

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Annual Parish Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 8th May 2006. 7-30pm to 10pm.

1. PRESENT

Four members of the Parish Council
Twenty Nine Parishioners
County Councillor Charlotte Bailey
City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender
David Boardman – Environmental Team Manager, Winchester City Council
PC Joe Zubaidi – Hampshire Copnstabulary

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Mark Pyke and nine parishioners.

Mr Geoff Sharman, Parish Council Chairman, took the chair.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April 2005 were distributed to everyone at the meeting and were confirmed and signed as correct.

3. GUEST SPEAKER – DAVID BOARDMAN – ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM MANAGER WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Chairman introduced David Boardman who gave an interesting and informative talk about the new waste collection, recycling and garden waste collection scheme which is to come into operation within the City Council area in the near future. The background to the waste collection system was mentioned and information provided about what happens to rubbish after it has been collected. David also referred to landfill sites for waste becoming exhausted and the modern methods now being used in connection with the disposal of waste. There is a need to achieve targets for the recycling of as much waste as possible and the new scheme is intended to help in this respect. Under the new scheme a larger green bin will be provided for each household for recyclable items and a separate green sack will be provided for garden waste. Waste collection will be on alternate weeks with waste which is not recyclable being collected one week and recyclable waste including garden waste collected the next week. It is likely that the new waste collection scheme will start in November and prior to this newsletters and leaflets containing details will be provided to all households. A number of questions raised by parishioners were dealt with by David and the Chairman thanked him for his presentation.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the start of his report the Chairman introduced the members of the Parish Council who were present and referred to the recent uncontested election for Parish Councillors which left two vacancies. The Chairman explained the role of a Parish Councillor and indicated that it is hoped to fill the two vacancies for Parish Councillors by co-option in the near future. In respect of the activities of the Parish Council during the past year the Chairman mentioned the work which had been carried out at the recreation ground for the refurbishment of the large climbing frame including new safety surfacing and in respect of the reinstatement and surfacing of the car parking area. Consideration is being given as to what additional facilities can be provided at the recreation ground with particular regard to items for older children. A web site for the Parish Council has been set up which can be accessed via www.bfobrca.com and a dog waste bin has been provided just outside the entrance gate to the recreation ground. The arrangement with Hampshire County Council for them to carry out regular grass cutting on the Olivers Battery Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) is continuing and the Parish Council is still supporting "The Battery Club" a club for the elderly in the parish. A group of local volunteers have formed the Olivers Battery Countryside Group and have carried out a scheme for the clearance and replanting of the conservation area next to the recreation ground. The Chairman referred to greater community spirit in the parish and also stated that 2006 was the 50th anniversary of the church and the civil parish and he gave brief details of events planned to celebrate this occasion. The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish Council, the Clerk to the Council and Mr Peter Bugg (groundsman at the recreation ground) for all their work on behalf of the parish.

5. PARISH ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented the Accounts of the Parish Council for the year 2005/2006 comprising an Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Supporting Statement. The Accounts showed an opening credit balance of £38,882 – 91 and a closing balance in hand as at the 31st March 2006 of £27,622 – 73. Details were given in respect of the income and expenditure over the year including how figures in the Accounts were made up and calculated. It was agreed that the Accounts be adopted.

6. REPORTS BY COUNTY COUNCIL AND CITY COUNCIL COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey submitted a written report (copy in Minute Book) which was distributed to everyone at the meeting. In this report she referred to bus services, the proposals and consultation process in respect of a Winchester South Park and Ride facility, the condition of roads and pavements and Olivers Battery Primary School.

In his written report (copy in Minute Book) on City Council matters over the past year City Councillor Brian Collin referred to his position as a member of the Cabinet of the

City Council. The report also mentioned action taken in respect of Community Safety, Neighbourhood Warden Schemes and Alcohol Exclusion Zones . Reference was also made to the land to the south of the current built up area of Oliver's Battery continuing to be designated as countryside in the Winchester District Local Plan.

A written report (copy in Minute Book) was also presented by City Councillor David Spender covering the period from September 2005 when he had been elected as a member of the City Council. This report referred to the issues of uneven pavements at Olivers Battery Road South, bus services, rubbish by the shops and at Badger Farm Road, repair and replacement of street signs, the proposed Park and Ride facility and possible new sporting uses at the recreation ground.

7. OTHER MATTERS

Mrs Goodwin gave a brief summary of the improvement scheme being carried out by the Olivers Battery Countryside Group at the conservation area adjoining the recreation ground.

The Chairman mentioned the unfortunate delay in connection with the preparation of a Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish and indicated that it was hoped to progress this matter in the near future.

Reference was made to 2006 being the 50th anniversary of the church and the civil parish and details were given of events proposed to celebrate the occasion.

The Chairman paid tribute to Derrick Makewell who has been unwell and unable to continue as a Parish Councillor. Derrick served the Parish Council for a number of years and was also the Chairman of Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association.

Mr Maurice Walker thanked the members of the Parish Council for all their work on behalf of the parish.

Mrs Goodwin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Sharman for his conduct of the meeting.