swithun's Church, in the heart of the Parish. As well as an opportunity to chat with members of the Parish Council informally over wine and nibbles, local residents were treated to a fascinating talk by Howard Tissiman, local member of the Worthys History Group, on the history of the church, which dates back to Saxon times, and is Grade 1 listed.



### The Dell - help needed

Do you live in The Dell? We are looking for a local volunteer to help make regular weekly checks of the play area. This is needed for our insurance, and only takes a few minutes. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help - the reporting can be done easily online. Thank you!



### Parish Council News

Elections to the Parish Council were unnecessary as only six people put in nominations for the seven places on the Parish Council. However, as a former member wished to be co-opted to fill the seventh place, this was allowed without further ado at the first meeting of the Parish Council following the election. Details of all your current Parish Councillors are given inside - please do contact any of us if you wish.

### Clerk Vacancy

Parish Clerk Jill Judge is sadly shortly to leave us, so a vacancy has arisen for her post. If you are interested in a light clerical job which can be done from home in about 20 hours a month, please contact Jill for more details - see below.

**To contact your Parish Council, visit [www.headbourneworthy.org.uk](http://www.headbourneworthy.org.uk)**

or contact the Parish Clerk, Jill Judge, email [clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk)

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# Annual Parish Report - by Cllr Claire Welland

Chair of the Parish Council, Claire Welland, who lives with her young family in School Lane, gave her report on our activities at the annual parish meeting in St Swithun's Church. The full text of her report can be seen on the parish website.

She explained that the Parish Council is now responsible for a children's play area, in The Dell off Willis Way. We are looking to improve the play area soon, and local residents have been consulted. Do let us know if you have any good ideas, or if you can help with regular inspections.

Planning applications continue to come in and this has been an increasing trend. Taking control of planning in the village requires us to develop a Village Design Statement. Are you interested in helping with that? Please let us know.

We currently have nearly £25,000 in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to spend on improving our Parish. Do let us know if you have any projects you think the Parish Council should be undertaking.

The PC has also set aside funds for a possible future parish election, and £1,500 for future flood mitigation.

We now have a bus stop sign at Taylor's Corner northbound, and have been

working with the City Council, County Council, Worthy Down and developer Skanska, to put back a bus shelter at the entrance to Worthy Down. This should be happening very soon.

Development on the King's Barton (Barton Farm) site continues. As well as the 17 homes developed by Bargate Homes at Barton Farm off Andover Road, many homes at the Cala Homes site are now occupied. At some point, King's Barton may choose to set up their own Parish Council, but for now they are part of this parish. The new path around the Barton Meadows Nature Reserve is available for residents to enjoy. The livestock fencing and gates have been installed. Conversations continue regarding access to footpaths and cycle ways across the site, linking Barton Farm with Headbourne Worthy.

The Parish Council's website is now used regularly to give up to date information: visit [www.headbourneworthy.org.uk](http://www.headbourneworthy.org.uk)

This newsletter, produced three times a year by Cllr Jane Rutter and very kindly delivered by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester (Worthies) Scout Group, is also available online.

## City Councillor re-elected

Malcolm Prince was re-elected in the May elections for Winchester City Council to represent the Worthies, which includes Headbourne Worthy and Kings Barton. He rejoins colleagues Jackie Porter and Jane Rutter as one of our three local representatives at the District level.

*Pictured: Jackie Porter, Jane Rutter and Malcolm Prince visit some of the new housing now appearing at a fast rate in Kings Barton. They are concerned that*

*the re-routed Andover Road through the centre of the development should be as safe as possible.*



# Who's Who on your local Parish Council

## Gimma Macpherson

Hello, I'm Gimma Macpherson and am currently in charge of the Lengthsman's work schedule and also of footpaths - I'm also Churchwarden of our own St Swithun's Church. I can be reached on 01962 884098 or [gimma@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:gimma@headbourneworthy.org.uk)



## Jane Rutter

I've been a Parish Councillor since 2006, and a City Councillor as well since 2010. I edit and produce the Parish Council's newsletter three times a year. I had the honour to be the 817<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Winchester in 2016-17. I can be contacted on 01962 884981, or email [jrutter@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:jrutter@winchester.gov.uk)

## Christine Clarke-Smith

I am Christine Clarke-Smith. I moved to Headbourne Worthy from Brussels, where I was a teacher, 6 years ago. I am Vice Chair of the Parish Council. I live at Marlands on London Road. My husband and I host the Annual Village clean up. In addition I am a committee member of the charity the Children's Society and a volunteer at Winchester Cathedral. You can email me at [christine@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:christine@headbourneworthy.org.uk)



## Claire Welland

Claire has been a Parish Councillor since 2010, and currently serves as Chair. She is also Chair of Governors at Kings Worthy Primary School. She can be e-mailed at [clairew@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:clairew@headbourneworthy.org.uk)



## Giles Vigor-Robertson

Giles was co-opted onto the Parish Council earlier this year, and was returned unopposed in the recent elections, along with the other members of the Parish Council. He has lived in the Parish since 2008, and says, "I've joined the Parish Council to help protect & enhance the integrity of the rural setting Headbourne Worthy enjoys in the face of inevitable change." Email: [giles@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:giles@headbourneworthy.org.uk)

Also members of the Parish Council are:

**Claire Duncan** You can email Claire at [claired@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:claired@headbourneworthy.org.uk)

**David Barrow** You can email David at [david@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:david@headbourneworthy.org.uk)

# Village Lengthsman - News and progress

After two years working as Headbourne Worthy lengthsman, Mike moved on to pastures new in April. Consequently we (and ten other parishes) have been without our customary lengthsman's help in clearing ditches, trimming vegetation, strimming grass and sweeping out bus shelters - to name just a few of his tasks. Well, the good news is that a new lengthsman has been appointed (Rob of RP Gardening Services) and will be starting in early June.

At the time of writing, it is still unknown exactly when Rob will be coming to Headbourne

Worthy, so please bear with us if the verges remain a little unkempt for a bit longer than we'd all like! Hopefully our routine every-10-weeks lengthsman service will be back on track in the not too distant future.

*Photo: Thanks to Bob Chisnell and son-in-law Graeme Huntley (in pic) for this lovely new bench now in the area of public open space by the watercross path. Cllr Gimma Macpherson*



## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jean!

It felt like most of the village turned out to celebrate Jean Merriken's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Good Life last weekend. Jean treated us all to tea and a wonderful birthday cake.

We sang Happy Birthday and listened to her delightful reminiscences of her childhood in the New Forest where her father was the Keeper of a large pack of hunting hounds. It was lovely to be able to pay tribute to Jean - she is such a good neighbour, has always volunteered in her local community, and is a friend to all.

*Cllr Jane Rutter*



## REMINDER: Affordable Housing Provision Locally

**Headbourne Worthy Parish Council** is working with the HARAH Housing Partnership to develop a small affordable housing scheme for people with a local connection to the parish. The Parish Council wants to ensure that people with a local connection to Headbourne Worthy are given first priority for the affordable properties. By local connection we mean people who live, have lived, work or have close family in the parish.

The affordable housing units will be for Shared Ownership and Affordable Rent. We are currently unsure of the housing mix; this will be dependent on local demand.

**Only people who have registered** will be eligible for an affordable property. If you or someone you know would be interested in one of these affordable properties and have a local connection to Headbourne Worthy is in your/their interest to register as soon as possible.

**Hampshire Home Choice (join the waiting list)** <https://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk>

Register with Help to Buy South if you are interested in **Shared Ownership** properties:

**Help to Buy South (join the waiting list)** <https://www.helptobuysouth.co.uk>

You can apply online through the links above. Please contact 0800 456 1188 if you have any questions.