

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 2nd January 2007. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

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

One member of the public (Mr Christopher Perry)

Apologies were received from City Councillor David Spender and PC Joe Zubaidi (Hampshire Constabulary)

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Perry stated that it appeared to him and his mother that some members of the parish who may have wished to be involved had not been consulted in connection with the events and activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parish in 2006. In reply the Chairman and Mr Pyke both explained the extensive consultations with, and requests for assistance from ,local organisations and local residents which had taken place in advance of the celebrations. The considerable publicity given to all households in the parish was also mentioned.

Mr Perry also referred to concern about some rat infestation in the Old Kennels Lane area, the deteriorating condition of the surface of Old Kennels Lane caused by large heavy vehicles, the non active bus indicator system and in his view a diminishing bus service. The Chairman stated that the matters mentioned would be considered and where appropriate the relevant Authorities involved.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

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

Improved Community Facilities

In respect of this matter the Chairman mentioned that he was in the course of arranging a meeting with Mr Peter Thompson (Village/Community Hall Advisor at Community Action Hampshire) and the Church and it was hoped that this meeting would take place later this month.

4. PLANNING

The recommendation of the Planning Panel not to make any comments with regard to a planning application (Case: 06/03458/FUL – W Ref: W22889) for a two storey side extension at 144 Olivers Battery Road South was confirmed.

It was resolved not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case No. 06/03499/FUL – W Ref: W19809/01) for a replacement three bedroom dwelling at 25 Sunnydown Road, but a letter is to be sent to the Planning Authority expressing concern about the process leading up to this application. It is also to be mentioned that there appears to have been a lack of liaison between the Building Control Department and the Planning Department at the City Council.

The following planning decisions were noted:

10 Plovers Down	First floor side extension etc	Permission Granted
Sainsbury's Superstore Badger Farm Road	External illuminated totem sign at roundabout Badger Farm Road	Permission granted subject to a reduction in the height of the sign and other conditions

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:

Serco Ltd	Replacement Litter/Rubbish bin at recreation ground	£75 – 49
Audit Commission	Audit fees for year ended 31/3/2006	£293 – 75
Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Fee for web-site training	£30 – 00
St. Lukes PCC	Hall fees July to December 2006	£90 – 00

In respect of the gang mowing of the recreation ground in 2007 a quotation received from Serco Limited for 14 visits at £47-30 plus VAT per visit was considered. In view of the previous satisfactory service by such Company and as the quotation was only very slightly above the 2006 charge it was resolved that for the purpose of this service Financial Regulations be varied to permit one quotation and that the quotation from Serco Limited be accepted.

A letter from the Vice-Chairperson of the Battery Club giving further details of the activities of the Club and requesting a grant was considered and on the basis that the Club is mainly for the benefit of the residents of the parish it was agreed to make a grant of £250 to the Club.

The payment to be made to Mr P. C. Bugg for his maintenance services in the year 2007/2008 was reviewed and it was agreed that the payment should be at the rate of £8 per hour plus an equipment allowance of £6 per week

With regard to the Clerk's salary it was resolved that for the financial year 2007/2008 this should be £3600.

The projected/estimated income and expenditure accounts for the current year and a list of unavoidable expenditure for 2007/2008 were considered together with amounts to be budgeted for under the Community Strategy as previously agreed. After discussion and having regard to the rate of inflation it was on a majority vote resolved to fix the precept for the year 2007/2008 at £23,300.

6. RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that the required replacement litter/rubbish bin has been installed at the recreation ground and Mr Stride stated that the new tap for the water supply was expected to be fitted within the next two weeks.

In connection with improvements/ additional facilities at the recreation ground the Chairman and Mr Stride are to review the situation and hope make a report to the Council in the near future. In case it will assist in this respect City Councillor Brian Collin offered to put the Chairman in contact with the Sports Development Officer at the City Council.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

With regard to the proposed application for a Traffic Management Order prohibiting vehicles from using the unmade lower section of Compton Way (which is subject to bridleway 9) the Chairman and the Clerk have had a meeting with a representative of Winchester City Council to discuss this matter. As a result the City Council have explored the situation further and having regard to the bridleway status the City Council feel that a Traffic Management Order may not be necessary. The City Council now propose that at their expense signs should be erected at each end of the section of Compton Way concerned stating that motor vehicles are prohibited except for access only. The City Council will write to adjoining owners giving them notice of what is proposed, but the Rights of Way Authority (Hampshire County Council) have stated that for health and safety reasons bollards should not be erected at each end of the section of the road concerned. In discussion of this matter concern was expressed about the types of signs, the indication that bollards were not appropriate and what surfacing could be provided to make the section of road concerned user friendly for wheelchairs and persons

with pushchairs and prams. Further information is to be sought from the City Council and Hampshire County Council.

8. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

Mr Pyke referred to the celebrations which took place between July and September 2006 and the funds in hand held by the Organising Committee. Unfortunately there has been no response to the request in the Community News asking local residents to put forward ideas as to how the funds should be applied for the benefit of the parish. The Organising Committee are considering various options and it is hoped that it will be possible to report proposals at the meeting of the Parish Council in February.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Two notifications from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils in connection with Personal Development Seminars for Parish Councillors.

Letter from Hampshire Constabulary with regard to the numbers of Police Community Support Officers and the Partnership Parish Forum on the 29th January 2007 at 7-30pm at Littleton Memorial Hall

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of School Places Plan 2006

Letter from Hampshire County Council with regard to the proposed Winchester Southern Park & Ride Scheme.

e-mail by _Parish Public Transport Representative (Mrs Pam Vandersteen) to Hampshire County Council in respect of a Public Transport Review.

Newsletters from Community Action Hampshire and Winchester Area Community Action.

10. REPORTS – COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLOR

In her report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey stated that a recent workshop in connection with the proposed Winchester Southern Park & Ride Scheme run by the County Council and attended by local representatives had been useful and points raised were being considered by the County Council. Councillor Bailey also mentioned a meeting with County Council Officers in respect of local bus services and the County Council School Places Plan 2006.

City Councillor Brian Collin referred to the possibility of traffic improvements at Bushfield Roundabout in conjunction with the proposed Winchester Southern Park & Ride Scheme and he also mentioned his involvement in meetings with regard to local bus services.