

Minutes of the HWPC Headbourne Worthy Committee

Meeting held 7.30am. Monday 14th October 2024 at St. Mary's Church Rooms,
Kings Worthy.

Present: Cllrs N Wilson (Chair), C Clarke-Smith

Non-Cllrs C Welland

WCC & HCC Cllrs J Porter

Apologies: J Hamblin

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: None

HWC/24/041 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hamblin. Mr A Gibson had resigned.

HWC/24/042 Co-option of Committee member

Two people had put themselves forward to be Committee members but unfortunately were unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed to invite Ms Torkington and Mr Moore to join the Committee.

HWC/24/043 To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda

None were declared.

HWC/24/044 Public Participation

No one attended.

HWC/24/045 Minutes Committee Meeting held 8th July 2024

a. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting 8th July 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

- NALC had launched a new website.
- The new Kings Barton bus service had now commenced.

c. To deal with any correspondence

- Cllrs were asked to take part in WCC's wellbeing and Resilience strategy.
- HCC would be undertaking the LCWIP improvements in London/Worthy Rd in the winter months.

- A resident had written to the Clerk to ask that consideration should be given to installing a crossing close to Welhouse Lane/Down Farm Lane/Springvale Ave. The Committee agreed this should be considered. Cllr Porter said that it may be possible to use S106 money from CALA as more people were walking to Kings Barton because of the improvements in the facilities. The Clerk was asked to write to the CALA WCC planning officer.
- A local landowner had written to the Clerk to complain that a local wood near to his land had been cut down. He also raised the issue of Down Farm Lane traffic improvements
- Residents had expressed concern over the proposed roadworks taking place in London Rd by SGN which would involve a road closure. Cllr Porter said she was taking the matter up with HCC officers.
- Cllr Wilson said that Rev. Bradish would like to attend the next HWC meeting to brief the Committee on St Swithun's church plans.

HWC/24/046 City and County Reports

Cllr Porter had circulated a report before the meeting. She said the HCC Cabinet was having to make the difficult decision on where cuts to services would take place. She acknowledged that bus services were expensive. She said that an HCC officer was looking at sources of funding for improvements to Nun's Walk.

HWC/24/047 Road Infrastructure

a. Cart and Horses junction

Cllr Porter confirmed that HCC had formally asked National Highways to undertake the work because it would be cheaper for them to do so as part of the M3 improvements. The work would be funded by HCC. SDNP had now confirmed that they no longer objected to traffic lights being installed.

b. M3 Junction 9

Work on the project was about to start. This would take the form of felling trees that needed to be cleared. It would not be responsible to do this in the Spring.

c. Speeding Springvale Rd

The Clerk needed an Android phone to collect the data. Cllr Clarke-Smith said she was able to provide this.

Action: Cllr Clarke-Smith, Clerk

HWC/24/048 Barton Meadows

The Clerk explained that she had been approached by WCC to enquire if HWPC would be open to taking over Barton Meadows when it was transferred away from CALA. She said there would be no commuted sum attached. Cllr Porter explained that it was WCC policy to offer the land to the Parish first. It was acknowledged that HIWWT had not been open to encouraging more people to use the site. Ms Welland felt this was an opportunity that should not be passed up. Cllr Wilson said it was an important piece of open land in the Parish. The Committee agreed unanimously to recommend to HWPC that the matter should be explored positively.

Action: Clerk

HWC/24/049 Down Farm Lane Improvements

The report from the ATM traffic survey held by HCC in Down Farm Lane

(HWC/24/033) had been circulated before the meeting. It was acknowledged that speeding traffic had not been shown to be a problem. Cllr Wilson said the survey showed 1900 movements in a 24hr period which he felt was concerning. Ms Welland said this number would increase when the A34 was closed. Cllr Porter said that the modal filter proposal could still be considered to reduce this amount of traffic. She suggested putting signs on Three Maids Roundabout to discourage use of Down Farm Lane. The Clerk was asked to go back to HCC to take the proposal further.

Action: Clerk

HWC/24/050 Community Resilience – Flood Alleviation

a. Update on HCC's alleviation plans

HCC had confirmed it was now undertaking flood alleviation work in Littleton which it believed would help reduce ponding in Down Farm Lane.

b. Removal of lining at Worthy Barn

This had not progressed (HWC24/034). The Clerk had asked HCC to become involved but HCC had said it was a matter for the Environment Agency. Cllr Porter said she would take the matter up with the HCC officer.

Action: Cllr Porter

c. Ownership of historic pipe that removed flood water – FOI request

The Clerk had submitted an FOI request to WCC to ask if it considered WCC owned the pipe. The result had been that WCC denied ownership. The Clerk had submitted the same request to HCC. HCC had come back with some queries but no answers yet.

Action: Clerk

d. Development of Headbourne Worthy Community Resilience Plan

The Clerk had circulated HCC's community resilience plan template. Ms Welland agreed that it was important that the community should register for the flood action alerts. She volunteered to fill in the template because she had been involved in developing the plan in the past. The Clerk was asked to publish HCC's new flooding awareness information on the HWPC website.

Action: Ms Welland, Clerk

HWC/24/051 The Dell

a. Receive inspection report

The recent quarterly inspection report had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact KWPC to see if they would cut back the trees which were taking away the light on the play area.

Action: Clerk

b. Safety Matting

Infinity playgrounds had recommended that mulch matting could be installed. The Clerk was asked to investigate the proposal further.

Action: Clerk

HWC/24/052 Upgrade of Nuns Walk

An email from the Clerk to HCC had been circulated before the meeting. The email had set out the concerns regarding the path where it was falling into the river but had acknowledged HCC's opinion that it could cost up to £220,000 to repair. Cllr Porter had met with HCC's Director of Countryside services who recognised the importance of the project. He hoped to find funding from other sources. Cllr Porter asked that new trees that had been planted on the path should be reported as obstructions. Cllr Porter felt that it was possible for a plan

to be put together for next September. She asked that the opportunity for CIL funding from WCC should be explored. The Clerk was asked to do so.

Action: Clerk

HWC/24/053 Infrastructure – Update on smaller projects

a. Noticeboard at the corner of Nations Hill

This was now installed.

b. Further Infrastructure projects – suggestions from the Infrastructure WG

It was agreed that the new members of the Committee should be asked to join the WG.

Action: Ms Welland, Clerk

HWC/24/054 General amenities and maintenance

a. Lengthsman co-ordination and tasks for November/December

Work was agreed as clearing the overgrowth at the bottom of Nations Hill, the path out of the Dell and the grips in Nuns Walk.

Action: Cllr Clarke-Smith

b. HCC's plans for maintenance of the RoWs

The Clerk had met with HCC's Ms Davis-Cooke who had admitted there was no further funding for maintenance equipment. She had asked that volunteers could be encouraged to become path wardens. Cllr Porter suggested the HWPC applied for a grant from her, for a brushcutter, safety equipment and training before next year because it was likely this source of funding would not be available after April. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to make the application.

Action: Clerk

c. Litter bin and London Rd Bus shelter

WCC had confirmed it was unable to install a new litter bin close to the bus shelter. The Clerk was asked to investigate installing a small bin to the bus shelter the contents of which could be emptied into the bin at Taylor's corner.

Action: Clerk

HWC/24/055 Newsletter, Communications and website

a. Date and communications for next newsletter

The next newsletter was being co-ordinated by Cllr Watters. It was suggested that the printer would be able to help with the layout if necessary.

Action: Clerk

b. Anti-Cyber Crime presentation

This was due to take place on Thursday 28th November at Jubilee Hall. It would be promoted in the newsletter and the Clerk was asked to involve Kings Worthy in promoting the event further afield.

Action: Clerk

HWC/24/056 Planning

a. New applications

Date	Number	Address	Description	Comments by
13/09/24	24/02000/TP O	20 Nations Hill Winchester Hampshire SO23 7QY	T1 Beech - Cut back over hanging branches to reduce shading Crown lift to side of tree, roots have effected the neighbours use of her garage.	08/11/24

b. To note recent decisions

Date	Number	Address	Description	Result
19/06/24	24/01295/DI C	Land To The East Of The A272 Andover Road Littleton	Original application: 22/02037/FUL Condition: 24 Traffic mgmt. plan	Refused

c. To note decisions awaited

Date	Number	Address	Description	Comments by
11/03	22/02251/FU L	Down Farm House Down Farm Lane Headbourne Worthy Hampshire SO22 6RG	Appeal to secretary of State. Redevelopment of farm buildings to provide a detached dwelling,	15/04
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

d. Enforcement – to note any enforcement matters

There were none.

HWC/24/057 Items for next agenda, date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting HWC meeting would be on Monday 10th February 2025 at St. Mary's Church Rooms, Kings Worthy. The next HWPC meeting would be 11th November and KBC at 21st October.

Items for the Agenda:

Nuns Walk

New crossing at Welhouse Lane/Down Farm Lane junction

Down Farm Lane traffic calming improvements

Rev Bradish to attend the meeting

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed 9.10 pm

The Chair thanked the attendees.