

## **OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** OF Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005. 7-30pm to 10-00pm

### **1. PRESENT**

Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mr Makewell; Mrs Goodwin; Mr Pyke and Mrs Banister.  
Mrs Cope was also in attendance for Item 8

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor Brian Collin, Susan Simpson (Chairman of Governors of Olivers Battery Primary School) and Clare Shorter ( Oliver's Battery Countryside Group) were also in attendance.

Eight members of the public were also present.

Apologies were received from Mr Morris and City Councillor David Spender.

### **2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were confirmed and signed as correct.

### **3. OLIVERS BATTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL - OFSTED REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Susan Simpson, Chairman of the Governors of Olivers Battery Primary School to the meeting and referred to the recent unsatisfactory ofsted report in respect of the school which had caused great concern in the parish. Mrs Simpson referred to the effect of the report on parents and pupils and explained that as a result of the report the school had been placed on Special Measures which means that the Governors of the school have within a certain time to prepare an Action Plan to show how it is intended to remedy the situation. There will be further inspections of the school each term and the Local Education Authority would be involved. The members of the teaching staff were keen to put matters right and Mrs Simpson gave details of the various actions being taken to improve the school. Mrs Simpson answered questions from Parish Councillors and members of the public and during the discussion on this matter the involvement of the school as part of the local community was stressed. County Councillor Charlotte Bailey is talking to the Local Education Authority about this matter and Mrs Banister, who is a Parish Councillor and a governor of the school, will give regular reports to the Council on school matters each term. The Chairman thanked Mrs Simpson for her attendance at the meeting.

#### **4. PLANNING**

The recommendation of the Planning Panel not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case: 05/02071 - W Ref: W19723) for a rear single storey extension, loft conversion etc at 4 Mount View Road was confirmed.

In respect of an appeal which had been made against the refusal of planning permission by Winchester City Council for an extension and alterations at 152 Olivers Battery Road South the Planning Inspectorate have now advised that the appeal has been allowed and planning permission granted.

The Report of the Inspector who conducted the Public Inquiry in respect of the Winchester District Local Plan Review has now been received by the City Council. In this report the designation and retention of land at the southerly end of Olivers Battery Road South as a local gap and countryside has been confirmed.

In connection with District level targets proposed by The South East England Regional Assembly under the South East Plan for the location and amount of new housing in Central Hampshire between 2006 and 2026 a consultation document issued by Hampshire County Council was considered. In response it was decided to indicate a preference for new homes which could not be built on sites already earmarked for housing or other sites within towns to be sited on land at Barton Farm, Winchester.

City Councillor Brian Collin stated that a Planning Improvement Plan was being prepared by the Planning Department at the City Council in respect of proposed changes to planning procedures.

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case: 05/02208/FUL - W Ref: W17741/01) for a conservatory at the rear at 2 old Kennels Close.

With regard to a planning application (Case 05/01160/FUL - W Ref: W05090/02) for a four bedroom house and a one bedroom house in the rear garden of 82 Olivers Battery Road South it was agreed that an objection be lodged against this application on highway, traffic and over development of the site grounds.

It was noted that planning permission has been granted for a first floor extension at 14 Priors Way

In connection with the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish the Chairman reported that a questionnaire had been issued to all households in the parish requesting the views of local residents and that to date eighty nine questionnaires had been returned completed.

## **5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

In respect of the Annual Return relating to the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 the Clerk reported that the Audit Commission have now issued their Certificate stating that the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and that no matters have come to attention giving cause for concern that legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The transfer of £1500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised or ratified:

Andover Turf Company	Top soil to remedy trip hazards at children's play area at recreation ground	£58 - 75
B. A. Quartly	Reimbursement of amount paid for printing questionnaires for Village Design Statement	£80 - 00
Hampshire County Council	Agreed contribution towards cost of grass cutting at Olivers Battery Open Space	£587 - 50*
Southern Water	Half years water charges	£68 - 13

\* Section 137 payment.

## **6. CONSERVATION AREA/ HEDGEROW PLANTING**

A brief up date on the current position of this proposed project was given by Clare Shorter from Oliver's Battery Countryside Group and Mrs Goodwin. Written confirmation as to the availability of grants to assist with the cost of the project and approval of the scheme by Winchester City Council are still awaited .In reply to a Notice distributed to all households in the parish five persons have indicated a willingness to help with the project. In view of the outstanding matters it now appears likely that the timetable which was originally suggested for the project will have to be reviewed.

## **7. RECREATION GROUND**

The Chairman stated that in connection with trip hazards identified in the safety report in respect of the children's play area a quantity of top soil had been purchased and this has been used to make up the level of the ground in the positions concerned.

With regard to the arrangements for a dog waste bin at the entrance to the recreation ground it was noted that this had not been installed in the position arranged with the Dog Warden at Winchester City Council and the City Council are to be asked to re-position the bin in the position which was agreed.

## **8. ACCESSIBILITY OF UNMADE PART OF COMPTON WAY**

Mrs Cope referred to a letter which she had written drawing attention to the difficulty experienced by wheelchair users and persons with pushchairs in using the unmade section of Compton way as the surface is very rough and uneven. In the current condition this section of road is not suitable for wheelchair users and persons with pushchairs. It was agreed that the Highway Authority should be contacted to confirm the status of this section of road and as to how a better surface could be achieved.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council giving details of Departmental changes in the County Council.

Winchester Housing Group 2005 Annual Report

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Winchester Area Community Action on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

Community Action Newsletter.

## **10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

It was reported that in a recent bye election for a City Councillor for the Ward of Olivers Battery and Badger Farm Mr David Spender had been elected as a City Councillor.

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