

Minutes of the HWPC Kings Barton Committee

Meeting held 7.30pm. Monday 18th November 2024 at
Barton Farm Primary School

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

- KB/24/118** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Ms Barber, Mr Slinn and Cllr Rutter
- KB/24/119** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
There were none.
- KB/24/120** **Public Participation**
The member of the public who attended was a member of the KBRA and did not wish to speak about a particular item on the agenda.
- KB/24/121** **Approve Minutes of Meeting of 21st October 2024**
- a. To approve and sign the minutes of 21st October 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.**
- The Clerk said it was now necessary to plan for the maintenance of Meadowside park. She asked if any member would be available to visit the park with her in preparation of the tender document.
Action: Clerk
 - The defibrillator (KB/24/094a) was now installed at Wurthy House. Mr Palmer had agreed to undertake regular visual checks.
Action: Mr Palmer

c. To deal with any correspondence

A resident with an interest in biodiversity had offered to meet Cllrs to talk about how the biodiversity of Welhouse Woods could be encouraged. Cllrs Iredale and De Stefano and the Clerk agreed to meet with him.

Action: Clerk

KB/24/122 City and County Cllrs report

Cllr Carmoysan had circulated a report before the meeting. He said that WCC was planning to buy homes in Kings Barton. The matter would be before WCC Cabinet shortly. Cllr Watters said there was a high cost to social housing in Kings Barton. Cllr Cramoysan was unable to confirm what the rents for these properties would be but said it would be consistent with other WCC charges. The Committee was positive about this development. Cllr Cramoysan said that WCC was in the process of submitting the Local Plan.

KB/24/123 External Meetings

a. Report from KBC meeting with CALA

The Chair explained that he and the Clerk had met with CALA (KB/24/105b) A report had been circulated. He said that HIWWT were being offered Barton Meadows and if this was turned down it would be offered to HWPC. Cllr Watters had said to CALA that a development of Kings Barton's size needed more open space. He said that if the land went to HWPC he would hope to open up the fencing. He said the handover of the small pieces of land to HWPC (as opposed to the Management Co) had been discussed positively. He said it was recognised that it would not be feasible to unpick the legal agreement for the pieces that had already been transferred but suggested that their transfer would be possible after 10 years. Mr Palmer was keen to ensure that the roads and garage areas had not been included in this discussion, which it was confirmed that they had not.

KB/24/124 Handover of land to HWPC

a. Welhouse Woods

The handover of this had not yet taken place.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Porter joined the meeting

KB/24/125 Community Building

Committee members said that they were unhappy with the footprint of the building but CALA had been adamant (KB/24/123a) that they were not prepared to increase its size. Cllr De Stefano said he felt every time CALA put in plans for a public amenity the size that was proposed was smaller than in the original S106 agreement. Mr Palmer felt that WCC planning was protecting CALA. Cllr Porter said she had had a meeting with WCC Head of Planning who had said that the original S106 proposal was for 660sqm but planned building was for 780sqm. However, she said there was a recognition in WCC that the open spaces were being eroded by CALA and she and the WCC planning were going to take a detailed look at what had been provided. The Committee agreed that the Community Building WG would look at the design of the building and decide if it could be "squared off" and enlarged in that way. The Clerk asked that solar panels could be included. She hoped to be able to apply for a grant for these items. This was agreed.

Action: Community Building WG

KB/24/126

Changes to Open Spaces

a. 2A MUGA – Update on proposed design, situation and the placement of a separate MUGA

Cllr Porter said that CALA would be tied in to providing a full size MUGA. Cllr Watters said it was important for it to be provided before 4a had started to be occupied, that way all prospective residents would be aware that a MUGA was there. It was acknowledged that CALA was installing some mitigation for the closeness of the MUGA at the 2a site and that it wasn't possible to install a larger one there.

b. Gate into Meadowside (1a) park

Cllr Watters said that the entrance to the park was very close to the edge of the road, this made it problematic for those with double buggies to access the park. CALA had agreed to funnel the entrance back a short way to help with access. Cllr Porter expressed concern that the fence by the railway line was not strong enough to stop access. She said that now the area was being used by residents the fence would need strengthening and she would ask the railway company to do so.

Action Cllr Porter

KB/24/127

Maintenance and planting

a. Plan for planting trees and edible hedging in Orchard

It was acknowledged the Committee had not been successful in engaging volunteers for the planting. It was agreed to ask Greensmile to undertake the planting. The Clerk and Cllr Iredale were due to meet with Greensmile on 27th November to direct the planting. It was agreed to leave spaces for at least two benches.

Action: Clerk, Cllr Iredale

b. Plan for planting bulbs in Welhouse Woods

This was agreed as per KB/24/127a.

Action: Clerk

c. Installation of new dog bin above Welhouse Mews

The Clerk confirmed that she would order the bin once the land had been transferred.

Action: Clerk

d. Remedial landscaping works in 1a and 1b by Anthem/CALA

Mr Palmer confirmed that the whips would be planted at the end of November and that all other work was scheduled. He said that no contribution was being required by residents.

KB/24/128

Kings Barton Bus Plan

a. Report of the service

Cllr De Stefano said that the feedback was to increase the service at the beginning and end of the day. This improvement would encourage for commuter and school use. At present the first bus arrived just too late to catch the London train. He suggested that less services were needed during the day. He had a proposed timetable prepared. Cllr Leone commented it would be better for the bus to access the station in the opposite direction.

b. Consider appropriate feedback to HCC

Cllr Porter agreed to take the feedback to the bus company. She discussed moving the bus stop in Ranulph road which, it was agreed, should be put to both HCC and the bus company.

KB/24/129 **CALA maintenance and infrastructure responsibilities**

a. Park and Ride Installation

Cllr Watters said that in the meeting with CALA it had been accepted that the spine road installation was crucial to the operation of the park and ride. CALA had said they were due to ask for a revision of the trigger to 850 occupations. It was felt that the construction of the M3 jnct 9 alterations would be impactful on the spine road construction. CALA had said they were due to hand over £1.1 million in total for the bus operation which would contribute to the costs of the bus before the park and ride became operational. Cllr De Stefano said that HCC should be asked to ask CALA to pay compensation because the lack of spine road and park and ride facility, at 650 occupations, would impact the income on the bus which may effect the long-term viability of the bus route.

b. Access to Barton Farm Primary School

It was acknowledged that a small alteration in the fencing at Fishwick Rd would enable access to parking. However, for safety reasons CALA were not prepared to allow this because the site was still a building site. Cllr Porter said that CALA had committed to allowing access when the works were completed which would be in a few weeks.

KB/24/130 **Community Matters**

a. Christmas lights

HCC were not prepared to make allow any changes to the streetlight specifications however minor and whatever the amount of public money that would be saved.

b. Anti-Cyber Crime presentation by Hampshire Police

This was due to take place on Thursday 28th November at Jubilee Hall. Mr Palmer agreed to circulate the information to Kings Barton Residents

Action: Clerk, Mr Palmer

KB/24/131 **Finance**

a. Update on HWPC plan for the investment of the commuted sum

Cllr Iredale explained that HWPC had taken the decision (C/24/062c&d) to invest the commuted sum for the land transferred from CALA. The intention was to allow the money to grow for the future infrastructure requirements of Kings Barton. She said the Council had resolved an ethical approach to the investments. She said that future payment for the maintenance of the Greenfields Park and the Valley would be sourced fully from HWPC budget and precept. The Committee thanked Cllr Iredale for her attention in the investment strategy.

KB/24/132 **Planning**

a. New applications – there were none

b. To note recent decisions

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

	24/01655	Barton Farm Major Development	Applications to discharge a number of conditions to planning 13/01694	Permitted
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c. To note decisions awaited

Date	Number	Address	Description	Date
01/08	24/01654 /DIC	Barton Farm Major Development	Applications to discharge a number of conditions to planning 13/01694	

d. Enforcement – there was none

KB/24/133

Date of next meeting and matters for the Agenda

The next Committee meeting was to be held on the 20th January at Barton Farm Primary School. Matters for the agenda were agreed to be:
Meadowside Park tender document
Community Building
2A MUGA and play area

Meeting closed at 9.25pm
The Chair thanked the attendees.