

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 6th February 2007. 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 , City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender and Sergeant Hibberd (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for parts 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 2nd January 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Alleged rat infestation Old Kennels Lane/Port Lane

In respect of this matter which was mentioned by a member of the public at the January meeting it was noted that at the request of City Councillor Brian Collin the Environmental Health Officer at Winchester City Council has made an inspection and has arranged appropriate treatment.

Alleged poor condition of surface of Old Kennels Lane

In connection with this matter which was also raised by a member of the public at the January meeting it was noted that the Highway Authority had been asked to check the condition of the road. In reply the Highway Authority has stated that an inspection has been made and as far as they are able to trace there has not been any deterioration in the condition of the surface of the road. Arrangements have been made for the replacement of a broken gully frame and cover near 82 Old Kennels Lane

Bus Services

With regard to bus services serving the parish mentioned at the January meeting it was noted that the services are being kept under review by the Parish Public Transport Representative (Mrs Pam Vandersteen) and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey.

4. PLANNING

With regard to the weekly lists of Planning Applications Received and Determined issued by Winchester City Council which have up to the present been sent by post the City Council have stated that for a trial period of up to one year from the 9th February 2007 such lists will be sent by e-mail.

An Assessment of the Need for Local Reserve Sites for housing in connection with the Winchester District Local Plan Review published by Winchester City Council was noted.

In respect of a Briefing Note issued by Winchester City Council entitled “ A Sustainable Winchester District” in connection with the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and meetings to be held about this subject it was arranged that Mrs Banister would endeavour to attend one of the meetings.

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that no comments be made in respect of a planning application (Case No. 06/03564/FUL – W Ref: W20434) for the erection of a conservatory at the rear of 6 Treble Close was confirmed.

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

55 Old Kennels Lane Case No. 07/00117/FUL W Ref: W03141/04	Extension of car port
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7 Shepherds Close Case No. 07/00093/FUL W Ref: W20468	Single storey front extension
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2 Lake Drive Case No. 06/03723/FUL W Ref: W11616/03	Two storey side extension
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The following planning decisions were noted:

144 Olivers Battery Road South	Two storey side extension	Permission Granted subject to conditions
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25 Sunnydown Road

Replacement three
bedroom dwelling

Permission Granted
subject to conditions

It was agreed that in respect of lists, drawings and other items relating to planning applications such items to be discarded and destroyed after one year.

With regard to the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish the Chairman stated that Winchester City Council have made some comments in connection with the first draft of the Statement. A second draft of the Statement has been prepared and this is now being circulated for consideration by Parish Councillors and the local residents involved.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

The Battery Club	Grant	£250 – 00 *
Central Books	Book “Planning Simplified for Parish Councils”.	£ 24 – 00
Winchester City Council	Servicing Dog Waste Bins 1/10/2006 to 31/12/2006	£ 80 – 60
G. C. H. Sharman	Chairman’s Allowance 2006/2007	£100 – 00

* Section 137 payment.

Further correspondence and information from Olivers Battery Primary School in connection with their application for a grant was considered. It was resolved that a grant £500 be made to the school to be utilised for the provision of a shed for the storage of play equipment. The school are to be asked to put a plaque on the shed indicating that it has been provided by funds made available by the Parish Council.

6. RECREATION GROUND

In respect of proposed improvements/ additional facilities at the recreation ground the Chairman reported on a meeting on the site with Stuart Dunbar Dempsey (open Space Officer at Winchester City Council) and attended by the Chairman, Mr Stride and the Clerk. In principle Mr Dunbar Dempsey thought that the creation of a hard surfaced multi use games area would be appropriate and he confirmed that the money in the Open Space Fund held by the City Council for the benefit of the parish (currently £14952-61) could be used towards the cost of this type of project. The rural setting would need to be taken into account and there would probably be a need for additional landscaping/planting. Mr

Dunbar Dempsey also recommended that the services of a landscape architect should be sought in connection with such a project and during the discussion of this matter it was resolved that subject to a fee of not more than £1000 the advice of a landscape architect should be obtained.

The Chairman also referred to the receipt of a scheme from Playgrounds (UK) Limited for the provision of an additional play area and equipment at the recreation ground and this is to be kept in mind during the further consideration of improvements/ additional facilities at the recreation ground.

Mrs Goodwin reported that action was now being taken to control rabbits on part of the recreation ground and the adjoining Conservation Area.

As regards the dung heap on adjacent land which is still affecting the chain link fencing on the boundary of the Conservation Area the Chairman undertook to take this matter up again with the owners/occupiers of the adjacent land.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

With regard to the proposal to prohibit vehicles from using the unmade lower part of Compton Way a further meeting has been held with representatives from Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council. As a result and having regard to the bridleway status it was agreed that subject to any comments from adjoining owners the proposal previously made by the City Council for signs at each end precluding the use by vehicles and motorcycles should proceed. The City Council has written to the adjoining owners stating what is proposed and requesting any comments by the 16th February. At the next meeting of the Council consideration is to be given as to the type of surfacing and other work to be carried out by the Parish Council.

8. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

In connection with the events which took place between July and September 2006 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the parish Mr Pyke stated that the Organising Committee had given further consideration as to how the funds in hand should be utilised for the benefit of the parish. The Organising Committee proposed that the funds be used to provide an oak Community Notice Board to be donated by the Committee to the Parish Council and subject to agreement by the Church Authorities to be sited on the frontage of the site of St Marks Church Hall with Olivers Battery Road South. This proposal was agreed in principle, but members of the Council were asked to consider the idea and to give any comments to Mr Pyke prior to the March meeting of the Council so that a final decision could be made at such meeting.

9 ORNAMENTAL PARISH SIGN

Mrs Goodwin referred to a folder which she had prepared containing details and examples of ornamental parish signs and which had been circulated for consideration by Parish Councillors. It was thought that the most appropriate site for such a sign would be on the frontage of the Olivers Battery Open Space at the corner of Olivers Battery Road South with Downlands Road and it was agreed that Mrs Goodwin would make a summary of the types of signs available and comments made and put forward a proposal for discussion at the next meeting.

10. IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Chairman reported on a meeting held in January with Peter Thompson (Village/Community Hall Advisor at Community Action Hampshire) and attended by representatives from the Church and the Parish Council. The condition and facilities of the existing Church Hall were reviewed and the possibility of providing a new hall with modern facilities was discussed. Peter Thompson indicated possible sources of funding, but there would also be a need for the involvement of local residents and for them to raise or provide some funds. An article about this matter is to be included in the next issue of the Community News and this will ask local residents to indicate whether they would like to have improved community facilities and whether in principle they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost. A postcard to enable residents to reply is to be provided.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Hampshire County Council inviting a representative of the Council to attend a meeting on the 13th February with regard to the recently formed Hampshire Action Team which is intended to help to ensure the effective delivery of the County Council services. Any members wishing to attend are to advise the Clerk.

The following were noted:

Letter from Thornfield Properties Limited about revisions to the scheme relating to the proposed Silver Hill Renaissance and the display of a model in this respect.

Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils in respect of setting local speed limits

Notification from Hampshire County Council about a Conference relating to Improving Accessibility in Hampshire.

Newsletter from Community Action Hampshire.

12. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to the likely submission of a planning application for the Winchester Southern Park and Ride Scheme in March or

April next. The report also mentioned a meeting with County Council Officers about bus services for Oliver's Battery, Hampshire Action Teams, new signs for restricted byways and bridleways and the County Council budget.

In his report City Councillor Brian Collin stated that he was taking steps to re-invigorate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the parish and he referred to various road defects which had been reported to the Highway Authority for attention..

City Councillor David Spender reported that replacement street signs for some of the streets in the parish should be installed soon and he also mentioned a new Winchester Town Access Plan being prepared by the City Council and the likely increase in some parking charges in Winchester.

13. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Neil Blake a Hampshire County Council Community Safety Officer who had indicated that patrols by Community Safety Officers were likely to start in February.

It was noted that St. Marks Church Hall was not available for the usual monthly meeting on the 3rd April and that it had been arranged that the April meeting of the Parish Council will now take place on the 10th April.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was fixed as the 1st May 2007 with the May monthly meeting of the Parish Council to take place on the 8th May.

Sergeant Hibberd (Hampshire Constabulary) stated that there were very few reported incidents in the parish and he gave brief details of the structure of the police in the Winchester area. He also mentioned the operation of Police Community Safety Officers in the area.