

## **OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006. 7-30pm to 10-45pm.

### **1. PRESENT**

Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mrs Goodwin; Mrs Banister and Mr Stride.

City Councillor David Spender was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Morris, Mr Pyke, Mrs Cope, County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor Brian Colin and PC Joe Zubaidi (Hampshire Police).

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

### **Service Road from Compton Way to rear of Dental Surgery and Shops**

With regard to work required to improve the surface of this service road the Highway Authority have marked on the ground the strip which they are willing to repair. The Dental Surgery have confirmed that they own the majority of the remainder of the service road, but other users of the road from the commercial units and residential properties are liable to contribute to any costs associated with the upkeep of the service road. The owners of the Dental Surgery are liaising with anyone liable to contribute towards the cost of repairs in an endeavour to find a way in which the condition of the service road can be improved.

### **4. PLANNING**

The recommendation by the Planning Panel not to make any comments in respect of the following planning applications was confirmed:

61 Old Kennels Lane  
Case No. 06/02752/ FUL  
W Ref: W19811/01

Side extension with accommodation in roof space, loft conversion and alterations

10 Treble Close  
Case No: 06/02869/FUL  
W Ref: W20313

Single storey side extension,

The following were noted:

Newsletter issued by the South East England Regional Assembly being an update on the South East Plan

Letter from Winchester City Council in connection with a training session for Parish Councillors in respect of planning enforcement matters.

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

12 Treble Close Case No. 06/02996/FUL W Ref: W20338	Single storey side and front extension
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2A Priors Way Case No. 06/03108/FUL W Ref: W20247/01 (Resubmission)	Two storey side extension with integral garage, replacement porch at front and conservatory at the rear.
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With regard to a planning application (Case: 06/03012/FUL – W Ref: W14942/03) for a first floor side extension and raising of the roof at 10 Plovers Down it was agreed that an objection be submitted as it was considered the proposed roof line would create a massive bulk making the building appear to be far larger than other houses in the street.

In connection with a planning application (Case No.06/03160/AVC W Ref: W08991/34) by Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd for an externally illuminated totem sign at the roundabout Badger Farm Road it was agreed that an objection be submitted as it was considered that the proposed sign would be highly visually intrusive and not in keeping with the character of the area.

The following planning decisions were noted:

2 Plovers Down	Two storey side extension	Permission Granted
The Nook Olivers Battery Gardens	Single storey front extension	Permission Granted
2A Priors Way	Two storey side extension etc	Permission Refused
8 Momford Road	Detached bungalow at rear	Permission Refused

In respect of the refusal of permission for a detached bungalow at the rear of 8 Momford Road the Planning Authority are to be advised that the Parish Council agree with the

reasons for the refusal, but it was understood that the applicants have indicated that they are concerned as in their view incorrect advice may have been given to them when the Planning Authority was consulted prior to the planning application being submitted.

## **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:

Winchester City Council	Conservation Area Rent	£50 – 00
Winchester City Council	Servicing Dog Waste Bins 1/7/2006 to 30/9/2006	£74 – 00
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Fee for Clerk's Conference	£35 – 00
Southern Water	Water Charges – Recreation Ground	£117 – 30
P. C. Bugg	October Recreation Ground Maintenance	£99 – 00

In connection with the Council's Bank Accounts it was resolved Mrs Lynda Banister be an additional authorised signatory, in addition to the current signatories of Mr Sharman, Mr Morris and Mrs Goodwin which were confirmed.

With regard to the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 the Clerk reported that the External Auditor's Certificate has been received from the Audit Commission. This states that the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to attention which gave cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Estimated/ Projected Accounts for the financial year 2006/2007 were distributed to members for consideration and it was noted that the precept for the year 2007/2008 will have to be fixed at the meeting of the Parish Council at the beginning of January 2007.

## **6. RECREATION GROUND**

It was reported that as the amount of the charges for water in respect of the supply to the tap at the recreation ground is much greater than normal the meter for the water supply has been checked. This check has confirmed that there is no leakage and it appears that there may have been some unauthorised use of the water from the tap. With a view to ensuring that there is no waste of water and to deter unauthorised use of the tap it was agreed that Mr Stride should obtain a quotation from a plumber for the supply and fitting of a suitable new tap for such purpose.

A recommendation in the ROSPA annual report in respect of the children's play area that such area should be enclosed with a fence was discussed, but it was considered that this was not appropriate having regard to the character and landscaping of the part of the recreation ground concerned. In view of the reference in the ROSPA report to the provision of barriers with regard to the risk of movement clash in connection with the swings it was arranged that the Chairman and Mr Stride would investigate this matter and report back at a future meeting.

The Chairman referred to an element of the strategy for the recreation ground being the provision of a multi purpose all weather hard surface play area for older children. It was agreed that this proposal should be developed further and the Chairman and Mr Stride undertook to explore this matter in more detail.

## **7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS**

In connection with the application for a Traffic Management Order prohibiting vehicles from using the unmade lower section of Compton Way (which is subject to bridleway 9) City Councillor David Spender mentioned that his enquiries with Officers at Winchester City Council have revealed that it is still not possible to obtain a date as to when the Order is likely to be made due to staff shortages in the Traffic Management Section at the City Council. A letter is to be sent to the City Council stating that it is considered this section of road is dangerous and a safety hazard and requesting them to take any action possible to expedite the procedure for the making of the required Order.

With regard to the course of treatment proposed for the purpose of eradicating the growth of Japanese Knotweed along the edge of part of the public footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Club letters containing details of the proposal have been sent to the Public Rights of Way Authority (Hampshire County Council) and the adjoining owners. The only response so far received is a telephone call from one adjoining owner who has supported the proposed action.

The possibility of a pedestrian opening in the barrier which separates Mount View Road from the private road known as Seldon Close and a pedestrian route along Seldon Close was considered again and it was proposed that an approach be made to the residents of Seldon Close to ascertain their views on this matter.

## **8. 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH**

Details of the final outcome of the events and activities which took place to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish were not available as Mr Pyke and Mrs Cope (members of the organising committee) were unable to be at the meeting. Information is awaited from the organising committee and it is hoped this will be available at the next Parish Council meeting.

## **9. IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

The Chairman referred to the possibility of better community facilities for the parish and in discussion it was generally acknowledged in principle that improved community facilities were required. A new up to date community hall with modern facilities would be welcome, but it was thought that the most suitable location would be the site where St. Marks Church Hall currently stands and that an assessment of the likely life span of the current building should be made. It is believed that the Church may be open to suggestions and it is understood that the Parochial Church Council are willing to consider this matter. It was agreed that the possibility of improved facilities should be pursued and enquiries are to be made with Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils and Community Action Hampshire about any advice and funding which may be available.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

In respect of a letter from Hampshire County Council about the annual meeting of Parish Public Transport Representatives on the 18<sup>th</sup> November it was noted that the Representative for this parish, Mrs Pam Vandersteen, was not available on such date and it was arranged that Mrs Banister would endeavour to attend this meeting.

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester City Council about the Winchester Annual Housing Forum on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Letter from Winchester City Council being a consultation in connection with the City Council's Corporate Strategy 2007/2012.

Letter from Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service in respect of their Disability Equality Scheme.

Letter from Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service in connection with their Integrated Risk Management Plan

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Hampshire Playing Fields Association on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006

e-mail from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils as to the appointment of an independent Health & Safety Advisor.

Letter from the Countryside Alliance in respect of the importance of local post offices.

## **11. REPORT – CITY COUNCILLOR**

In his written report City Councillor David Spender mentioned the resignation of Barry Lipscomb from the post of Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport on Winchester City Council and that the new Portfolio Holder is Councillor Wood. Reference was also made to the position relating to the required Traffic Management Order for the unmade lower part of Compton Way

## **12. OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

Mrs Goodwin stated that she was progressing enquiries about a possible ornamental sign for the parish and that she hoped to be able to report on this matter at the meeting of the Parish Council in January next.

It was noted that Mrs Cope had indicated that she would attend a Workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 in respect of a White Paper issued by the Government and dealing with Local Government.

The Chairman mentioned the need to keep under review the situation in respect of hedges and shrubs overhanging pavements.