

Minutes of Headbourne Worthy Parish Council meeting.

Held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th January 2025

St. Mary's Church Room, Kings Worthy

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Chair: J. Hamblin Clerk: Belinda Baker

Present: Cllrs J Hamblin (Chair), R Watters (late), M Leone
A De Stefano, C Clarke-Smith, M Iredale (late)

WCC S Cramoysan, J Rutter

Apologies: N Wilson, J Porter

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Three

- C/24/072** **Apologies**
Cllr Wilson and Cllr Porter sent their apologies. Cllr Clarke-Smith announced her intention to retire. The Council thanked her for her commitment and attention.
- C/24/073** **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
Cllr Hamblin declared an interest in document to be discussed in C/24/080.

The Chair brought item 16a up the agenda

- C/24/074** **Lengthsman and co-ordination tasks for February**
The Clerk explained that the lengthsman had been ill and for this reason some of the December work had not been completed. Cllr Clarke-Smith asked for the leaves in Bedfield lane to be cleared and the grips in Down Farm Lane.
Action: Cllr Clarke-Smith

Cllr Clarke-Smith left the meeting
Cllrs Iredale and Watters joined the meeting

- C/24/075** **Public Participation**
A member of public who attended informed the Council that planning application 24/02805 had been posted on the WCC planning portal incorrectly. He had asked WCC to correct this mistake otherwise comments and decisions would be made inappropriately. Another member of public was there to speak about an item on the agenda and was happy to wait.

- C/24/076** **Minutes Full Council Meeting held 9th September 2024**
- a. **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting 11th November 2024**
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**
Cllrs had been invited to tour the anaerobic digester site. No one was available but the Clerk would attend.
- c. **To deal with any correspondence**
- The inner Winchester LWCIP consultation was now live.
 - The Winchester 10K race was due to take place on 23rd February.
- C/24/077** **City and County Councillor reports**
- i a. **Receive reports from the City and County Councillors**
Cllr Porter had provided a report which had been circulated before the meeting. There were no comments.
- ii Cllr Cramoysan explained that be a City report provided later in the month.
- b. **Update on the proposal for devolved powers for Hampshire and the Solent area**
Cllr Cramoysan explained that the proposals to create a Mayor for Hampshire with new devolved powers was at an early stage although the top tier authorities in Hampshire had written to the government to ask for Hampshire's application to be fast tracked. He said that the district councils would be abolished to create larger unitary authorities of over 500,000 residents. He acknowledged that it was likely that a new town Council would be needed for Winchester.
- C/24/078** **Barton Meadows**
- a. **To consider transfer of the Barton Meadows land to HWPC**
Cllr Hamblin explained that the land was managed at present by HIWWT and that WCC did not want to accept ownership. He had hoped that if the land was transferred to HWPC then a new management plan could be submitted but having read the present plan and he saw no opportunity of being able to do so. He said he felt there would be significant costs to maintaining the site. Cllr De Stefano commented that there was a limited amount of open space in Kings Barton and that this was a complaint often made by residents. Cllr Rutter disagreed and said the amount of open space in Kings Barton more than met WCC's policy. Cllr Watters pointed out that there was going to be a new development on the field to the south of Barton Meadows. He said that those residents would want access to open space close by. Cllr Hamblin was concerned with the liabilities of taking on the land and he felt it would be costly for the community. Cllr De Stefano agreed that there would be cost, but felt there would also be cost if use of the open space was too restrictive. Cllr Rutter said the area was an ecological mitigation zone that had been legally set aside for wildlife. She said that the paths had been included under pressure from WCC Cllrs at the time. The Clerk suggested that it should be ascertained if the management plan could be changed. Cllr Hamblin said he would not support taking it on unless the fencing could be removed. The WCC Cllrs said they would not support changing the management plan. The Council

agreed to engage with CALA and WCC to verify what changes to the plan could be made.

Action: Clerk

b. To consider updating the Barton Meadows management plan and agree means of doing so

This was dealt with under C/24/078a

Two members of the public left the meeting

C/24/079

Scouts

A member of the public who was a trustee of Worthies Scouts spoke to explain that their scout hut needed replacing and they required a larger site for a proposed new larger hut. He said the scout group provided activities for young people from 4 -14 and the hut was regularly in use. The group were looking for land with good access and parking. Cllr Rutter proposed that the land adjacent to Welhouse woods above 4B would be a suitable site. Cllr Iredale didn't want the resident's open space to be reduced. Cllr Watters expressed support for the scouts but felt that the available open space needed to be preserved. Cllr De Stefano said that 4b land was unlikely to be handed over until after 2028. The Council asked that the Scouts to provide more information about their proposal.

Action: Scouts

C/24/080

Community Building in Kings Barton

There was no update on the proposed vehicle for the managing the building.

C/24/081

The re-organisation of the Council's committees

Cllr Watters expressed concern that there were sometimes two meetings a month that he needed to attend. He said that the balance of the Parish was now more towards Kings Barton and a lot HWPC's time was now spent on Kings Barton matters. He said the "divide" between the two communities, reflected in the organisation of the Committees, was unhelpful. He wondered if there was a better means of organising the Committees and Full Council meetings. The Council discussed other committees but agreed to keep them as they were at the present.

C/24/082

Playgrounds

a. Agree Maintenance WG to agree contractor for the maintenance of Meadowside Park in Kings Barton due to be transferred April 2025

The WG was agreed as Cllr Hamblin and Cllr Iredale. The Clerk said she would ask for a volunteer from KBC.

Action: Clerk

b. Consider weekly regular inspection for the playground

The Clerk said she expected Meadowside park equipment to enjoy robust use from the children and she advised carrying out weekly inspections to ensure the equipment was functional. The Council agreed to pay for these inspections at the rate of the national minimum wage.

Action: Clerk

C/24/083

Investment of commuted sum and reserves

a. To agree updated Investment strategy

The updated investment strategy was unanimously agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/24/084 **WCC's response to the request to increase the number of Cllrs**

a. Increase the number of Cllrs

A letter from WCC had been circulated before the meeting. WCC were not prepared to hold a community governance review of the parish until Kings Barton was well over 50% occupied. Similarly, they were not prepared to hold any review to extend the number of Cllrs or change the border with WCC. Cllr Rutter said the formation of a Winchester Town Council might mean that there would be a governance review for the whole Winchester area. She suggested that there may be more responsibility in the Town and Parish Council level.

b. Management of land at front of Kings Barton development

It was agreed that HWPC would no longer be prepared to manage this land on behalf of WCC when CALA wished to transfer it.

Action Clerk

Cllrs Rutter and Cramoysan left the meeting

C/24/085 **Policy Review**

a. Data protection Policy

The data protection policy drafted by Cllr Hamblin was agreed.

Action: Clerk

b. Data Protection Notice

The Data Protection Notice drafted by the Clerk was agreed.

Action: Clerk

C/24/086 **Budget 25/26**
Agree Precept for 2025/2026

The Council agreed to include a provision of £500 for vandalism. The precept of £89940 was agreed. The Clerk was asked to submit it to WCC.

Action: Clerk

C/24/087 **Finance**

a. Recent Transactions – to approve income and expenditure since last Council meeting.

Payments 96-130 from the current account had been circulated prior to the meeting. These were reviewed and approved. The payment list is published separately. The income was from HMRC, an interest payment to the savings account and payment of a commuted sum from CALA for Welhouse Woods land. £300,000 was transferred from Unity bank to Cube Capital. £50,000 was placed into a high interest but liquid account. £250,000 placed into long term investment in accordance with the Council's investment strategy policy (C/24/083).

Current Account

Opening Balance		97200.69
HMRC (VAT return)	Income	2960.17
Payments (see attached)	96-130	11006.93
Transfer from Saver Account	Transfer	201979.75
Payment to Cube Capital		300,000
Closing balance		16465.93

Instant Saver Account

Opening Balance		90612.02
Commuted sum for Welhouse Woods	Income	201979.75
Transfer to Current Account	Transfer	227312.00
Interest	Income	581.44
Closing balance		65861.21

L&G – Cube Capital

Opening Balance		0
Transfer from Unity bank		50,000
Closing balance		50,000

b. To review budget 24/25 year to date.

This was reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk

c. Consider grant application from Citizen's Advice

The Council agreed the grant application from Citizen's Advice for £250.

Action: Clerk

C/24/088

Planning

a. New Applications

Date	Number	Address	Description	Comments by
16/12/24	24/02726/H OU	Ro-Mar-Ed Mortimer Close Kings Worthy Winchester Hampshire SO23 7QX	Erection of new first floor accommodation with new dormers and rooflights over existing ground floor layout and the erection of a new detached double garage and carport with room over.	14/01/25
The Council had no objection				
18/12/24	24/02751/H OU	Headlands School Lane Headbourne Worthy Winchester Hampshire SO23 7JX	New two storey extension and associated external works.	16/01/25
The Council had no objection				
16/12/24	24/02728/DI C	Pudding Farm Pudding Lane Headbourne Worthy Winchester Hampshire SO23 7JL	Discharge of condition 4 (large scale plan, elevations and sections) of application 22/01777/LIS.	
The Council had no objection				
23/12/24	24/02805/PN ACOU	Down Farm House Down Farm Lane Headbourne Worthy Winchester SO22 6RG	Plans to demolish the existing buildings and construct a residential dwelling, along with a farm office and accommodation for use as a holiday let.	27/01/25
The Council was unable to comment because the information on the planning portal was incorrect C/24/075				

b. To note recent decisions - there were none.

c. To note decisions awaited

Date	Number	Address	Description	Comments by
01/12/23	23/02542/FU L	167 Springvale Road Headbourne Worthy Winchester Hampshire SO23 7LF	Erection of two x 3-bedroom detached dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuilding with associated works.	15/01/24

31/05/23	23/01307	Home Field London Road Headbourne Worthy Winchester Hampshire SO23 7JJ	The construction of two new dwellings with associated parking on land to the immediate east of Homefield, London Road,	24/07/23
30/08/23	WR237 24/00182/H CS	Down Farm, Storage Land At Three Maids Moto Cross, Down Farm Lane,	Change of use from motocross, to a Construction, Demolition, Excavation Waste Management Facility, involving importation, treatment and storage of waste and aggregates,	Legal agreement to be completed
14/10/24	24/02232/LI S	Pudding Farmhouse Pudding Farm Pudding Lane Headbourne Worthy Hampshire	Replacement of non-original single glazed front and southeast bay windows with double glazed timber windows, refurbishment and installation of heritage double glazing to southwest bay windows and refurbishment of timber front door.	13/11/24

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were no enforcement matters to be noted.

C/24/089

Newsletter and communications

a. Crime prevention meeting organised by Hants Police

Cllr Iredale said she had liaising with the PCSO. She was aware there were problems with vandalism in Kings Barton and was talking to the PCSO about a crime prevention presentation to take place beginning of March. Date to be confirmed with the PCSO. The PCSOs would also be making themselves more visible in the development.

Action: Cllr Iredale, Clerk

b. Date and contributions for next newsletter

The next newsletter was due to be published in March, the date for the Headbourne litter pick would be promoted. Other articles to be included were agreed as the anaerobic digester, the crime prevention event and the devolution proposals for Hampshire.

Action: Cllr Watters, Cllr Iredale, Clerk

C/24/090

Items for next agenda, date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting full Council Meeting would be the Monday 10th March at St. Mary's Church rooms. The next meeting of the Headbourne Worthy Committee would be 10th February and the Kings Barton Committee would be 20th January.

Items for the HWPC Agenda:
Transfer of Meadowside Park
Community Building
Barton Meadows

Action: Clerk

Meeting finished at 9:20

The Chair thanked the attendees.