

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 7th June 2005. 7-30pm to 10-15pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey and City Councillor Brian Collin were also in attendance.

An apology was received from Mr Pyke.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd May 2005 were confirmed and signed as correct.

The Chairman stated that he had written to Suzanne Hudson, the retiring Director of Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils, thanking her for all her assistance over the past 17 years and wishing her a long and enjoyable retirement.

3. PLANNING

The list of Enforcement cases dated 1st June 2005 issued by Winchester City Council indicating action being taken in respect of matters at South View Park Homes, 21 Mount View Road and 23 Old Kennels Lane was noted.

It was noted that the Winchester City Council's Planning Development Control (Telecommunications) Sub-Committee will be meeting on site on the 10th June 2005 to determine a planning application for a 15m monopole telecommunications mast and associated equipment at "Maybush" Olivers Battery Gardens. The Chairman indicated that he would be attending this meeting.

The recommendations made by the Planning Panel in respect of the following planning applications were confirmed:

82 Olivers Battery Road South Case: 05/01160/FUL W Ref: W05090/02	Erection of 4 bed house at rear	Objection on traffic and other grounds and due to lack of details on some matters
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12 Momford Road Case No. 05/01161/FUL W Ref: W19563	Raising roof to provide 1 st floor accommodation dormer windows and other extensions	Comments as to dormer windows refused at number 10 and the shape of roof
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It was decided not to make any comments in respect of the following planning applications:

56 Old Kennels Lane Case: 05/01261/FUL W Ref: W19589	Conservatory to the rear
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16 Priors Way Case: 05/01191/FUL W Ref: W19574	Dormer window to front of property
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With regard to a planning application (Case: 05/01216/FUL - W Ref: W05090/03) relating to demolition of an existing garage and the erection of a new garage at 82 Olivers Battery Road South comments are to be made as to this being linked with a planning application (W05090/02) for a new house at the rear of 82 Olivers Battery Road South and as to the site of the new garage infringing the protection area of an ancient monument.

The following planning decisions were noted:

34 Mount View Road	Conservatory at the rear	Permission Granted
1 South View Road	Raising roof to provide first floor accommodation etc	Permission Granted
126 Olivers Battery Road South	Single storey side extension	Permission Granted subject to conditions

In connection with the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish the Chairman reported on a meeting on the 19th May of the Working Party consisting of Parish Councillors and local residents. This meeting was also attended by Ruth Bishop from the Consultants arranged by Winchester City Council to assist Parish Councils in the preparation of a Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement. In order to obtain the views of local residents it is intended to issue a questionnaire to all households in the parish with the September issue of Community News. A Notice with the June Community News will ask for local residents to volunteer to assist in the preparation of the Statement. Mr Makewell emphasised the need for local residents to be involved and the Chairman indicated that one of the items to be dealt with at the next meeting of the Working Party would be to identify character areas within the parish for the purpose of the Statement. The aim is to have a public exhibition with maps and outline document

during the latter part of November with a draft of the Design Statement by the end of December. The next meeting for the Working Party is on the 20th June.

The Chairman gave a brief summary of a seminar on Parish Plans organised by Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils and which had been attended by the Chairman and Mr Makewell.

The following were noted:

Letters from Hampshire County Council with the Minerals and Waste Planning in Hampshire Annual Report for 2003/2004 and as to a web site for Minerals and Waste Planning Services.

Newsletter in respect of the current position relating to the preparation of the South East Plan.

Concern was expressed about the fence/barrier erected adjacent to the road in conjunction with the new telecommunications mast at Badger Farm Road and City Councillor Brian Collin is to take this matter up with the Highway Authority.

4. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

It was noted that the refund of VAT for the year 2004/2005 had been received and the transfer of £7500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed. The following payments were authorised:

E.J. Services (uk) Limited	New safety surfacing and other refurbishment work at the children's play area at the recreation ground	£9620 - 78
P. C. Bugg	May recreation ground maintenance work	£129 - 00
B. A. Quartly	Reimbursement of photocopying charge for Notices relating to Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement	£29 - 96

The Annual Return Form which has to be submitted to the Audit Commission in respect of the audit of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year 2004/2005 and the Statement of Assurance in such form were approved and the form signed.

A letter from Winchester City Council as to an increase in the charge for emptying the dog waste bin at the Open Space was noted.

5. OLIVERS BATTERY ROAD SOUTH/ BADGER FARM ROAD JUNCTION

The possibility of improvements at this junction ,which has been in hand for some time, was referred to at the Annual Parish Meeting and a discussion took place on this subject. Although there is agreement on improvements being required there may be difficulties in formulating a scheme suitable for all users of the junction. A number of different issues including traffic congestion, dangers to pedestrians, disabled persons and cyclists need to be taken into account with safety being paramount. It may also be desirable to have further consultation (possibly by way of a questionnaire) with residents of the parish and residents of Badger Farm area. County Councillor Charlotte Bailey stated that Officers at Hampshire County Council were exploring the scheme for improvements at this junction again and the County Council anticipate contacting the Parish Council on this matter within the next six weeks.

6. RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that the work for new safety surfacing and other refurbishment items at the children's play area had been completed and that the work for the reinstatement and surfacing of the car parking area had been started.

The rubbish bin has been destroyed by vandals and it was agreed that a new bin and stand be obtained.

It was arranged that the provision of a dog waste bin adjacent to the recreation ground gate, the marking out of car parking spaces on the car park area and the provision of a basket ball facility should be considered further at the next meeting.

7. COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Mr Makewell stated that the new web sites for Olivers Battery Parish Council, Badger Farm Parish Council and Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association were now available although more information to complete the sites is still required. In the June issue of Community News local residents are being asked for their views on the web sites. It was agreed that after approval by the Council the full minutes of Parish Council meetings be put on the Parish Council web site.

8. HEDGEROW PLANTING/ CONSERVATION AREA

Mrs Goodwin confirmed that the local group interested in implementing hedge planting and improved management of the Conservation Area was still in the course of being formed into a properly constituted Body and she hoped to have some further information shortly.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Winchester District Association of Parish Councils on the 22nd June the Chairman indicated that he would endeavour to attend this meeting.

A Notice from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils stated that Mr Steven Lugg has been appointed as Director of the Association with effect from the 1st July 2005.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of Older Driver Assessment Service.

Letter from Winchester Housing Group as to merger with A2 Housing Group.

Letter from BAA Southampton relating to noise preferred routing trials.

Letter from Winchester City Council as to a meeting of Winchester & District Cycle Forum on the 16th June 2005.

Letter from Winchester City Council in respect of Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2005 as to mechanism to resolve conflicts arising from disputes over high hedges between owners/occupiers of residential properties.

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

The Chairman referred to Japanese knotweed having been found adjacent to the public footpath leading from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course and Winchester City Council are to be requested to remove this.