

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 July 2006. 7-30pm to 9-45pm

1. PRESENT

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

Mr C.P. Stride (interested in becoming a Parish Councillor)

City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender were also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Cope and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey.

2.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

3. VACANCY FOR AND CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman introduced Mr C.P.Stride of 7 South View Road, Oliver's Battery who has resided in the parish for a number of years and who was interested in filling the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Mr Stride gave a brief summary of his background and it was unanimously resolved that Mr Stride be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. Mr Stride signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th June 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Winchester Southern Park & Ride Proposals

With regard to the proposed Winchester Southern Park & Ride facility it was noted that following consultation exhibitions, Hampshire County Council will be holding a "Community Stakeholders Workshop" in connection with this matter at Winchester Guildhall on the 25th July 2006.

5. PLANNING

In respect of a letter from Winchester City Council inviting the Parish Council to send a representative to an "Effective Community Planning" Conference on the 14th July 2006 it was arranged that Mrs Banister would attend this event.

A letter from Winchester City Council stating that they intend to adopt the Winchester Local Plan Review after the 6th July 2006 was noted.

With regard to matching bricks not being used in connection with an extension at 152 Olivers Battery Road South City Councillor Brian Collin explained the situation as to why it was doubtful whether enforcement action could be taken.

In connection with the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish the Chairman stated that he hoped to have a new draft document available in the near future.

The following planning decisions were noted:

1 Sunnydown Road	Porch Extension	Permission Granted
16 Mount View Road	Extending dormer on north and new dormers to south & west	Permission Granted
7 Braeside Close	Extension, removal of chimney breast and a new toilet	Permission Granted

6. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported receipt of £415-79 from the Olivers Battery Countryside Group being grant funds for the new large gate between the recreation ground and the Conservation Area and which was part of the project being undertaken by the Countryside Group in respect of the Conservation Area.

The transfer of £2000 from the Current Account to the Business Reserve Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

White & Etherington	Rehanging pedestrian gate at recreation ground with new fittings	£111 – 12
White & Etherington	Replacement of broken fencing posts at recreation ground	£232 – 36
White & Etherington	Supply and erection of new large gate between recreation ground and conservation area	£488 – 55
Lexis, Nexis Butterworths	New Book “Local Council Administration”	£ 53 – 45
Winchester City Council	Uncontested election expenses	£72 – 60

Mrs N. Goodwin	Travelling expenses for Planning Training Session	£26 – 11
St. Lukes PCC	Hire fees for Hall January to June 2006	£105 – 00

7. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

Mr Pyke stated that publicity is now being given to the events and activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parish. Notices about the events and activities will appear in the summer edition of “Community News” and full details are shown in a programme which is in the course of being distributed to every household in the parish. A Winchester Open Weekend is at the same time as the Fete on the 9th September and the City Council will be giving some publicity to the events at Oliver’s Battery. Hampshire County Council is to be asked to ensure that the grass on The Battery Open Space (Ancient Monument) is cut a few days prior to the events to be held on this site. The possibility of copies of the booklet “ A Brief History of Oliver’s Battery”, which was originally published in 2000, being available at the exhibition about the history of the parish to be held at St. Marks Church Hall on the 9th September is to be explored.

8. RECREATION GROUND & CONSERVATION AREA

The Chairman reported that the additional sign indicating that dogs are prohibited from the recreation ground has been erected.

It was agreed that Mr Stride be appointed as a Recreation Ground Representative to act with the existing representatives (The Chairman and Mr Pyke). Arrangements are to be made for an inspection of the recreation ground with a view to formulating a programme for proposed improvements and additional facilities.

Mrs Goodwin stated that although there had been some delay due to the hot dry weather working parties were continuing with work on the Conservation Area.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT

Following comments at the last meeting the Chairman produced a new draft of the document containing a risk assessment by the Parish Council in connection the Council’s property , functions and activities. Some further minor revisions to the document were agreed to be incorporated and on such basis it was resolved that the document be adopted. The Chairman will produce the final document and a copy is to be lodged with the Emergency Planning Officer at Hampshire County Council.

10 “ OLIVER’S BATTERY” ENTRY SIGNS

With regard to the possibility of new “Oliver’s Battery” entry signs near the junction of Olivers Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road and at the end of Old Kennels Lane the Clerk reported that a response was awaited from Winchester City Council as to whether they were willing to provide the signs on the same basis as proposed in 2000.

In connection a suggestion that there should also be an ornamental sign for the parish Mrs Goodwin produced photographs showing examples of such signs and it was arranged that she would research this matter further and report back to the Council at a future meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a letter from Hampshire Constabulary referring to a proposed series of Newsletters about the Roads Policing Unit it is to be indicated that the Parish Council will be pleased to receive the Newsletters when available.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire Constabulary stating that the next Parish Partnership Council Meeting will be held on the 19th September 2006.

Letter from BAA Southampton in respect of Southampton Airport Community and Stakeholder Conference.

Highways Agency roadworks and journey planner leaflets and newsletter.

Letter from Hampshire County Council and documents in respect of Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Public Consultation

Letter from Hampshire Police Authority as to their Annual Report for 2005/2006 being published on the internet.

Newsletters from Winchester Area Community Action and Hampshire Children & Families Forum.

12. REPORTS – COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In a written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to the latest position relating to the consultation relating to the proposed Winchester Southern Park & Ride and some action which she has taken with regard to highway matters.

City Councillor David Spender stated that it appeared that the telephone box at the front of the shops was not accepting cash payment and he is taking this matter up with BT.

In his report City Councillor Brian Collin referred to a Children’s and Young People event which he had attended and also gave details of a recent visit to the farms adjoining the parish which were mainly owned by Hampshire County Council.

13. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

It was mentioned that public footpath number 7 is overgrown and the Public Rights of Way Section at Hampshire County Council is to be asked to make an inspection and take any appropriate action.