

## **OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

### **1. PRESENT**

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey and City Councillor David Spender were also in attendance for parts of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Makewell and City Councillor Brian Collin.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005 were confirmed and signed as correct.

#### **Conservation Area/ Hedgerow Planting**

Mrs Goodwin referred to the current position in respect of the scheme for the regeneration/improvement of the Conservation Area being carried out by the Oliver's Battery Countryside Group and indicated that the work concerned was expected to be started on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **3. PLANNING**

In respect of a planning application (Case: 05/02538/FUL - W Ref: W19723/01) for a two storey rear extension at 4 Mount View Road the recommendation of the Planning Panel just to comment about a roof light overlooking an adjacent property was confirmed.

A letter from Winchester City Council setting out details of a planning service improvement plan to be operated by the City Council with a view to improving the performance of the planning service when dealing with planning applications was noted. In particular the plan contains new arrangements which will apply when it is specifically desired that a planning application be referred to the City Council's Development Control Committee for determination.

In connection with the consideration of planning applications Mr Morris declared a personal interest in respect of the application relating to 61 Old Kennels Lane.

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

21 Sunnydown Road                      Single Storey rear extension  
Case: 05/02670/FUL  
W. Ref: W19815

7 Priors Way                                Conservatory to rear  
Case: 05/01978/FUL  
W Ref: W18709/01

7 South View Park Homes            Erection of front porch  
Case: 05/02815/FUL  
W Ref: W19839

It was agreed that an objection be lodged against a planning application (Case: 05/02667/FUL - W Ref: W19809) for the raising of the roof to provide first floor accommodation at 25 Sunnydown Road as it was considered that the proposed development would be over development of the site resulting in an excessive building bulk not in keeping with the street scene.

With regard to a planning application (Case:05/02771/FUL - W Ref: W03896) for a first floor extension in roof to front, demolition of garage and shed and replace with detached single garage and study building at 59 Old Kennels Lane a comment is to be made as to it being odd to have a shower room in a study and as to the possibility of the study/garage becoming a granny annexe in the future.

In connection with a planning application (Case: 05/02658/FUL - W Ref: W19811) for a side extension with integral garage and loft conversion with 2 no. dormers to front and rear following demolition of existing detached garage; conservatory to rear at 61 Old Kennels Lane a comment is to be made as to builders/contractors vehicles being precluded from parking in the road as this would be opposite a bus stop.

The following planning decisions were noted:

2 Old Kennels Close	Conservatory to rear	Permission Granted
82 Olivers Battery Road South	Detached 4 bed house and detached 1 bed house at the rear	Permission Granted subject to conditions

In respect of the planning permission granted for the development at the rear of 82 Olivers Battery Road South the Planning Authority are to be asked for further details of the boundary treatment mentioned in the conditions.

The Chairman mentioned that it was expected that a second draft of the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish would be available early in the new year.

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

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

Winchester City Council	Supply and installation of dog waste bin at entrance to recreation ground	£235 - 62
Winchester City Council	Rent for Conservation Area	£50 - 00
Winchester City Council	Servicing Dog Waste Bin	£39 - 65

It was agreed that the Chairman's Allowance for the financial year 2005/2006 be £100 - 00

It was resolved that the following grants be made in the financial year 2005/2006:

Olivers Battery Primary School	£500 - 00
Olivers Battery Preschool Play Group	£200 - 00
The Battery Club	£250 - 00

Requests for grants from Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau and Winchester Live at Home Scheme were briefly considered and it was decided to ask both organisations for further information to enable the requests to be fully considered.

The Chairman referred to the Projected/Estimated Accounts for the current financial year and the statement of unavoidable expenditure for the year 2006/2007 which had been given to members prior to the November meeting and he asked members to study such items and to think about any particular projects they may have in mind for the Council to undertake in the year 2006/2007 as it will be necessary to fix the precept for such year at the meeting of the Council in January next.

#### **5. RECREATION GROUND**

It was reported that the dog waste bin required at the entrance to the recreation ground has now been installed in the correct position.

Advice received from the National Association of Local Councils in respect of the wording of the proposed new notice at the entrance to the recreation ground was

considered an it was arranged that the Chairman would prepare a new draft of the notice having regard to the advice received.

City Councillor David Spender mentioned a discussion he had with Mr Kevin Goater of the Winchester Junior Football Club. The Club may be interested in using the pitch at the recreation ground for training and possibly matches although some improvements to the ground may be necessary for this to happen. Mr Goater will be writing to the Parish Council with his ideas.

Mrs Goodwin referred to some of the posts in the chain link fencing on a section of the boundary of the recreation ground being in need of repair/replacement and it was agreed that a quotation for the repair/replacement of the posts concerned be obtained.

Mr Morris mentioned that the wooden walkway/platform on the small climbing frame at the children's play area was slippery when wet and an investigation as to how this can be prevented is to be carried out.

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

With regard to the section of Compton Way which is not suitable for use by persons with wheelchairs or pushchairs due to the rough/uneven state of the surface the Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr David Veal (an engineer with the Highways Authority/Hampshire County Council). With a view to overcoming the present difficulties in the use of this section of unmade road a suggestion was made (a) that an Order be obtained through the County Council prohibiting the use by vehicles and (b) provided the Order is obtained bollards be erected at each end of the section of road concerned with some surfacing on part sufficient to enable use by pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs. A rough estimate of the cost of implementing the suggestion is £2000 for the Order and a further £2000 for the works. Members were asked to give some thought to the proposal and this matter is to be considered again at a future meeting.

## **7. 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH IN 2006.**

Mr Pyke reported on a meeting of a Joint Steering Group set up in conjunction with the Church to plan and co-ordinate events to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish in 2006. The Parish Council is represented on the Steering Group by Mr Pyke and Mrs Cope. A number of ideas have been received, local Organisations, Businesses and the Primary School are being consulted and it is hoped to have a series of events between July and September. In particular it is proposed to have an anniversary church service and picnic on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2006 and parish fete on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The permission of Hampshire County Council/English Heritage to hold events on the Oliver Battery Open Space/Monument is to be sought and the Mayor of Winchester is to be invited to the event on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of their campaign "Save our Services" was considered and it was decided that a letter be written in support.

Written Report from Mrs Vandersteen (Parish Public Transport Representative) on a meeting of Public Transport Representatives organised by Hampshire County Council which she had attended and at which she has made representations about the "Hail and Ride" arrangement relating to bus service number 2.

Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils containing the result of a survey in respect of their Annual Report and periodic Bulletins. Having regard to the result of the survey there will in future be a smaller more concise Annual Report and the Bulletin will continue to be published on a quarterly basis.

## **9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

Mrs Banister stated that the Head Teacher at Olivers Battery Primary School had resigned and that temporary Head Teachers have been arranged pending the appointment of a new permanent Head Teacher.

Mrs Banister gave a brief report on the Annual General Meeting of Community Action which she had attended.

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey gave a report (copy attached) on County Council matters including the current position in respect of a proposed Park and Ride Scheme for South Winchester and speed checks in Old Kennels Lane.

City Councillor David Spender mentioned a Statement of Community Involvement which the City Council have to prepare and he also referred to the implications of certain matters in the Inspector's Report relating to the Winchester District Local Plan Review.