

Headbourne Worthy Village News

Spring 2022 News and Information from your local Parish Council
Headbourne Worthy Parish Council includes the majority of Kings Barton

The snowdrops pictured above are in the churchyard of St Swithun's Church.

Annual Village Litter Pick Saturday 19th March 2022



Come to Marlands on London Road at Taylor's Corner from 10am to noon and collect your litter pick sticks and bags for our village spring clean. Please come equipped with long trousers and sturdy garden gloves. Chris and Bevis Clarke-Smith will welcome you with a cup of coffee and a biscuit before sending you out to clear an allocated area. Many thanks to Chris and Bevis for hosting this event again and providing the comestibles! Children are very welcome, but must be

accompanied - and supervised - by a responsible adult.

The Kings Barton Residents' Association will be organising their own litter pick later in the spring using the same Parish Council equipment, so it's important the two events don't clash. Keep an eye out for the date on the Kings Barton Residents' Association Facebook Page.



PETITION

Please sign our petition to the City Council asking for an increase in Parish Councillors for Headbourne Worthy from 7 to 12, so that

we can more effectively represent our whole community, especially our new residents in Kings Barton. Sign online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWKB12>

More details on Page 3.

New Footpath from Springvale Road to The Dell



Thanks to the persistence of Cllr Claire Welland and the rest of the Parish Council, we finally have a footpath link through from the top of the allotments on Springvale Road, round the back of the bungalow by the new houses and up into the Dell. This new route will enable local residents to access the lovely play area in the Dell, and also link these parts of the village, allowing easier access to the bus route, the school, down to Cobbs farm shop and generally improve walking routes across the village.

The Parish Council will be providing finger posts in due course to indicate the route, but many local residents are already using this neat shortcut to link up village amenities.



To contact your Parish Council, visit www.headbourneworthy.org.uk

or contact the Parish Clerk, Belinda Baker, email clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk

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Parish Lengthsman

The Parish Lengthsman scheme was introduced in Headbourne Worthy 8 or so years ago and is intended to complement the broader sweep of Hampshire Highways by dealing with smaller local issues as discerned by the Parish Council. Leaf sweeping, sign cleaning, bus shelter cleaning, litter picking, verge tidying, hedgerow cutting, drain clearing etc are typical of the tasks assigned to the Lengthsman. He works within a budget and visits the parish on a near-monthly basis. If you feel there is a task that has been overlooked and needs attention by the Lengthsman, please contact our Parish Clerk, Belinda Baker, on 07770 406607 or email clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk and let her know what you think needs doing.

Want an Allotment?



Plots are available for the spring growing season now in the the allotments next to the A34 bridge on Springvale Road. Call the Clerk for more details.

Church Car Park Project Nears Completion



St Swithun's Church car park is at last nearing completion. First conceived in 2013, the project has taken 9 years to achieve and stands testament to the perseverance of both fund-raisers and the many experts brought in to advise and construct.

Particular thanks must be given to the Parish Council and our City Councillors for obtaining a £50k Winchester City Council CIL grant towards the project and to

Headbourne Worthy resident, Howard Tissiman, for taking on the voluntary role of Project Manager. It has been a long haul.

Since Planning Permission was granted in March 2019, a prolonged assault of ash dieback, underground springs and a worldwide pandemic have contrived to produce a fire-fighting decision around every corner. We anticipate the car park will be officially opened on Sunday 27th February by which time the final plantings should be in place and only the wildflower and grass seeds will be waiting for warmer weather. Fingers crossed!

Cllr Gimma Macpherson



Local Elections May 5th

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

Elections for the most local elected representatives, your Parish Councillors, come round every four years, and this year is it. Anybody interested in standing for election to the Parish Council needs to have lived in the parish - or within three miles of the parish - for at least a year, be on the electoral roll, or to work in or near the parish.

If you qualify and would be interested in standing, or would like more information, please contact our Clerk, Belinda Baker, at clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk or speak to any of the current members of the Parish Council. At present we have around eleven meetings a year, and we are an informal and friendly bunch! The closing date for nominations is 5th April.

If the requested increase in councillors from 7 to 12 is not put in place in time for this May's elections, the extra members will be co-opted in due course.

PETITION

We need more Councillors!

At present there are only 7 Councillors on the Council but our precept is for over £30,000. The government's White Paper on Community Reviews considers that this is an inappropriate number of Councillors for this level of Precept. The Council's Internal Auditor has also made clear that she considers the number of Councillors, at present in Headbourne Worthy, inappropriate for the responsibility the Council has in both Headbourne Worthy and Kings Barton.

Just a minimum of 187 signatures from residents of the Parish are required for the petition to be binding on the City Council. Please sign today and encourage your neighbours to do so too. If you can't use the surveymonkey link, please call the clerk on 07770 406607 for a paper petition.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HWKB12>

Dog Fouling and What Can Be Done at the Dell

Dog fouling is now a very offensive and severe problem at The Dell play area, which needs to be addressed urgently. We have received the following advice from the WCC Dog Warden. If you witness anybody allowing their animal to foul the play area, this is what you should do...

The good news is that the Dogs (Fouling Of Land) Act 1996 applies to the whole District (although only areas to which the general public have access, which includes the Dell's play area). Thus, if you have witnesses to people allowing their dogs to foul on the land without cleaning it up, we could pursue it.

We need the public to be our eyes and ears for dog fouling offences. If someone witnesses an offence actually taking place, please contact us to tell us the following;

1. Exactly where the offence took place and how far away the witness was at the time.
2. The time and date of the offence
3. Did the witness actually see the dog defecate?
4. Did the witness see the owner walk away without cleaning up?
5. A full description of the dog and owner (a photo is good but the person shouldn't put himself at risk to take one).
6. If a name or address or car registration if known, this is particularly useful.

We would write to a known offender on the first occasion and, if they were witnessed offending after that, would consider legal action but would require a statement from the witness.

I would appreciate it if you could relay this information to the community, maybe in your newsletter/parish magazine or your social media outlets for the area. For anyone who

witnesses the fouling, they can contact us directly on 01962 848097 / eh@Winchester.gov.uk, rather than going through the Customer Service Centre if they would like.

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If anybody has any video doorbell footage of offenders, please pass it to the Parish Council clerk. The play area will need to be fenced - at great expense to local council tax bills - if the problem cannot be stopped.

A Wobble Board for the Dell?

A recent inspection of the play equipment at the Dell highlighted a concern that the wood posts that support the balance beams are starting to show signs of rot. Although the posts are not dangerous at the present time, the Council considered it was a problem that would be best to be dealt with in the near future. Residents at the Dell confirmed that the balance beams were used by small children and it would be preferred Council replaced them with something similar. Various options were considered by the Council but the preferred option was what is called a Wobble Board which the Council felt was more fun than the simple beam and was more likely to initiate creative play with young children. The installation will take place later this Spring.



Jackie's County Corner - March 2022



Many of you ask me why a road is being dug up, or when a diversion is due to end? The County Council is encouraging all road users to connect to **one.network** It is really useful. After signing up, you can activate layers, and by

diving in at a greater magnification, you can see the roadworks and details of it. You can also request alerts: I now have alerts for my division daily- they arrive at 4am! You can define the boundary of interest. I recommend this for your journey to work?

Three other matters for road users:

- For the 8 Highway Code changes go to www.Gov.uk, search The Highway Code updates
- Don't forget to check your driving licence: it may need renewing after the pandemic.
- The new proposal to introduce 20mph zones is a complete change of attitude from HCC towards 20mph speed limits. To work out how and if this proposal is to go ahead, a working party has been set up to look at the options, and review results of the Pilot schemes, including those in Winchester and Micheldever. Importantly, it includes seeking the support of the Police in its remit.

The County council has confirmed a booking scheme for their tips for the foreseeable future. This was the result of a survey of users : 89% liked the scheme. I think they missed one important point - it didn't include those who don't use

the tips! I have asked again for on-the-day booking. I was reassured that it is an aspiration, but at the time of writing is not in place because of a software issue. We also asked for equity for cyclists - who can now book as road users, and argued for better pedestrian access in Alresford.

The Dever Society has published a useful statement to clarify information on housing numbers in the district. They were dismayed to see the ridiculously huge figure bandied about: this is the developer's aspiration figure. Winchester needs to agree to the release of land or brownfield sites to provide space for around 2700 homes in the new Local Plan to 2038. You can see more about this on my website: search 'scare stories'.



At Kings Barton, path construction is finally making progress, and it is good to see the foundations of the tarmac cycle path from the rail bridge at Wellhouse Lane underway. However, when we visited in the week before half term, it looked rather like a path to nowhere; Cala having created a lot of mud on the Ridge path too.

A gravel type path from the southern end of the site now nearly connects to the school, and a new path is being built at the front of the school by Cala this half term. A residents' taxi service has also been agreed: each journey costs the equivalent of the bus fare, and concessionary passes can be used too. Details will be sent to residents soon.



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M3/J9 - Latest Proposals

Both City and Parish Councillors were invited to attend briefings last week from Highways England, the authority responsible for the works to M3/J9. Improvements to the original proposals include a new walking and cycling route from the Cart & Horses Junction up to meet the National Cycling Route at Winnall. The dangerous crossover for local traffic has been eliminated, and generally councillors were happier with the plans.

There is still a long way to go before the works start, and many ecological, environmental and construction questions still to be answered. Councillors continue to call for improvements to the notorious Cart & Horses A33 junction to be included in the works, not least because traffic will not be able to turn north onto the M3 at J9 throughout most of the construction period of at least 2 years, piling on the pressure at the local junction. The work is not expected to start before the end of 2023.

