

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South. Oliver's Battery on the 7th February 2006. 7-30pm to 10-15pm.

1. PRESENT

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

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

An apology was received from Mr Makewell.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd January 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

3. PLANNING

A letter from Winchester City Council in respect of problems being experienced in connection with the public access to planning applications on the Council's web site and as to the new form to be used when commenting on planning applications was noted. When an objection to a planning application is lodged and it is desired that the matter be referred to the Planning Committee a specific request for this to be done has to be made.

The following items were also noted:

- (a) A letter from Winchester City Council with regard to the status of Village/Neighbourhood Design Statements following changes to the planning system arising from the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the forthcoming adoption of the Winchester District Local Plan Review.
- (b) Details of proposed modifications to the Winchester District Local Plan Review following the report of the Planning Inspector.
- (c) A letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of figures for the District level of house building targets for the purpose of the South East Plan as being recommended to the Regional Assembly.

The planning decisions mentioned below were noted:

4 Mount View Road	Two storey rear extension	Permission Granted
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25 Sunnydown Road	Raising roof to provide first floor accommodation	Permission Granted
7 Priors Way	Conservatory at rear	Permission Granted
61 Old Kennels Lane	Side extension with integral garage and loft conversion etc	Permission Granted
21 Sunnydown Road	Single storey rear extension	Permission Granted
59 Old Kennels Lane	First floor extension and new detached garage and study	Permission Refused
“Stoneleigh” Beyne Road	Single storey rear extension	Permission granted
50 Compton Way	Replacement garage	Permission Granted
12 Momford Road	Raising roof to provide first floor accommodation etc	Permission Granted
7 South View Park Homes	Erection of front porch	Permission Granted

In respect of the planning permission granted above for 25 Sunnydown Road concern was expressed about the extent of the work being carried out and this matter is to be kept under review.

4. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

Winchester City Council	Servicing Dog Waste Bins	£86 – 80
S.J.H. Signs	New sign at recreation ground	£178 -60
Mrs N. Goodwin	Travelling expenses for Planning seminar	£22 – 13
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Fee for seminar in respect of new project funding opportunities	£25 – 00
T. Lambourn	Deposit for band for Barn Dance for 50 th anniversary of the parish	£80 – 00 *

* Section 137 payment

A letter from Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau containing information as to how their work can benefit residents in the parish and in support of their request for a grant to assist with the funding of their home visiting service was considered and it was agreed to make a grant of £250 to the Bureau in the financial year 2006/2007.

5. RECREATION GROUND AND CONSERVATION AREA

The Clerk reported that the new sign required at the entrance to the recreation ground has been erected.

With regard to future improvement of recreational facilities and additional play equipment at the recreation ground it was noted that the amount currently held by Winchester City Council in the Open Space Fund for the benefit of the parish is £13120.

City Councillor David Spender mentioned that it was the intention of the City Council to carry out an audit of recreational facilities existing in the area covered by the City Council.

The Chairman mentioned that the Winchester Junior Football Club had indicated that in view of the condition of the pitch (including the slope of the ground) and the extent of car parking available it was unlikely that they would wish to use the recreation ground for formal matches although there may be the possibility of some use for practice.

In connection with the project for the regeneration /improvement of the Conservation Area being undertaken by the Olivers Battery Countryside Group Mrs Goodwin reported that there had been good support from local residents and that over 300 shrubs/bushes had been planted. The next stage will be for the remaining brambles to be cleared and the improvement of the grassed area. The Chairman thanked the Countryside Group for all their work on this project.

6. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH IN 2006

Mr Pyke stated that there had been a good attendance at a public meeting held on the 30th January to discuss this matter and that there had been further progress of the arrangements for events to celebrate the 50th anniversary at a meeting of the Steering Group formed to organise the celebrations held on the 6th February. The parish fete on the Olivers Battery Open Space/Ancient Monument Site on the 9th September 2006 is to start at 12-30pm and it is proposed to have a Barn Dance at Olivers Battery Primary School in the evening on such date. Local organisations have offered to provide stalls at the fete and other activities are being arranged for the fete and at other times during the period of the celebrations. Publicity is being arranged and Mr Pyke would like to hear from any local residents who are willing to help with the various events and celebrations.

7. DATE AND SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that subject to St. Marks Church Hall being available the Annual Parish Meeting be held on the 25th April 2006. It was also agreed that David Boardman, Environmental Team Manager at Winchester City Council be invited to be the guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting to give a talk about the new waste collection recycling and garden waste collection scheme.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Olivers Battery Primary School acknowledging receipt of the grant made to the school by the Parish Council and inviting Parish Councillors to visit the school. The Chairman, Mrs Cope and Mr Pyke will endeavour to visit the school and the Chairman will contact the school to arrange a convenient time.

Notice of meeting of Winchester District Association of Parish Councils on the 15th February 2006. The Chairman will endeavour to attend this meeting.

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester City Council with regard to a consultation relating to the preparation of a draft Statement of Community Involvement.

Letter from Hampshire & Isle of Wight NHS Strategic Health Authority with regard to a consultation on the reconfiguration of the NHS Ambulance Trusts, Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts.

Letters from The Battery Club and St Luke's Parochial Church Council acknowledging receipt of grants made by the Parish Council.

9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey presented a written report on County Council matters including the current position relating to Olivers Battery Primary School and the proposed Park and Ride Scheme for South Winchester.

City Councillor David Spender gave a report on City Council matters in which he referred to a proposed review of the Open Space Fund, a new system for information at bus shelters in respect of buses and a reserve site for housing at Pitt Manor for the purpose of the Winchester District Local Plan Review.

City Councillor Brian Collin gave information about the likely Council Tax for the year 2006/2007 and mentioned the consultation taking place with regard changes proposed for NHS Ambulance Trusts, Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts.