



Headbourne Worthy Village News

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News and Information from your local Parish Council

How Will Barton Farm Affect You?

This year's annual Parish Meeting will consider the implications of the proposed Barton Farm development on the village. A representative of Hampshire County Council's Highways department will be present to take away our views at this crucial early stage in the planning process.

The meeting is open to all, from 7pm on Monday 21st May in the Church Rooms, St Mary's Church, London Road, Kings Worthy.

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Worthys Jubilee Party

The Worthys Jubilee Party will take place on Monday 4th June, starting at 4pm, on Church Green. There will be a BBQ, beer & Pimm's tents, children's games and activities including a bouncy castle, a rope bridge, face painting, Punch & Judy show, Juggling Jake and a lot more besides. Also the Jubilee Hall will be open with various exhibits and displays from local community groups and teas will be available inside. From 7pm there will be live music provided by five local bands. The evening will conclude with us lighting our Jubilee Beacon on top of the church tower at 10pm. Ours is one of only two tower beacons in the Diocese! It should be quite a spectacle.



To contact your Parish Council: Visit www.theworthys.org.uk
or call the Parish Clerk, Hilary Graham, on 883797. clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk

Jackie Porter, County Councillor for our area, writes:

Even without Barton Farm, Primary school places are at a premium in the area, because Winchester and the surrounding villages are popular with families, and new smaller developments are happening all the time. It has become more difficult to find places for all the children at the same school, especially for families moving into the area mid-term, and those in catchment who are furthest away from their catchment school.

After a great deal of pressure from County Councillors and Governors, the County Council has agreed to provide another school in the central area. The controversial proposal is for an extension to extend Westgate Secondary school to be suitable for 4-16 years, for sixty children every year, starting September 2014.

What do you think? If you do have a view, please respond to the consultation which can be found on

www.hants.gov.uk or contact me for more details.

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How will development at



Cala Homes' current proposals for development at Barton Farm, taken from their website.

Parish Council member Harry Whorwood writes:

Misery, misery, all is misery - or not depending on your point of view on Barton Farm. There can be no doubt that this will go ahead, and your parish council is particularly keen to plan well ahead to minimise the impact on the village.

The homes number 2000, but the people could number three times that.

Barton Farm affect you?



How are we going to travel there? How are the new Barton Farmers going to travel to work and by which routes? This will impact on all of us living in the village and in particular those living on or close to Down Farm Lane, Well House Lane, Springvale Road, Bedford Lane and London Road; in short – the village. Should we support the closure of some or all of these roads to through traffic? What will happen to key junctions like Bedford/London Road if it is turned into a massive traffic island? Will every road junction have traffic lights installed? What about pedestrians; will we have beacons every few hundred yards? Should we press for the closure of Down Farm Lane and Well House Lane to save our sanity and peace? Should we insist that the planners only use existing routes to travel to the City and back – Andover, Stockbridge and London Roads rather than infiltrate our porous infrastructure?

City Cllr Keith Wood writes:
"Barton Farm - in one act
As you know Winchester
Council did not approve Cala

Households will probably total 2000 cars. Already, 80% of the current population travel outside the City to work, and 80% of people who work in Winchester travel from afar into the City. There will be schools, medical, community and shopping facilities. Whilst we might object in the strongest terms to Barton Farm, how many of us will use or wish to have those facilities available? Is that hypocritical or pragmatism?

Homes' original application and Cala appealed. The Minister decided not to decide so Cala took him to Court and won - the Minister now has to make another decision. Cala applied under the 2006 Local Plan but the question is the extent it should be influenced by the Government's new Planning rules. We have no idea what will happen but will keep you all informed."

Barton Farm - Grasping the Opportunities

Finally, Jane Rutter, newsletter editor, member of the parish council and City Councillor for Kings Worthy writes:

We need to make sure that any opportunities which are presented by the Barton Farm development are grasped at a very early stage. For instance, what is happening to the strategic gap land on this side of the railway? - it is apparently in the ownership of Cala Homes, but presently the plans only show paths round the edge and a cycle path across to Worthy Lane. Could this offer an opportunity for a Country Park? Would this guarantee that the land is saved for the community, properly managed and kept free of housing? There could be wildlife refuges, wildflower meadows, woods, play areas, whatever.

Is there a case to be made for another primary school at the Abbots Barton end? Jackie Porter's contribution talks about the serious shortage of school places in Winchester, which will not be affected by the school already planned at Barton Farm.

New Footpath Rejected

Due to significant local opposition, and little support, the suggestion for a new footpath alongside the raised section of the A34 to link Headbourne Worthy directly to the Nun's Walk footpath into Winchester has been dropped. However, the Parish Council is keen to promote new footpaths locally, and indeed to find a way of linking the village directly to the Nun's Walk, so if you have any suggestions, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details on the front page).

Finally, what about a new bus service serving the north of Winchester, taking people from the Worthys to Waitrose (surgery) at Weeke via the new shops at Barton Farm? Come to the Parish Council's meeting on 21st May in St Mary's Church Rooms from 7pm and tell us what you think!



Litter Pick Results

The Headbourne Worthy litter pick took place on Saturday 17th March with 17 people helping to collect 19 bags of rubbish from the verges of a very small village, nearly all of which was fast food containers, cigarette packets and drinks bottles. The Parish Council would like everyone to take their rubbish home and put it in their bins.

Furthermore, some garden rubbish had been dumped in Wellhouse Lane. If you see anyone fly tipping please try to obtain the vehicle registration number and report it to the Police/Council. There is a chance that they can pursue it. Please also ask anyone who works for you to dispose of their litter responsibly.