

Report from Headbourne Worthy Parish Council's Kings Barton Committee to Kings Barton Forum

March 2024

Football pitches and Recreation ground in 1b

The KBC has been hearing from members of the public who will be affected by the plans for the recreation ground at the top of 1b. The plans that have been put to WCC include a 3G football pitch with flood lighting, a smaller U13 pitch, a trim trail and community building with changing rooms. The residents that spoke to the Committee wanted to keep the space open, they expressed concerns regarding the commercial use of a 3G pitch, the flood lighting and the noise levels. KBC recognizes the legitimate concerns of the residents in these areas but is of the opinion that a full and wide consultation is necessary. KBC feels that 3G football pitches do not necessarily need to be used commercially and be focused mainly on community all weather use with commercial use only at certain times. KBC would like the public consultation to include different locations for the 3G pitch and for transparency regarding the cost implications for any outcome.

KBC welcomes the inclusion of a community building in these plans but feels the proposal can be improved with better access for the teams from the outside, as well as hatch from the kitchen to serve refreshments and possibly a bar area. KBC would like to work with CALA on these improvements.

KBC would like to see plans for the trim trail, outside gym and the LEAP included in the above consultation.

Meetings with CALA

KBC is pleased to announce that quarterly meetings will be held between the Committee and CALA. The intention will be for the two parties to work together on the open space planning to ensure that what will be handed over to Headbourne Worthy PC works in the best interests of the residents and the PC which will be responsible for the maintenance. KBC also hopes to work more closely with CALA on the consultation process for the forthcoming community installations that are being planned.

Winterbourne Meadows and 1a Playground

KBC was pleased to be consulted by CALA regarding proposed fencing around the balancing pond in the Winterbourne meadows. CALA also consulted on the layout of the trees in the playground and agreement was reached regarding modifications to the design. However, it is disappointing for KBC that having reached this agreement with CALA, engaged with the residents, reached their agreement which were seen as an improvement on the original,

CALA decided not to apply for a planning amendment and went about installing the original plan. In light of the meetings with CALA discussed above, KBC trusts that this is a one off.

Street names in Kings Barton

KBC has put forward as protocol for street names in Kings Barton the following – Hampshire Wildflowers, Rivers, Kings and Queens of Wessex, Stars and Planets and Bishops of Winchester. These have been accepted by WCC. We look forward to Ethelburga street.

MUGA and play area in 2a

KBC is not in receipt of the plans for the proposed MUGA in 2a and the play area around it, however KBC feels that these proposals are something that the community should be involved with shaping. There are many different versions of MUGAs and the line markings will dictate the use of the site. KBC would like the markings to be as flexible and inclusive as possible.

Greenfields and the Orchard

Sparsholt students have been asked to put forward designs for the community orchard on the corner of Manley Rd and Andover Rd. It is hoped that some of the designs can be displayed at the Meet the Councillor's event on June 6th where the community attendees will be able to vote for their preferred design. Installation is planned for the Autumn of this year. Greenfields park now has a bin and a new double gate for ease of maintenance.

Bus transport

KBC Councillors have been working with HCC regarding the implementation of a bus service for Kings Barton. KBC is disappointed that a full service is not cost effective at present and is happy to work on a community bus solution. KBC would like to emphasise that when Winchester Road is connected then there will be an expectation from residents that a full bus service will be implemented. KBC shares that expectation and will be raising the issue if there is disappointment in this regard.

Roads

KBC is pleased to see that CALA is planning the dressing of the roads in 1b in May. KBC is aware of the concerns of residents regarding the poor road surfacing that has resulted in pot holes, ruts and high kerbs. KBC is looking forward to the road quality being brought up to the standard of that in 1a. KBC would find it useful to have a timeline of CALA's plans for the linking of Winchester Rd. The linking of the two ends of Winchester Ave will affect not only the bus transport provision (as mentioned before), but also will start to create a positive feeling of community in the development to the benefit of all.

Christmas lights

KBC will be working with KBRA regarding the installation of Christmas lights. A Christmas celebration and Christmas lighting are a great opportunity to bring the community together. KBC hopes that CALA will be able to contribute to some of the running costs as the community in Kings Barton grows.