

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 6th September 2005. 7-30pm to pm

1. PRESENT

Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mr Morris; Mr Pyke; Mrs Banister and Mrs Cope

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey , City Councillor Brian Collin and Liz Ford (Oliver's Battery Countryside Group) were also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mr Makewell, Mrs Goodwin, Mr Quartly)Clerk to the Council) and Hampshire Constabulary.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd August 2005 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils - Consultancy Service

A letter from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils confirming that a consultancy service offered in a Bulletin issued by the Association is an Association service and not a personal service by the Director was noted.

Olivers Battery Road South / Badger Farm Road Junction.

The Chairman reported an e mail from Hampshire County Council indicating that the scheme which had been prepared some time ago for the improvement of this junction had been reviewed and was unlikely to be taken forward. The improvement of the junction is still under investigation and the County Council hope to report further on this matter later this autumn. In the discussion of this item concern was also expressed about the need for a safe crossing point for school children crossing Badger Farm Road at or near to the Sainsbury roundabout and it was hoped that this would be addressed in connection with the travel plan for Olivers Battery Primary School.

3. CONSERVATION AREA/ HEDGEROW PLANTING

Liz Ford from Oliver's Battery Countryside Group produced a drawing showing the scheme prepared by the Group for the regeneration of the Conservation Area and she gave details of the proposal. During a discussion about this matter some Councillors expressed reservations having regard to the cost, funding and the future maintenance and it was agreed that further information was still needed. The Group are to be requested to provide more information as to the likely maintenance costs and as to written confirmation of the availability of grants to assist with the cost of the project.. Winchester

City Council are also to be contacted as to whether the proposed scheme would be given their support under the City Council's Natural Environment Forum and Biodiversity Action Plan. In addition a separate request is to be made to the City Council for their approval of the scheme under the terms of the Lease under which the Parish Council hold the land from the City Council. If the scheme is to be implemented and subject to it being possible for grants to assist with the cost being paid to the Parish Council arrangements are to be made for the Parish Council to pay the accounts for the work including VAT and then to claim reimbursement of the VAT.

4. PLANNING

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

168 Olivers Battery Road South Case: 05/01946/FUL W Ref: W19742	Single storey pitched roof extension to the rear of garage
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14 Priors Way Case: 05/01947/FUL W Ref: W09052/03	First floor rear extension over existing flat roof
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The following planning decisions were noted:

152 Olivers Battery Road South	Single storey side extension and new front porch	Permission Granted
116 Olivers Battery Road South	Conservatory to rear	Permission Granted
132 Olivers Battery Road South	Two storey side extension	Permission Granted
4 South View Road	Single storey front extension	Permission Granted
4 Keats Close	First floor side extension and conservatory to rear	Permission Granted
82 Olivers Battery Road South	Replace existing garage with new double garage	Permission Granted subject to conditions
10 Braeside Close	Single storey rear extension	Permission Granted

A list of current enforcement cases within the parish issued by Winchester City Council was noted.

With regard to the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish the Chairman reported on a meeting on the 17th August of the Working Party consisting of Parish Councillors and local residents. The form of the questionnaire to be issued to all households in the parish for the purpose of obtaining the views of local residents has been settled and is now to be printed with a view to the questionnaire being distributed with the September issue of "Community News".

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of a consultation on draft house building targets.

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of a seminar on the 8th September being a consultation in connection with the South East Plan

Letter from Winchester City Council with regard to the South East Plan and the District Level Housing Provision.

Letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister with a copy document containing the Secretary of States proposed changes to Regional Planning Guidance for the South East(RPG9) in respect of Waste and Minerals.

Newsletter from South East England Regional Assembly being an update on the South East Plan.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The following payments were authorised:

Solent Road Markings (Southern) Ltd	Marking out car parking spaces on car parking area at the recreation ground	£370 - 13
Mr P. C. Bugg	July & August recreation ground maintenance	£198 - 93

It was agreed to make a grant of £250 to Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association to assist with the cost of the annual bonfire and fireworks display to be held at the recreation ground on the 12th November 2005.

5. RECREATION GROUND

It was reported that the marking out of the car parking spaces on the car parking area at the recreation ground had been carried out.

A draft of the wording for the proposed new notice at the entrance to the recreation ground has been prepared and has been submitted to the Council's Insurers and Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils for any advice they can give thereon.

The Insurers have declined to offer any advice on the wording of the notice and comments thereon are awaited from the Association.

It was agreed that permission be given to Badger Farm & Olivers Residents Community Association to use the recreation ground for the annual bonfire and fireworks display on the 12th November 2005 . This being on condition that the Association accept all liability whatsoever in respect of the event and that the Association will have appropriate public liability insurance cover for the event. The association are also to ensure that the ground is left clean and tidy and the Association are to notify the police of the event.

The Chairman stated that arrangements had now been made for the installation of a dog waste bin at the entrance to the recreation ground.

In respect of some trip hazards which had been identified in the safety report on the children's play area it was agreed that an appropriate amount of top soil should be purchased for the purpose of making up the level of the ground in the positions concerned.

7. PUBLIC FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

A report prepared by Mrs Goodwin on the condition of public footpaths/bridleways in the parish in which she referred to some of the footpaths/bridleways being overgrown was noted and Hampshire County Council are to be requested to take action to clear the footpaths/bridleways concerned.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

In connection with a Notice as to the Annual General Meeting of Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils on the 8th October 2005 it was arranged that the Chairman and Mrs Banister will attend this meeting.

With regard to a letter from BAA Southampton in respect of a stakeholders conference on the 23rd September 2005 in connection with the Airport Master Plan, Mr Pyke indicated that he would endeavour to attend this conference.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council explaining the position in respect of the status of the footpath leading from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Club

Letter from Winchester City Council in respect of Winchester District Natural Environment Forum and Biodiversity Action Plan

Notice from Winchester Housing Group as to the Annual General Meeting of the Group on 13th September 2005.

Various Bulletins issued by Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils.

9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

In respect of an e mail from Mrs Goodwin as to the possibility of some form of event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Parish Council in September 2006 it was agreed that this matter be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey gave a report on County Council matters a copy of which is attached.