

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 10th April 2007. 7-30pm to 9-45pm.

1. PRESENT

Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mr Morris; Mrs Goodwin; Mrs Banister and Mr Pyke.

City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender and PC Traynor (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Cope, Mr Stride and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC Traynor (Hampshire Constabulary) reported that policing for Oliver's Battery was now being administered from Twyford Police Station and that in the last month there had only been three minor incidents reported in the parish.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th March 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Ornamental Parish Sign

In connection with the proposed ornamental parish sign it was arranged that Mrs Goodwin would prepare a display to be put up at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 1st May.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk stated that the new tap required for the water supply at the recreation ground is to be fitted on the 11th April.

4. PLANNING

The recommendation of the Planning Panel in respect of comments on the planning applications listed below was confirmed:

10 Plovers Down Case No. 07/00277/FUL W Ref: W14942/04	First floor side extension and raising part of roof	No comments to be made
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98 Olivers Battery Road South Case No. 07/00301/FUL W Ref: W20511	Two storey side extension	No comments to be made
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2 Olivers Battery Gardens Case No. 07/00524/FUL W Ref: W09435/02	Single storey garden building	Comments that building not to be used for living accommodation and as hedge adjacent to bridleway being retained
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It was decided not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case No. 07/00589/FUL- W Ref: W15978/02) for the removal of an existing conservatory and replace with a single storey brick flat roofed extension at 101 Olivers Battery Road South.

The following planning decisions were noted:

55 Old Kennels Lane	Extension of car port	Permission Granted
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142 Olivers Battery Road South	Two storey side extension	Permission Granted
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7 Shepherds Close	Single storey front extension	Permission Granted
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10 Plovers Down	First floor side extension & raising part of roof	Permission granted
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With regard to the proposed Village Design Statement the Chairman reported on a meeting of the Working Party on the 3rd April which was attended by Steve Opacic, Head of Strategic Planning at Winchester City Council. At such meeting the third draft of the Statement was reviewed and suggested amendments were made. A fourth draft of the Statement is now to be produced.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £1000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

P. C. Bugg	March recreation ground maintenance	£99 – 00
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Affiliation fees and NALC levy	£294 – 00

Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Subscription for Local Council Journal	£13 – 50
Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant	£250 – 00
B. A. Quartly	Reimbursement of expenses paid for Annual Parish Meeting	£64 – 47
B. A. Quartly	Travelling expenses	£8 – 40

An amended Travel and Subsistence Allowances Scheme for Parish Councils as proposed in a Report by the Parish Remuneration Panel appointed by Winchester City Council was considered. It was resolved that the previous Scheme which had been adopted in February 2004 be revoked and that the new amended Scheme be adopted by the Parish Council on the basis that allowances are only to be paid to Parish Councillors in respect of approved duties outside the parish boundary.

The Clerk produced for Parish Councillors draft accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2007.

6. OLIVER'S BATTERY OPEN SPACE (ANCIENT MONUMENT SITE)

Hampshire County Council has stated that the cost of grass cutting this year is above that in 2006 and on the basis of the grass cutting being carried out in the same manner as in 2006 has requested an increase in the contribution towards the cost by the Parish Council above that made in 2006 (£500). Members considered that the grass cutting should be carried out in the same manner as in 2006 which would mean the central area (including strips on the road frontages) being cut every three weeks leaving the banks to grow until the end of the cutting season with the banks being cut at the end of the season and all cut material removed. On such basis it was agreed that the Parish Council would make an additional contribution for 2007 of an amount to be agreed, but up to a limit of £200 above the amount paid for 2006.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY / FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter as his home is at Olivers Battery Gardens being a road which is accessed from the part of Compton Way the subject of this item. The Chairman left the room for the discussion of this matter which was conducted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr Morris.

In connection with the proposal to improve the surface of the unmade lower section of Compton Way (a bridleway) to make it more user friendly for people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs (in conjunction with notices prohibiting the use by vehicles and motorcycles except for access) two quotations obtained for the surfacing work were

considered. In view of what appeared to be differences in the materials mentioned and a large price difference between the quotations it was agreed (subject to the matter of any fees payable being agreed) to seek professional technical advice from the City Council's Engineering Team in connection with the quotations and the work concerned. As regards the extent of the surfacing work to be done it was resolved that this should be only in respect of the length of the bridleway from just below the entrance to 52 Compton Way to a point approximately level with the pavement on the northerly side of Priors Way.

In respect of public footpath Number 7 Mrs Goodwin reported on a meeting which she had with the County Council Rights of Way Officer in connection with the concern about the restricted width of this footpath. Having regard to the current heavy work programme the Rights of Way Officer hopes to arrange for some clearance/mowing to take place in June. There has also been some dumping of garden waste on or adjacent to this footpath and it was proposed that the Parish Council should write to the owners/occupiers of properties adjoining the footpath asking them to remove such items and to refrain from depositing garden waste on or immediately adjacent to the footpath.

8. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

In connection with the proposed oak Community Notice Board to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the parish Mr Pyke reported that the Church Authorities had now agreed to the notice board being sited on the frontage of the site of St. Marks Church Hall with Olivers Battery Road south free of any charge. It was agreed that Mr Pyke should now order the Notice Board and arrange for it to be erected. The key for the Notice Board is to be retained by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail from a group of local youths with regard to sports facilities at the recreation ground and in particular as to whether goals for football and nets for cricket could be provided was considered. Following a discussion of this matter it was agreed that a set of goals for football should be obtained and placed on the recreation ground.

The Chairman reported that he had received a number of responses to his article in the Community News as to the possibility of improved community facilities in the parish.

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester City Council being a consultation with regard to the proposed Alcohol Consumption Designation Order Zone which will include the parish
Notification from ROSPA stating that the annual safety inspection of the children's play area at the recreation ground will take place in May.

Notice from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils in respect of a core training course for Parish Councillors.

Letter from Hampshire County council and e-mail from HAPTC with regard to a review of speed limits.

Letter from Olivers Battery Primary School thanking the Parish Council for the grant made to the school for the provision of a shed for the storage of play equipment.

Letter from Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service with their updated Integrated Risk Management Plan.

Report from Pam Vandersteen (Parish Public Transport Representative) in respect of a conference about Improving Accessibility in Hampshire.

10. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to resurfacing of the Badger Farm Road end of Olivers Battery Road South, the review of speed limits by the County Council, the introduction of police community support officers and County Council community safety officers and the regeneration of Shawford Down.

In his report City Councillor David Spender mentioned that arrangements were being made for a new street sign at the end of Old Kennels Lane. David also referred to the facilities which will be available at the new Discovery Centre at Jewry Street Winchester which it is now anticipated will be opened in November.