

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 3rd October 2006. 7-30pm to 9-15pm.

1. PRESENT

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

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

Apologies were received from Mr Sharman (Chairman) and City Councillor Brian Collin.

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

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Olivers Battery Entry Signs

It was stated that the new entry signs have been erected at the Olivers Battery Road South/Badger Farm Road junction and at the end of Old Kennels Lane. Winchester City Council have indicated that a new street name sign for Olivers Battery Road South will be installed very shortly at the junction of Olivers Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road.

50th Anniversary of the Parish

Mr Pyke mentioned that there was an excellent attendance at both the Fete and the Barn Dance held on the 9th September and that both events had been a great success. The Committee which organised the various events to celebrate the anniversary will be meeting on the 9th October to review the outcome. The Committee were thanked for all their hard work in making the arrangements for the celebration.

4. PLANNING

The following were noted:

- (a) Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
- (b) Letter from Hampshire County Council and Newsletter “Planning Hampshire’s Future” relating to the responses made by the County Council to the draft South East Plan and the public inquiry which will debate the draft plan this coming winter.

In respect of the proposed visit to the Parish Council by City Councillor Barry Lipscomb (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation) confirmation of the date for this visit is still awaited from the City Council.

The recommendation by the Planning Panel as to comments to be submitted in respect of a planning application (Case Number 06/02698/FUL – W Ref: 05090/03 and being an amendment to an existing planning permission) for the erection of a four bedroom and a two bedroom detached dwellings to the rear of 82 Olivers Battery Road South was confirmed.

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case Number 06/02766/FUL - W Ref:W20189/01) for a two storey side extension and an extension of a dormer window at 2 Plovers Down.

It was noted that planning permission has been granted for the felling of a horse chestnut tree at 140 Olivers Battery Road South.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association	Contribution towards publication costs of Community News	£500 – 00
P.C. Bugg	August & September Recreation Ground maintenance	£108 - 00

Information is awaited from Oliver’s Battery Primary School as to whether they have any particular purpose or project in connection with which they would like the Parish Council to consider making a grant.

It was decided not to take any action in response to a letter from Hampshire County Youth Band Association requesting a grant to assist in the purchase of musical instruments as it was considered that this request did not meet the criteria for a grant under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

A letter from Mr Hugh Corry (Consultant to Oliver's Battery Countryside Group) offering to carry out treatment in three stages at an estimated cost of £50 per stage to eradicate the growth of Japanese Knotweed along the edge of part of the public footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course was considered. The Public Rights of Way Authority (Hampshire County Council) and the adjoining owners are to be consulted and subject to the responses received and without the admission of any liability or responsibility it was agreed that the advice of Mr Corry be accepted and that he be requested to carry out the treatment proposed in his letter. Although the times for the three stages mentioned for the treatment by Mr Corry are May, July and September he is to be asked whether it would be possible to start the treatment this year.

With regard to the application for an Order prohibiting vehicles from using the unmade lower section of Compton Way (which is subject to bridleway 9) the Traffic Management Section at Winchester City Council have stated that in view of the number of proposed Traffic Management Orders requiring attention it was not yet possible to give a date when the process for the required Order would be started. This was thought to be unsatisfactory and it was arranged that City Councillor David Spender would take this matter up with Officers at the City Council.

In connection with an approach from a local resident as to the possibility of a pedestrian opening in the barrier which separates Mount View Road from the private road known as Seldon Close it was decided not to take any action as it appears that there is no designated public right of way over Seldon Close.

The overgrowth on the ground restricting the width of public footpath 7 and the overhanging hedge and trees obstructing bridleway 9 were mentioned. A letter is to be sent to the Rights of Way Section at Hampshire County Council drawing attention to such matters and requesting them to take appropriate action.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association requesting the use of the recreation ground on the 11th November 2006 for the annual bonfire and fireworks display was considered. It was decided to give permission for this event to be held at the recreation ground subject to the Association accepting all liability whatsoever in respect of the event and having appropriate public liability insurance. The Association is also to be responsible for informing the police and fire authorities and the Association must leave the ground clear of rubbish and in a clean and tidy condition.

In respect of a letter from a local resident drawing attention to the poor condition of the surface of the service road from Compton Way to the rear of the dental surgery and shops a meeting has taken place on the site with a representative of the Highway Authority (Hampshire County Council). At the meeting the representative of the Highway Authority stated that in his view a strip of the service road about the width of a pavement immediately adjacent to the carriageway of Compton Way was public highway and it was indicated that the Highway Authority would repair this strip and lower the kerb of the pavement to afford better use by persons with prams and elderly persons. In respect of the remainder of the service road which is believed to be privately owned a letter drawing attention to the poor condition of the surface is to be sent to the owners.

With regard to a letter from Hampshire County Council inviting the Parish Council to send a representative to a meeting in respect of a review of passenger transport services it was arranged that the Parish Public Transport Representative, Pam Vandersteen would attend this meeting.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire Police Authority as to applications for appointment of Independent Members to the Authority.

Letter from Winchester City Council in connection with the City Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

Letter from ID Asset relating to a mobile CCTV service.

Notice of Winchester Area Community Action Annual General Meeting on the 17th October.

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

7. REPORTS – COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to the situation in respect of the consultation process in connection with the proposed Southern Winchester Park & Ride Scheme and changes in the committee structure at the County Council. She also mentioned her contact with Officers at the County Council with regard to steps to eradicate Japanese Knotweed and a flashing speed sign which activates when vehicles exceed the speed limit and which it may be possible to use for a period in the parish.

City Councillor David Spender referred to a complaint in respect of disturbance caused by very early morning refuse collection and stated that instructions have been given for the refuse collection not to start until 7am. David also produced a document showing the poor condition of some of the street signs in the parish as revealed by a survey of street signs carried out by David and Parish Councillor Hilary Cope and it was arranged that members would indicate to David the order of priority they considered the repair or replacement of signs should be dealt with so the City Council could then be asked to attend to this matter. In respect if cars exceeding the speed limit within the parish David mentioned the mobile flashing speed sign referred to by County Councillor Charlotte

Bailey and that it is hoped to be able to have the use of this sign in Old Kennels Lane for a period in the near future.

8. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

Mrs Cope and Mrs Banister both expressed concern with regard to the standard of vehicles used and the lack of comfort in respect of bus service number 2 and a letter about this and requesting an improvement is to be sent to the Bus Company and copied to the Public Transport Authority (Hampshire County Council)

In connection with the children's play area at the recreation ground Mr Morris thought that consideration should be given as to whether there should be barriers to prevent accidents from the swings and whether the play area should be enclosed with a fence. It was agreed that this should be an item on the agenda for a future meeting.