

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 December 2006. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

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

An apology was received from Mrs Cope.

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 7th November 2006 were confirmed and signed as correct.

4. PLANNING

The following were noted:

Letter from the Head of Planning Control at Winchester City Council confirming that matters of non compliance with conditions imposed on a planning permission and whether to take enforcement action can be dealt with by Officers of the City Council under delegated powers.

Letter from the Head of Planning Control at Winchester City Council with regard to the proposed visit of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation (City Councillor Keith Wood) to Parish Councils.

In connection with an e-mail from the Head of Strategic Planning at Winchester City Council in respect of the programme for the proposed Oliver's Battery Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement the Chairman has confirmed that it is still intended to proceed with this matter and that an up to date draft of the Statement will be prepared in the near future.

With regard to planning applications for development on adjoining parishes immediately adjacent to the parish of Oliver's Battery the Planning Authority are to be asked that notification of the applications be given to residents in the adjacent part of Oliver's Battery parish.

The following planning decisions were noted:

82 Olivers Battery Road South	A four bedroom and a two bedroom dwellings to the rear	Permission Granted subject to conditions
61 Old Kennels Lane	Side extension with accommodation in roof space loft conversion and alterations	Permission Granted
12 Treble Close	Single storey side and front extension	Permission Granted
2A Priors Way	Two storey side extension etc	Permission Granted

In respect of the development at 82 Olivers Battery Road South a letter is to be sent to the Police requesting them to ensure that contractor's vehicles are not parked in the road and this letter is to be copied to the Highways Authority and the Planning Authority.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Mandate form required by the National Westminster Bank for Mrs Banister to be an authorised signatory on the Council's Bank Accounts was signed ready for submission to the Bank.

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

Serco Limited	Gang mowing of recreation ground	£751 – 27
Corrays Countryside Services	Treatment of Japanese Knotweed on footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course	£42 – 00 *

* Section 137 payment

A request by Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association for a grant to assist with the cost of the annual bonfire and fireworks display was considered.. After discussion it was agreed that it would not be appropriate for the Parish Council to make a grant for such purpose this year having regard to the current financial position of the Community Association and the cost of reinstatement which has been undertaken by the Parish Council over the present and past years.

In connection with an application for a grant from Oliver's Battery Primary School to help with the purchase of play and storage equipment the school are to be asked for more information about the estimated cost of the equipment and the likely timetable for the purchase to enable this application to receive further consideration. Subject to satisfactory further details being provided it was resolved that a grant of an amount to be agreed up to the maximum of £500 be made to the school.

Having regard to grants requested in past years by Oliver's Battery Preschool Play Group and The Battery Club such organisations are to be advised that the Parish Council is in the course of considering grants for the present financial year and asked to submit any requests for grants in writing with details of the purpose for which grant funding is being requested.

A request for a grant by the Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau was considered and as the last grant made to the Bureau was in April 2006 it was resolved to make a grant of £250 to the Bureau in April 2007 at the beginning of the 2007/2008 financial year.

6. RECREATION GROUND

Mr Stride reported that on behalf of the Parish Council he had obtained a quotation from a plumber for the supply and installation of a new type of tap for the water supply to the recreation ground which would ensure that there is no waste of water and deter unauthorised use of the water supply. The quotation is £111 – 50 plus VAT and it was agreed that this be accepted and that the plumber be asked to supply and fit the new tap.

In connection with improvements/additional facilities at the recreation ground Mrs Goodwin mentioned that she had been in touch with a Mr Simon White of Playgrounds UK Ltd and Mr White had offered to prepare a proposal for a teenage area.

The litter bin at the entrance to the recreation ground has been destroyed by vandals and it was agreed that a new bin should be obtained.

Mrs Goodwin mentioned that a dung heap on adjacent land was affecting a chain link fence on the boundary of the Conservation Area and that the owner of horses on the adjoining land had attached some wooden panels to the chain link fence. The Chairman undertook to take this matter up with the owners/occupiers of the adjacent land.

Mrs Goodwin also referred to part of the recreation ground and the adjoining Conservation Area being affected and damaged by rabbits and on a majority vote it was resolved that Mrs Goodwin should contact an appropriate person to take steps to eradicate and control the rabbits subject to a suitable licence to be granted to such person by the Parish Council.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

With regard to the proposed treatment to eradicate Japanese Knotweed along the edge of part of the public footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course Mr Hugh Corry (Consultant to Oliver's Battery Countryside Group) has indicated that in view of the mild weather the treatment could start this year and the first stage of the treatment was carried out on the 13th November.

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) a letter has been sent to Winchester City Council asking them to expedite this matter and a reply is awaited.

Mrs Goodwin mentioned that fallen leaves on the surface of the footpath adjacent to Oliver's Battery Primary School leading from Austen Avenue to the footbridge over Badger Farm Road were a dangerous nuisance and needed to be cleared.

8. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

Mr Pyke referred to the successful events and activities which had been held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parish and stated that after discharging all liabilities the Organising Committee were holding a balance in hand of £1021-38. The Organising Committee are about to hold a meeting to formulate a proposal as to how the funds held should be applied for the benefit of the parish and it is hoped that this proposal will be available for consideration by the Parish Council in January next. The Organising Committee is of the view that another Barn Dance should be held in 2007.

9. IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Chairman reported that he had made contact with Mr Peter Thompson, Village/Community Hall Advisor at Community Action Hampshire and it was agreed that a meeting with Mr Thompson and representatives of the Church should be held to explore this matter further. The Chairman will make arrangements for this meeting

10. CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a Newsletter from Winchester City Council including an invitation for Parish Councils to attend a Budget Meeting on the 9th January 2007 it was arranged that the Chairman would attend this meeting.

The following were noted:

Letter from Pam Vandersteen (Parish Public Transport Representative) with details of a meeting at Hampshire County Council relating to Passenger Transport Review.

E-mail from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils with regard to Section 137 limit for 2007/2008 and in respect of Parish Meetings.

Letter from BAA Southampton with a summary booklet relating to Southampton Airport Master Plan.

Letter from Hampshire County Council with South Winchester Park & Ride update Newsletter.

11. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her written report (copy filed with these minutes) County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to a Workshop being held by the County Council on the 7th December in connection with the proposed South Winchester Park & Ride Scheme and which will be attended by the Chairman and Mrs Cope. The report also mentions the number 5 bus service, sustainability/global warming, Winchester library, the reduction in landfill waste and Hampshire Action Teams.

In his written report (copy filed with these minutes) City Councillor Brian Collin mentioned action being taken in connection with the improvement of the service road from Compton Way to the rear of the shops, the Barker report on planning, plans to reorganise police delivery, licensing laws, alternate bin collection system, City Council's budget, and the alcohol exclusion zone.

City Councillor David Spender stated that he will be attending the meeting of the City Council's Planning Committee at which the planning application by Sainsbury's Supermarkets Limited for an externally illuminated totem sign at the roundabout on Badger Road will be considered. In connection with the recent survey of street signs an Officer of the City Council is about to make an inspection. David also indicated that he was exploring the position in respect of the profusion of developers signs on roads.