

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

**June 2025**

### **Matting at Meadowside park (1A)**

The Safta matting at the park is silted and compacted with the result that it is likely that the matting will not provide the impact protection that it should do. CALA has said that the problem has occurred because the matting was installed before the drainage was installed and CALA has agreed to lift all the matting re-lay, the surface underneath and then re-install the safety matting. The park can then be handed over to HWPC. HWPC has written to CALA noting that there are no guarantees provided by CALA (that this course of action will be effective) and has asked CALA to agree "to provide its commitment in writing that, should the above solution prove ineffective within 24 months after the play area is handed over, then CALA will carry out all necessary further remedial work at its expense".

### **Community Building**

The PC is has agreed to set up a CIO charity as the management vehicle for running the building. The PC will appoint a legal body to do the necessary work for the charity to be set up. The PC is asking the community for trustees to come forward to be part of the charity and to help establish the building as a focus for the community.

### **Large MUGA**

CALA has said that they require a letter from WCC that this provision is required. Ms Ruth Beard has said that WCC will provide this.

### **Kings Barton Bus**

HWPC has expressed frustration that the repairs to Winchester Avenue, which are due to continue for a number of months, are holding up KB1 bus service changes. HWPC is of the opinion that there are options to change the bus route using the direct and faster route that can be explored, and requests that HCC looks into these because the current slower route is in danger of reducing the use of the bus.

### **Small pieces of land**

The Parish Council has requested that CALA transfers to HWPC for maintenance the small pieces of land and flowerbeds, that have been previously been transferred to Anthem. This is because the small pieces can be more easily maintained by local contractors and the

Council will not charge residents the added expense of VAT. CALA has signalled that they are content to transfer this land to HWPC in the future but those areas where the home sales have commenced (ie:2a and 3a) will need to be transferred to Anthem. CALA has said that there is an increasingly a recognition that these contractual obligations, for owners of homes in a development such as CALA's, are unsatisfactory and CALA is happy to move away from them and work with the local Councils instead.

### **Installation of amenities**

HWPC is very keen that the shops and amenities scheduled to be installed at the community centre are built as soon possible. It is noted that in other sized developments the shops are installed as a priority so that residents have local facilities. Although HWPC understands that the finalisation of Winchester Avenue is holding up agreement by the retail outlets, this does mean that residents are still without the facilities that they have been expecting.

### **Welhouse Woods**

CALA has removed the trees and shrubs in Welhouse Woods in order to install the drainage pipe from the park and ride, which is designed to drain into the balancing pond by Welhouse Mews. CALA has agreed to replace the trees, shrubs and newly planted bulbs in the Autumn. CALA is due to supply HWPC with plan of what will be planted before the works commence.

### **Transfer of front of the development**

This should be ready to be transferred at the end of the year. The land at present sits in Barnabas Ward and the land was due to be transferred to WCC for maintenance by HWPC. HWPC has now taken the decision that it will not be responsible for this maintenance unless the land is owned by HWPC. HWPC has confirmed that should WCC indicate that the boundary between HWPC and Barnabas ward is likely to be re-drawn to ensure that all of Kings Barton sits in HWPC, then HWPC is prepared to accept (and maintain) the land.