

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 2nd August 2005. 7-30pm to 9-45pm.

1. PRESENT

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

City Councillor Brian Collin was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Mrs Hilary Cope (Prospective Parish Councillor)

Mr Paul Draper (Resident in the parish)

An apology was received from County Councillor Charlotte Bailey.

2. CASUAL VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR - CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Hilary Cope who wished to become a Parish councillor and who had attended the July meeting of the Council as a member of the public. It was unanimously resolved that the vacancy for a Parish Councillor should be filled and that Mrs Hilary Cope be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. Mrs Cope signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and it was arranged that she would attend a seminar for new Councillors on the 20th September being run by Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils.

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2005 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Olivers Battery Road South/ Badger Farm Road Junction

The Chairman stated that he was still waiting to hear from Hampshire County Council in connection with proposed improvements to this junction.

4. PLANNING

The recommendation of the Planning Panel not to make any comments in respect of the following planning applications was confirmed:

132 Olivers Battery Road South

Two storey side extension

Case:05/01539/FUL

W Ref: W19315/05

116 Olivers Battery Road South Conservatory to rear
Case: 05/01586/FUL
W. Ref: W17852/04

4 South View Road Single storey front extension
Case : 05/01580/FUL
W Ref: W19653

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

10 Braeside Close Single storey rear extension
Case: 05/01698/FUL
W Ref: W02749/01

4 Keats Close First floor side extension
Case: 05/01666/FUL and conservatory to rear
W Ref: W19479/01

The following planning decisions were noted:

56 Old Kennels Lane	Conservatory to rear	Permission Granted
106 Olivers Battery Road South	Front and rear extensions and replacement garage	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 20th July of the Working Party consisting of Parish Councillors and local residents. Sub-areas of the parish have been identified and comments on each area for the purpose of this project are being drafted. The form of the questionnaire to be issued to all households in the parish for the purpose of obtaining the views of local residents is also being discussed. Mr David Farmer is interested in joining the Working Party and a further meeting is to take place on the 17th August.

City Councillor Brian Collin stated that the Inspector's Report in respect of the Winchester District Local Plan Review is now expected in September.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

Serco Limited	New rubbish bin and stand at Recreation Ground	£209 - 50
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Winchester City Council	Servicing Dog Waste Bin	£40 - 95
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Fee for seminar for new Councillor	£25 - 00
Olivers Battery Countryside Group	Start up grant	£500 - 00*

* Section 137 payment

With regard to a grant agreed to be made to St. Luke's Church to assist with the cost of improvements at St. Marks Church Hall the Church have indicated that it is hoped that the work will be carried out in the autumn.

6. RECREATION GROUND

In respect of the car parking area it was agreed that a quotation from R & D Surfacing Contractors Ltd in the sum of £315 plus VAT for the marking out of the car parking spaces and other required markings be accepted and that the Company be requested to carry out this work.

It was noted that the ROSPA Inspector had advised that he could not recommend the car parking area being used for sport (possibly basketball) as well as car parking in view of the conflict of use.

After further discussion of access and use of the car parking area it was agreed that the gate to the recreation ground should be opened to facilitate use of the car parking area by the public, but closed from time to time as considered appropriate to safeguard the Parish Council and the recreation ground. The use of the car parking area is to be kept under review and the position to be reconsidered as necessary.

Having regard to the new car parking area a new notice is to be placed at the entrance to the recreation ground about the use of such area and the recreation ground generally. The Chairman stated he would prepare some draft wording for the notice.

Mr Pyke and the Chairman are to prepare proposals for the further improvement of facilities at the recreation ground for consideration by the Council.

7. COMMUNITY STRATEGY

It was noted that some agendas and minutes of Parish Council meetings are now on the new Parish Council web site. The web site is working satisfactorily and Mr Makewell indicated that any feedback about the web site would be appreciated.

8. HEDGEROW PLANTING/ CONSERVATION AREA

Mrs Goodwin stated that the local group who would like to implement hedge planting and other improvements on the Conservation Area had now been formed into a properly constituted Body with a written Constitution and under the name of Oliver's Battery Countryside Group. A scheme for the regeneration of the Conservation Area by way of planting and other improvements has been drafted and this was explained by Mrs Goodwin. The Group hope that it will be possible to obtain various grants to cover the cost of the proposed works. It was arranged that Mrs Goodwin will provide Parish Councillors with written details of the proposal and a drawing showing the works for the purpose of seeking the approval of the scheme by the Parish Council. The Group will also consult about the scheme with appropriate Officers at Winchester City Council and the position as to the need to obtain consent for the scheme under the terms of the Lease under which the site is held is to be checked. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will make a start up grant of £500 to the Oliver's Battery Countryside Group.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils relating to services offered by the Association it was not clear to members whether a consultancy service offered for project appraisal was an Association service or a private personal service being offered by the Director and the Association is to be asked to clarify the position.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council relating to funding for countryside access improvements

Letter from Hampshire County Council as to a reduction in bus service number 5 to an hourly frequency in the evenings.

Letter from The Battery Club with details of their programme of events up to 31st December 2005.

Letter from BAA Southampton with a summary of their Outline Master Plan for Southampton Airport over the next 25 years.

Letter from BAA Southampton as to the current position relating to preferred noise routing trials.

Letter from Hampshire Police Authority as to their Annual Report being published on the internet.

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

It was agreed that the various seats in the parish provided by the Parish Council should be treated with wood preservative/stain.

A local resident, Mr Paul Draper, referred to the BAA Southampton Outline Master Plan for Southampton Airport and he gave his view as to the likely increased number of flights and the effect upon the Winchester area including Oliver's Battery. It was thought that this was a matter about which the parish should be vigilant and a full copy of the Outline Master Plan is to be obtained for consideration by Parish Councillors.

The Chairman proposed that the subject of public footpath maintenance should be put on the agenda for a future meeting.