



# Headbourne Worthy Village News

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News and Information from your local Parish Council

## Barton Farm - the Parish Objects!

On 27 November 2009 CALA homes submitted their revised outline planning application for what they are calling a 'New Vision' for this massive development of 2000 homes north of Winchester. The majority of the 93hectare (circa 38 acres) site lies within the boundaries of Headbourne Worthy Parish Council.

The Parish Council submitted its formal response to WCC based on its critical concerns and those raised by many residents at a packed public meeting it called in early January.

The key points of the objection letter are:

**Road Safety in Headbourne Worthy;** Despite traffic measures proposed for the development, severe traffic congestion will occur on the existing already congested roads network over a wide area, well outside of those considered by the developer. Inadequate assessment has been (continued on Page 3)

## Join the Village Litter Pick - Saturday 13th March from 10.00am



Help to keep our village looking this lovely - meet at Silverstream, Bedfield Lane, where bags, safety high vis jackets and gloves will be provided. Children are welcome but must be supervised.

## Local Democracy in Action - Parish Council Elections

Elections are scheduled for 6th May for all Parish Councils. There are seven councillors for Headbourne Worthy, which is a relatively small council. At present the council meets every two months, and there are no sub-committees, but some councillors take on different areas of responsibility - for instance David Pearcey is

the Footpaths Officer, Dennis Curling is in charge of the award-winning website, and Jane Rutter edits this Newsletter. To stand for the council you need to live, work in or have close connections with the parish. Nomination forms are available from the Parish Clerk Hilary Graham - see below for contact details.

who will win?

**VOTE FOR THE WORTHYS  
WEBSITE BEFORE 21ST  
FEBRUARY! See page 2**



**To contact your Parish Council: Visit [www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk)**

or call the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, on 881043. [clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk)

## Neighbourhood Watch Report - David Pearcey

Whilst Headbourne Worthy continues to enjoy a relatively low crime rate, unfortunately from time to time burglaries do occur which then shake us out of our complacency and remind us that we need to take sensible practical precautions. One way in which we can help ourselves is to support our Neighbourhood Watch which covers the whole of the parish and is very active under the leadership of our co-ordinator Margaret Filley who prepares regular newsletters and keeps us on our guard. It is also good practice to ensure that we are properly insured and in this regard we are fortunate that our Neighbourhood Watch is so active as many insurance companies will allow a discount for membership. Check with your company when renewing or obtaining a quote. It is equally important that you check the "small print" of your policy and do not wrongly assume that you are eligible for other discounts or that

your property is in fact covered! For example, some specify that the external door locks must be of a certain standard - for example, five lever deadlocks - and in the event of a claim they will not settle if the locks are of a lesser quality, as one local resident recently discovered to her cost.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

In future Headbourne Worthy Parish Council will be holding six regular meetings a year, with additional extraordinary meetings as required. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 10th March at 7.15pm in the Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, London Road, Kings Worthy. All local residents are encouraged to attend and will be most welcome. Additional dates will be announced.

## Award-Winning Website - Have You Voted for The Worthys Yet?



### The Best 'Public Voted' Website Award

The deadline for voting is Sunday 21 February 2010

Please vote for **YOUR** Community Website. All you have to do to vote is:

Go to [www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk) and click on **VOTE** icon on the homepage and you will be taken to the voting page on Hantsweb AWARDS site and follow the simple instructions.

It is only one vote per computer, if you have more than one computer, then you have more votes. Do not forget Laptops, Notebooks, Ipad's and even Smartphones. So encourage your family, friends and others to vote to ensure your community website wins this additional 'One off Award'. The winner will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on 23 February. *Dennis Curling*

Having won the HALC Best Hampshire Local Council Website Award in October 2009, the Worthys community website has now has been listed as one of three finalists in the 7th Hantsweb AWARDS for the category 'Best Public Services' Website. This is one of 12 categories in these annual prestigious awards. The winners will be announced on 23 February at an awards ceremony at Intech Winchester. New this year the public are invited to vote as well for:

## Barton Farm - Continued...

existing residents of Headbourne Worthy and the wider community of Kings Worthy.

**Increased Flooding;** Both Andover Road and Barton Farm to the south, experience regular flooding. This will greatly increase as a result of this development.

**Loss of the Strategic Gap;** The loss of the Strategic Gap between the northern villages and the City of Winchester will create a creeping cancerous urban sprawl which will destroy the unique and renowned character of this part of Winchester, which the local residents enjoy and wish to see retained.

**Lack of Existing Facilities and Infrastructure;** Existing limited facilities and infrastructure within Winchester are close to or already beyond capacity. Current facilities and infrastructure will not support a dramatic population increase.

**Land East of the Railway Line;** The application cannot be considered in isolation from land to the east of the railway line. This land forms part of the Local Gap separating Winchester City from Headbourne Worthy and as such has the protection of Policy CE.2 of the Local Plan. The Parish Council vehemently supported this policy which is a vital safeguard for the local community from encroachment and development and it does not wish to see this diminished.

**Density and Scale;** The density and sheer massive scale of this development will impose an unacceptable environmental impact on the northern villages close to Winchester. The village of Headbourne Worthy in particular will have to bear the brunt of this and its acknowledged unique character, attractiveness and landscape will change forever.

**Headbourne Worthy Parish Council recommends that the PDCC rejects this application outright.**

The full text of the objection letter can be found on the Worthys website, Recent Planning Updates, reference [09/02412/OUT](#) on page 92.

*Dennis Curling*

given to these major issues resulting in significant safety, environment impact and frustration to the



Photo: looking across the railway line to Barton Farm from the footpath behind Well House Lane.

## Open Space Funding

Headbourne Worthy does not have any sports facilities within our own parish. However, an element of funding from all new developments within the parish is allocated to sport. It has been the practise in past years for some of this money to be handed over to our neighbouring parish of Kings Worthy to help provide facilities at Eversley Park which the residents of both parishes enjoy.

There is currently an amount of £8491 in this budget. Kings Worthy Parish Council have asked that Headbourne Worthy release all of this money to help pay for the resurfacing of the all-weather pitch at Eversley Park. HWPC is anxious that this money should be used for sports purposes as the guidelines are soon to change and it may well be a case of 'use it or lose it'.

There is also £1800 designated as money for play areas, which we do not currently have. HWPC is in discussion with KWPC as to how this might be used. *Rosemary Stephens*

## Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester

Bapsy was born in 1902 in Bombay and was considered a great beauty. In 1952 she married the 90 year old Marquess of Winchester; however this was not a great success as within weeks of the marriage the Marquess left Bapsy for the charms of Mrs. Fleming, author Ian 's mother. Bapsy took Mrs Fleming to court for enticement but lost on appeal, the Marquess then set off to spend his last years in Monte Carlo with Mrs Fleming. Bapsy left Hampshire never to return.

Soon after her marriage Bapsy had made her only visit to Winchester. However this was not a great success, the City did not roll out the red carpet and she felt snubbed that she wasn't greeted by the citizens waving flags. She didn't give up though and in order that she would be remembered she left in her will £500,000 for a Community Centre in the City; with interest, this has now risen to £1.4 million.

For nearly 15 years the Council has struggled to use the money. Over this time the Guildhall has fallen into disrepair so last year we matched this bequest with another £1.5m to return the Guildhall to its Victorian splendour. Apart from things like stopping the roof from leaking we hope to restore many of the original features and make it a more user-friendly building. It will take a year but the scaffolding is up and the work is on its way. The main hall will be renamed after Bapsy and the truly memorable portrait of her placed for all to see.

I hope when you see the final result you will agree that it is money well spent. *Cllr Keith Wood*

### Police Community Advice

The next 'Beat Surgery' is on Saturday 27th March from 1pm to 2pm at the Good Life Garden Centre, Headbourne Worthy.



This striking picture of Bapsy hangs in Winchester Guildhall.

### School Lane Turning Changes

The parish council is aware of highways issues associated with the junction of School Lane and London Road. A request is currently with Winchester City Council to place a 'No Left Turn' off School Lane into London Road and a 'No Right Turn' into School Lane from London Road.

Suggestions have been made about closing that exit of School Lane to outward motor traffic making the junction inwards only from the Winchester direction. We should be interested to hear your views on this idea to make the junction safer.

*Rosemary Stephens, Chairman, HWPC*