

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 5th September 2006. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

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

Apologies were received from Mr Morris and Mrs Banister.

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 1st August 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Olivers Battery Entry Signs

The location of the signs at the Olivers Battery Road South/ Badger Farm Road junction and at the end of Old Kennels Lane has been agreed with a representative of Winchester City Council and the City Council have stated that the new signs should be installed by the end of September.

Recreation Ground

It was reported that the graffiti on the map cabinet at the entrance to the recreation ground has been removed

4. PLANNING

Mrs Goodwin declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the planning application relating to 8 Momford Road mentioned below and she withdrew from the meeting when this particular application was considered.

City Councillor David Spender reported on a meeting of Winchester City Council's Planning Development Control Committee on the 24th August at which a planning application by Sainsbury's in respect of their superstore at Badger Farm to vary a condition on a previous planning permission to allow a part of an area designated for

warehouse extension to be used as retail/sales floor space was considered. The Committee decided to grant permission for the variation.

With regard to a proposed visit to the Parish Council by City Councillor Barry Lipscomb (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport) the date for the visit remains to be confirmed by the City Council and it was agreed that it should now be suggested that if convenient to Councillor Lipscomb the visit be at the meeting of the Parish Council on the 7th November .

A letter and questionnaire from Winchester City Council as to the manner in which weekly lists of planning decisions is provided was considered. It was decided to indicate that the Parish Council would like the lists to refer only to planning applications/decisions relating to this parish and the immediately adjoining parishes and City Ward. It is also to be indicated that the Parish Council would prefer the lists to be provided by email.

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that no comments be made in respect of a planning application (Case Number 06/02446/TPO) to fell a horse chestnut tree at 140 Olivers Battery Road South was confirmed.

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of the following planning applications:

2A Priors Way Case No. 06/02494/FUL W.20247	Two storey side extension with integral garage and new front porch and conservatory at rear.
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The Nook Olivers Battery Gardens Case No. 06/02672/FUL W. 13093/04	Single storey extension at front
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In respect of a planning application (Case No. 06/02625/FUL – W.20262) for the erection of a new bungalow in the rear garden at 8 Momford Road it was decided to submit comments expressing concern about the sub division of existing house plots and the effect on the character of the area. Comments are also to be made that any proposed development should be designed in a manner so that it will not affect or be detrimental to adjoining properties, that there should be no change to the access to Momford Road and that if permission should be granted there should be a condition restricting development on the site to a single storey building and precluding further development/expansion.

The following planning decisions were noted:

2 Plovers Down	Two storey side extension	Permission Granted
3 South View Road	Side extension to existing garage	Permission Granted

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The following payments were authorised:

P. C. Bugg	July recreation ground maintenance	£144 – 49
Winchester City Council	Servicing Dog Waste Bins 1/4/2006 to 30/6/2006	£80 – 60
Hampshire County Council	Contribution towards cost of grass cutting Olivers Battery Open Space	£587 – 50
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Fee for Councillor's Training Course	£25 – 00

In connection with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the making of grants to the Primary School the National Association of Local Councils has advised that there should be a specific purpose or project in mind from the outset and which is not normally covered by the funds which the school receives from the Government or Local Education Authority. Having regard to this advice a letter has been sent to the school asking if they have any particular purpose or project in connection with which they would like the Parish Council to consider making a grant.

6. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

Mr Pyke stated that the Flower Festival, the Treasure Hunt and the Official Opening of the Conservation Area held over the period 1st, 2nd and 3rd of September had all been attended. The arrangements have been made for the Fete on the afternoon of the 9th September (to be opened by the Mayor of Winchester) and the Barn Dance in the evening of the 9th September.

7. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

With regard to the growth of Japanese Knotweed along the edge of the public footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course the Public Rights of Way Authority (Hampshire County Council) have indicated that they will not be taking any action as there is no obstruction which prevents the public passing along the footpath. County Councillor Charlotte Bailey is continuing investigation of this matter, but in the meantime it is understood that a Mr Hugh Corry (Consultant to the Olivers Battery Countryside Group) may be qualified and able to advise and take steps to eradicate the Japanese Knotweed. Mr Corry is to be asked whether he is able to assist with this matter and, if so, what is the likely cost of taking action to eradicate the Japanese Knotweed.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils relating to a training course “Core Skills for Councillors” it was arranged that Mr Stride would attend this course.

With regard to a Notice from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils in respect of the Annual Meeting of the Association on the 7th October 2006 it was agreed that the Chairman and Mrs Banister would attend this meeting.

In connection with an email from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils about car parks controlled by Parish Councils being used by persons using public rights of way/footpaths it was decided to indicate that the Parish Council would be interested to hear about a proposed pilot scheme to encourage people to use public rights of way.

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester City Council in respect of the City Council’s Performance Plan 2006.

Letter from Winchester City Council being a consultation on a draft Statement of Principles for the City Council under the Gaming Act 2005.

Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils as to their Parish Liaison and Enquiry Service.

Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils “Communicating with the Public”.

Note from Mrs Pam Vandersteen (Parish Public Transport Representative) as to changes to bus service No. 5 on Sundays.

Letter from Hampshire Constabulary in respect of Partnership Parish Council Forum on the 19th September.

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

9. REPORTS - COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey mentioned the continuing consultation process in respect of the proposed Winchester Southern Park & Ride project, her involvement in connection with the Japanese knotweed at the edge of the footpath leading from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course and the track to assist cyclists installed at the subway at the junction of Olivers Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road.

In his written report City Councillor David Spender referred to the repair of the pavement between the shops and the church, the result of the planning application by Sainsbury’s to increase their retail space, an award received by Winchester’s Tourist Information Service for excellent service and a check being made on the condition of street signs in the parish.

