

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 4th April 2006. 7-30pm to 9-45pm.

1. PRESENT

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

City Councillor Brian Collin, City Councillor David Spender and Susan Evershed (Candidate at the forthcoming District Council election) were also in attendance for the whole or parts of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Makewell and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak under this item.

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

4. PLANNING

The recommendation of the Planning Panel not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case No. 06/00597/FUL –W Ref: 19960) for a single storey side extension at 121 Olivers Battery Road South was confirmed.

It was decided not to make any comments in connection with the following planning applications:

Electricity Sub-Station Port Lane Change of use of land for extension to Sub-Station
Case No. 06/00823/FUL
W Ref: W19998

5 Shepherds Close Replacement conservatory at rear and single storey
Case No. 06/00928/FUL garage store extension
W Ref: W 19999

With regard to a planning application (Case No.06/00871/FUL – W Ref: W18393/03) for an extension to front and conservatory to rear of existing detached garage at 29 Sunnydown Road it was agreed that no objection be raised, but to comment that the

Parish Council would be concerned if in the future the garage was used for living accommodation.

The following planning decisions were noted:

11 Treble Close	Single storey side extension and replacement pitched roof over garage	Permission Granted
2 Olivers Battery Crescent	Remove existing conservatory and replace with single storey side and rear extension	Permission granted

With regard to training sessions about matters relating to development control being run by Winchester City Council, Mrs Goodwin will attend the first session which is due to take place on the 10th April.

The Chairman mentioned some unfortunate delay in connection with the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish, but it is expected that a further draft document will be produced very shortly.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant	£250 – 00
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Affiliation fee and NALC levy for 2006/2007	£273 – 00
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Subscription for Local Council Review Journal	£ 14 – 00
B. A. Quartly	Reimbursement of amount paid for keys for lockable posts at recreation ground	£ 17 – 96
P. C. Bugg	March recreation ground maintenance	£ 82 – 20
Winchester District Association of Parish Councils	Levy for 2006/2007	£ 25 – 00

6. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

Mr Pyke stated that although there have been a few problems the arrangements for the various events and activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parish were still progressing satisfactorily. As already reported a parish fete is to be held on the 9th September on the Olivers Battery Open Space/ Ancient Monument Site with a Barn Dance at the primary school in the evening. Other activities proposed are Beating the Bounds of the Parish on the 29th July, Sponsored dog walk on the 6th August, Flower Festival 1-3 September and an Open Afternoon by the Countryside Group at the Conservation Area on the 3rd September including a walk to Yew Hill. There are also other events or activities being planned. Arrangements are being made for publicity and there will be a poster campaign starting shortly after easter. Assistance from local residents is still needed to help with the events/activities and anyone willing to help should contact Mr Pyke on the telephone (01962-854011) as soon as possible.

7. RECREATION GROUND AND CONSERVATION AREA

A quotation from White & Etherington Ltd for a 2m wide cross braced timber gate and associated work (£415 – 79 plus VAT) and also for work in respect of the existing pedestrian gate (£94 – 57 plus VAT) both on the boundary between the recreation ground and the conservation area was considered. The 2m wide gate is required by the Countryside Group for the purpose of the scheme being carried out for the regeneration/improvement of the conservation area and the Group have agreed to meet the cost of this gate and the associated work. It was agreed that the quotation be accepted and that White & Etherington be asked to carry out all the work concerned.

Mrs Goodwin stated that in connection with the scheme for the regeneration/improvement of the conservation area the remaining brambles would be removed in the near future. Also arrangements are being made for the local Brownies to undertake the planting of further shrubs and for the grassed area to be re-seeded in the autumn.

It was noted that ROSPA will be undertaking the annual safety inspection of the children's play area at the recreation ground some time in May.

Mr Morris referred to the wooden walkway/platform on the small climbing frame at the children's play area which becomes very slippery when wet and it was agreed that the Company (Wicksteed Ltd) who supplied this equipment be contacted as to what they could recommend to overcome this problem.

8. WINCHESTER SOUTHERN PARK & RIDE SCHEME PROPOSALS

In connection with proposals for the provision of a Park & Ride facility in the vicinity of the lower part of Badger Farm Road/ Bushfield Roundabout, Hampshire County Council have confirmed that briefings on the current situation would take place on the 5th April and it was arranged that the Chairman, Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Cope would attend.

Various aspects of the proposals were reviewed including the likely effect on traffic on Badger Farm Road and it was noted that the scheme does not currently provide for a dedicated bus lane along Badger Farm Road.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

With regard to a Notice of a meeting of the Winchester District Association of Parish Councils on the 19th April, Mrs Banister stated she would endeavour to attend.

Communication from David Ball, Hampshire County Council Site Manager for the Ancient Monument Site at Oliver's Battery, asking for the views of the Parish Council in respect of the manner in which the grass cutting of the site should be carried out. It was agreed that Mr Ball be advised that the Parish Council would like the grass cutting to be carried out in the same manner as last year with the main area being cut at regular three weekly intervals with the banks being allowed to grow longer and cleared and cut at the end of the season.

Letter and document from Winchester City Council in respect of a consultation with regard to the City Council's Statement of Community Involvement. The Chairman will prepare a response.

The following were noted:

Letter from DFRA in respect of Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005
Newsletters from Community Action Hampshire and Winchester Area Community Action.

Letter from Postwatch in respect of changes to postal services and charges.

Notifications from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils about seminars relating to training in chairmanship skills.

10. REPORTS BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

Written reports were received from County Councillor Charlotte Bailey and City Councillor David Spender mainly in respect of the briefings to be carried out by the County Council in connection with the proposals for the Winchester Southern Park & Ride Scheme.