

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 5th July 2005. 7-30pm to 10 - 00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey and City Councillor Brian Collin were also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Mrs Hilary Cope (interested in becoming a Parish Councillor)

An apology was received from Mrs Banister.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th June 2005 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Olivers Battery Road South/ Badger Farm Road junction

The Chairman stated that he had been in contact with the County Councillor for this area and the County Council in connection with proposed improvements to this junction and he was hoping to hear from them further on this matter in the near future.

3. PLANNING

The following planning decisions were noted:

2 Broad View Lane	Demolition of bungalow and erection of 2 chalet bungalows	Permission Granted subject to conditions
4 Keats Close	First floor side extension and conservatory to rear	Permission refused
16 Priors Way	Dormer window to front	Permission Granted
12 Momford Road	Raising roof to provide first floor accommodation with dormer windows, two storey side and single storey front extensions etc	Permission Refused

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of the following planning applications:

106 Olivers Battery Road South Front and rear extensions & replacement garage
Case: 05/01408/FUL
W Ref: W19617

152 Olivers Battery Road South Single storey side extension and new porch
Case : 05/01430/FUL
W Ref: W19411/01

With regard to a planning application (Case : 05/01529/LDC - W Ref: WLCD/392) :for the storage of mobile homes on land at South View Park Homes the Planning Authority are to be advised that the Parish Council consider that conditions be imposed precluding any residential use and the construction, repair and maintenance of mobile homes on the site concerned.

In connection with a meeting of Winchester City Council's Planning Development Control (Telecommunications) Sub-Committee on the site on the 8th July to consider a planning application for a telecommunications mast and ancillary equipment on the highway verge of the A3090 Winchester to Romsey Road opposite the entrance to South Winchester Golf Club the Chairman indicated that he would attend this meeting.

A letter from Hampshire County Council with a draft Statement of Community Involvement for Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework was noted.

In respect of the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish the Chairman reported on a meeting on the 20th June of the Working Party consisting of Parish Councillors and local residents. The Working Party have the initial steps in hand and are working on the form of the questionnaire to be issued to all households in the parish for the purpose of obtaining the views of local residents. A further meeting of the Working Party is to take place on the 20th July.

4. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £17500 - 00 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

R & D Surfacing Contractors Ltd	Reinstatement and surfacing and ancillary work on car parking area at recreation ground	£16587 - 47
St. Lukes PCC	Hiring Fees for St. Marks Church Hall for meetings January to June 2005	£105 - 00

Winchester City Council	Charge for servicing dog waste Bin on Open Space	£30 - 55
J. K. Murray	Internal Auditors fees	£87 - 50
Playground Management Ltd	Fee for annual safety inspection of children's play area at recreation ground	£72 - 85
P. C. Bugg	June recreation ground maintenance	£102 - 71

A letter from St. Lukes PCC requesting a grant to assist with the cost of work for improvements at St. Marks Church Hall including improved access and the provision of a disabled toilet was considered . As the proposed works will benefit all or some of the inhabitants of the parish it was agreed that a grant of £500 be made as a contribution towards the cost of the works with the funds to be made available on the satisfactory completion of the works.

The sum of £100 has been received from Winchester District Association of Parish Councils being the amount awarded to the Parish Council as a grant on the final winding up of the Parish Projects fund which had been operated by the Association. This has been made available to the Parish Council on the basis that it is to be spent on the youth of the parish and it was agreed that such amount should be utilised for or towards some provision for the youth of the parish at the recreation ground.

A letter from John K. Murray, the Council's Internal Auditor, reporting the completion of the internal audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2005 was considered. This did not refer to any major issues , but reference was made to registration under the Data Protection Act being reconsidered and the risk assessment position being reviewed. As the Parish Council's web site is now live it was agreed that the registration under the Data Protection Act should be explored further and that risk assessment should be an item on the agenda for a future meeting.

5. RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that a new rubbish bin has been installed just inside the gate of the recreation ground. The work for the reinstatement and surfacing of the car parking area and associated work including the realignment of the gate has been completed.

It was agreed that arrangements be made for the installation of a dog waste bin adjacent to the gate at the entrance to the recreation ground.

In connection with the use of the car parking area it was agreed that the gate to the recreation should be opened daily for a trial period of one week for the purpose of assessing the likely use of this area..

A quotation for the marking out of car parking spaces on the car parking area was noted and it was decided to leave this matter in abeyance pending further consideration of the use of the car parking area and the provision of other facilities at the recreation ground. The Chairman also gave details of the result of enquiries he had made about basketball equipment and in connection with the use of the car parking area and other facilities it was arranged that the Chairman and Mr Pyke would prepare some proposals for consideration by the Council.

A report by ROSPA in respect of the annual play area safety inspection was discussed and it was arranged that the Chairman would contact the Inspector to obtain clarification in connection with some items in the report.

6. COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Mr Makewell confirmed 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 and he urged members to view the web sites and to give their views thereon. With regard to Parish Councillor's interests it was agreed that the Parish Council web site should state that the Register of Parish Councillor's Interests is kept by and can be inspected by the public on contacting the Clerk to the Council.

7. HEDGEROW PLANTING/ CONSERVATION AREA

With regard to the local group interested in implementing hedge planting and improved management of the Conservation Area, Mrs Goodwin stated that progress was being made in forming the group into a properly constituted Body. Also the preparation of a management plan for the Conservation Area was about to be completed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Letters referring to the Ofsted Inspection of Olivers Battery Primary School at the end of June.

Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils being an update in respect of Hampshire Countryside Access Forum.

Letter from the Department of Environment Food & Rural Affairs in respect of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and powers thereunder which may be exercised by Parish Councils.

Hampshire Police Newsletter

Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau Review 2004/2005

Newsletters - Community Action Hampshire and Winchester Area Community Action.

9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

In respect of the casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor the Chairman introduced Mrs Hilary Cope who has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Mrs Cope stated her circumstances and a brief summary of the activities and powers of the Parish Council was given for her information.

Mr Makewell stated that it was likely that the Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association would be submitting a request to use the recreation ground for a bonfire and fireworks display.

Mr Morris referred to some fly tipping at Port Lane which he had reported to the City Council.