

In respect of a condition relating to boundary treatment in a planning permission for two new dwellings at the rear of 82 Olivers Battery Road South the Planning Authority have stated that the condition relates to the boundary between the existing dwelling and the proposed new dwellings and in due course when approved details of the boundary treatment will be provided.

It was noted that a planning application relating to 25 Sunnydown Road is to be considered by Winchester City Council's Planning Development Control Committee on the 12 January and the Chairman referred briefly to comments which he had received following the objection lodged by the Parish Council against this application.

Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Banister gave a brief summary in respect of a planning seminar which they had attended.

4. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £2500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

St. Lukes PCC	Hall fees July to December 2005	£87 - 00
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Fee for Clerk's Day Conference	£30 - 00
G. C. H. Sharman	Chairman's Allowance	£100 - 00
Olivers Battery Primary School	Grant	£500 - 00 *
Olivers Battery Preschool Play Group	Grant	£200 - 00 *
The Battery Club	Grant	£250 - 00 *
St, Lukes PCC	Grant towards cost of hall improvements	£500 - 00 *
Serco Ltd	Gang mowing - recreation ground	£715 - 58

* Section 137 payment

It was agreed that in the financial year 2006/2007 a grant of £500 should be made as a contribution towards the cost of the grass cutting on the Olivers Battery Open Space/Ancient Monument.

Two quotations obtained for the grass cutting of the recreation ground in 2006 were considered and it was resolved to accept the quotation from Serco Limited being £45.67 plus VAT per visit.

In connection with proposed events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parish in 2006 it was agreed that the Council would provide up to £500 to assist with the cost involved.

The payment to be made to Mr P. C. Bugg for his maintenance services in the year 2006/2007 was reviewed and it was agreed that the payment should be at the rate of £7 - 50 per hour plus an equipment allowance of £6 per week.

With regard to the Clerk's salary it was resolved that for the financial year 2006/2007 this should be £3500.

The projected/estimated income and expenditure accounts for the current year and a list of unavoidable expenditure for 2006/2007 were considered together with the amounts to be budgeted for under the Community Strategy as previously agreed. After discussion it was resolved to fix the precept for the year 2006/2007 at £22,700.

5. RECREATION GROUND AND CONSERVATION AREA

A letter from Winchester City Council in respect of the Open Space Strategy for 2006/2007 and the need for any proposed play or sports facilities intended to be provided to be specified if funds are to be requested from the Open Space Fund was discussed. It was decided to indicate that the Council was considering (a) installation of additional play equipment and any necessary refurbishment of existing equipment (b) the provision of a multi-purpose hard surface area for various sports and activities and (c) the improvement of the pitch and facilities for football.

In respect of the new sign required at the entrance to the recreation ground it was agreed that a quotation for the supply and fixing of the sign in the sum of £152 plus VAT from S. J. H. Signs be accepted.

A quotation for the repair/renewal of some posts in the boundary fence of the recreation ground is awaited.

With regard to the project for the regeneration/ improvement of the Conservation Area, Mrs Goodwin reported that the necessary clearance work has been carried out and subject to weather conditions it was planned for planting of shrubs/bushes to take place on the 7th and 8th January.

Mrs Goodwin referred to an incident which had taken place at the Conservation Area involving her dog and it decided that no action was necessary in connection with this matter.

6. ACCESSIBILITY OF UNMADE PART OF COMPTON WAY

In connection with the unmade section of Compton Way which has a rough and uneven surface and is not suitable for use by persons with wheelchairs or pushchairs a proposal made at the last meeting was discussed. This proposal would entail obtaining an Order through Hampshire County Council prohibiting the use by vehicles and subject to the Order being obtained bollards being erected at each end of the section of road concerned with some surfacing on part sufficient to enable the use by pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs. It was unanimously agreed that steps should be taken to implement the proposal and that the County Council be requested to put in hand the procedure necessary for the purpose of obtaining the Order prohibiting the use of the section of road by vehicles.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Winchester City Council in respect of a Briefing for Parish Councils on the 16th January 2006 in connection with the results of a pilot scheme for an alternative refuse, recycling and garden waste collection service. Mrs Goodwin stated that she would endeavour to attend this Briefing.

In respect of a Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils relating to a seminar "New Project Funding Opportunities" the Chairman indicated that he would attend this seminar.

The following were noted:

Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils in respect of a Luncheon Reception for the Queen's 80th birthday on the 21st April 2006.

Letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister with a Discussion Paper in respect of Standards of Conduct in English Local Government - The Future.

Newsletters from Community Action Hampshire and Winchester Area Community Action.

Newsletter from Hampshire Highways and Leaflet from the Highways Agency in respect of South East Traffic Information and Roadworks.

8 OTHER PARISH MATTERS

A written report from County Councillor Charlotte Bailey (copy attached) on County Council matters including an update on the proposed Park and Ride Scheme for South Winchester was noted.

City Councillor Brian Collin gave some information in respect of the likely Council Tax for the year 2006/2007.