

## **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> June 2006. 7-30pm to 9-15pm.

### **1. PRESENT**

Mr Morris (Vice-Chairman); Mrs Banister; Mr Pyke and Mrs Cope.

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mrs Goodwin and City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender.

In the absence of the Chairman the chair was taken by the Vice-Chairman, Mr Morris.

### **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak or make a statement under this item.

### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

#### **Winchester Southern Park & Ride Proposals**

In connection with the proposed Winchester Southern Park & Ride facility it was noted that Hampshire County Council are developing this project and during the period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June are holding exhibitions about the proposals at various local venues.

#### **Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

The Clerk reported that Mr Colin Stride of 7 South View Road, Oliver's Battery has indicated an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, but due to a previous engagement was unable to come to this meeting. Mr Stride is to be asked to attend the Parish Council meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### **4. PLANNING**

With regard to sessions being run by Winchester City Council in respect of training for Parish Councillors the City Council have stated that the next session "Development Control Practicalities" is to be held at Ashling Pavilion, Denmead on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Banister will endeavour to attend this event.

The following planning decisions were noted:

Electricity Sub-Station Port Lane	Extension to Sub-Station	Permission Granted Subject to conditions
5 Crescent Close	Extension to rear, extend Garage and loft conversion	Permission Granted
59 Old Kennels Lane	1 <sup>st</sup> floor extension, new Garage and study building	Permission Refused
29 Sunnydown Road	Extension to front and Conservatory to rear	Permission Granted
5 Shepherds Close	Replacement conservatory and single storey garage store extension	Permission Granted

A letter from Hampshire County Council with regard to the draft South East Plan and how it will affect Hampshire was noted.

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

The Annual Return Form which has to be submitted to the Audit Commission in respect of the audit of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year 2005/2006 and the Statement of Assurance in such form were approved and the form signed.

The Clerk reported that the refund of VAT for the financial year 2005/2006 has been received.

The following payments were authorised:

Playsafety Ltd	Fee for Annual Safety Report in respect of Children's Play Area	£74 – 03
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Fee for Legal Update seminar	£20 – 00
P. C. Bugg	May recreation ground maintenance	£122 – 94

## **6. 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH**

Mr Pyke stated that the arrangements for events and activities to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish were still proceeding satisfactorily. Details will appear in the next edition of "Community News", posters will be displayed and a diary of events will be delivered to every household in the parish.

## **7. RECREATION GROUND AND CONSERVATION AREA**

The annual ROSPA Safety Inspection Report in respect of the children's play area at the recreation ground was discussed. In general the report appears to be reasonably satisfactory, but the Chairman is to be asked to make an inspection (possibly in conjunction with Mr Bugg) to look at the items indicated in the report as in need of attention and to consider what action is necessary.

With regard to a proposed additional notice indicating that dogs are prohibited from the recreation ground a quotation from SJH Signs for alternative signs was considered. It was agreed that the additional notice should be on a separate post at a suitable position on the boundary of the car parking area and it was resolved to accept the quotation of £189 plus VAT from SJH Signs in such respect and to ask them to erect the sign.

It was noted that a large new gate between the recreation ground and the conservation area suitable for equipment to pass through has been installed. Alterations to the pedestrian gate and repairs to boundary fence posts have also been carried out.

In a brief written report on the conservation area Mrs Goodwin mentioned that working parties have been planned to pull nettles from the grassy area and that 99% of the trees planted are doing well. Further sowing of an area designated as meadow will take place in the autumn.

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

A document prepared by the Chairman containing a draft risk assessment by the Parish Council in connection with the Council's various functions and activities was considered. Subject to some minor alterations it was agreed that the draft document was satisfactory and it is hoped that the final document can be adopted at the next meeting.

## **9. "OLIVERS BATTERY" SIGNS**

In connection with possibility of new "Olivers Battery" signs near the junction of Olivers Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road and at the end of Old Kennels Lane the proposals put forward in 2002 whereby Winchester City Council would provide signs subject to a contribution towards the cost by the Parish Council were noted. Such proposals were left in abeyance pending proposed highway improvements at the junction of Olivers Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road. As it may still be some time before the junction highway works are carried out members considered that arrangements for new signs should, subject to details and location being agreed, now proceed and the City Council are to be asked if they are willing to provide the signs on the same basis as put forward in 2002. The possibility of an ornamental sign for the parish is to be considered at a future meeting.

## **10. UNMADE/ UNADOPTED LOWER PART OF COMPTON WAY**

The Traffic Management Section at Winchester City Council has been contacted with regard to the proposed Order for the prohibition of vehicles over this section of Compton Way. Unfortunately there are a number of Traffic Orders awaiting attention, but it is hoped that the process for an Order in connection with the part of Compton Way concerned can be started in the autumn and subject to there being no objections the Order could be in place by the end of the year.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire Constabulary in respect of Partnership Parish Council Forum on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

Letter from Thornfield Properties in connection with a public exhibition in respect of the proposed Silver Hill Renaissance development.

Yew Hill Butterfly Reserve Newsletter

Hampshire County Council Community Transport Newsletter

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

## **12. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR - CITY COUNCILLORS**

In her written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey mentioned the exhibitions being held by the County Council in connection with the proposed Winchester Southern Park and Ride project. It was also stated that the Highways Department at Hampshire County Council have agreed to carry out work to improve the pavements along a section of Olivers Battery Road South from the shops to the Olivers Battery Open Space.

A written report from City Councillor David Spender referred to the new Cabinet at Winchester City Council, the consultation in respect of the proposed Winchester Southern Park and Ride project and the possibility of a new series of proposals for the Olivers Battery Road South/Badger Farm Road junction.