

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 March 2007. 7-30pm to 10-00pm

1. PRESENT

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

One member of the public (Mr Alan Hill)
Mr Craig Thompson (Landscape Architect)

Apologies were received from Mrs Cope; Mr Pyke; Mr Stride and City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender.

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 6th February 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Annual Parish Meeting 1st May 2007

The Clerk stated that it had been arranged the speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 1st May 2007 would be an Officer from Hampshire County Council Community Safety Service and a Police Community Safety Officer from Hampshire Constabulary.

4. PLANNING

It was reported that an appeal has been lodged by Mr & Mrs Knight against the refusal of planning permission by Winchester City Council for a detached bungalow at the rear of 8 Momford Road. In connection with this appeal it was decided that the Parish Council would make representations to the Planning Inspectorate in a similar manner to the comments made to the City Council when the planning application was considered by them.

In connection with the proposed Village/Neighbourhood Design Statement for the parish the Chairman stated that a third draft of the Statement has now been prepared and has been circulated to all members of the Working Party involved with this project for consideration. This third draft of the Statement is now to be discussed at a meeting of the

Working Party which is intended to be held at 7-30pm on Tuesday 3rd April at 12 Olivers Battery Gardens.

A planning application (Case:07/00088/FUL – W Ref: W05834/02) for a two storey side extension at 142 Olivers Battery Road South was considered and it was decided not to make any comments on this application.

With regard to a planning application (Case: 07/00273/LDC – W Ref: WLDC/392/01) for a Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of an area of land at South View Park Homes used for the repair and refurbishment of mobile homes it was decided to submit comments on this application to the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority are to be advised that the Parish Council is not persuaded/convinced by the information submitted in support of the application and that the Parish Council is concerned that there shall be no increase in the trade or business on the site by way of repairs or retail activities.

The following planning decisions were noted:

2 Lake Drive	Two storey side extension	Permission Granted
6 Treble Close	Conservatory to the rear	Permission Granted

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council with Newsletter in respect of Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework and consultation on sites.
Letter from South East England Regional Authority (South East England Housing Board) relating to a consultation on the revision of the Regional Housing Strategy
Letter from Winchester City Council in respect of a consultation on the development of an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document.

Mrs Goodwin distributed a written report in respect of a seminar which she had attended in respect of “Understanding Parish Plans”.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £1000-00 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

Olivers Battery Primary School	Grant	£500-00
B.A. Quartly	Clerk’s expenses 1/3/2006 to 28/2/2007	£392-87

6. RECREATION GROUND

In connection with proposed improvements/additional facilities at the recreation ground the Chairman introduced Mr Craig Thompson, a Landscape Architect who was willing to assist and advise on this matter. It was acknowledged that there was a need to consider the layout / arrangement of facilities for the whole of the recreation ground and it was arranged that a Working Party consisting of the Chairman, Mr Stride and Mr Pyke would meet with Mr Thompson at 6pm on the 17th April at the recreation ground to discuss this matter and thereafter to put forward proposals for improvements/additional facilities.

In connection with the dung heap on adjacent land which is affecting the chain link fencing on the boundary of the Conservation Area the Chairman mentioned that he was still endeavouring to contact the owners/occupiers of the adjacent land.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The Chairman declared a personal interest in this matter as his home was at Olivers Battery Gardens being a road which is accessed from the part of Compton Way the subject of this item. The discussion on this matter was conducted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr Morris.

With regard to the proposal to erect signs prohibiting vehicles and motorcycles from using the unmade lower part of Compton Way, Winchester City Council have advised the adjoining owners/occupiers of the proposal and they have made some comments. The main points raised are in respect of changes required in respect of access to and the addresses of the properties currently known as 47 and 49 Compton Way and as to the standard of surface and upkeep of the section of road in front of such properties. Mr Alan Hill from 47 Compton Way mentioned some difficulties which have been experienced. In discussion a suggestion as to the possibility of assigning new addresses in Priors Way to the two properties currently known as 47 and 49 Compton Way was made and the need for more information as to the likely cost of the surfacing work which would be necessary was mentioned. It was decided to make enquiries as to the procedure which would be required to change the addresses of the properties and to obtain estimates for the surfacing work so that this matter could be considered further.

Mrs Goodwin referred to public footpath Number 7 being overgrown resulting in a restricted width and it is to be arranged for Mrs Goodwin to meet the Rights of Way Officer from Hampshire County Council on the site to discuss this matter.

8. 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

In connection with a proposal as to how the funds in hand should be utilised for the benefit of the parish it was not possible to deal with this item as Mr Pyke was not available and a meeting of the Organising Committee was awaited.

9. ORNAMENTAL PARISH SIGN

In respect of a proposed ornamental parish sign members confirmed their support for this project subject to details being agreed and Mrs Goodwin was thanked for the research which she has carried out in connection with this matter. The location of the sign, design and materials were briefly discussed and Mrs Goodwin is to arrange an informal meeting with members to consider details with a view to formulating a definite proposal for formal consideration by the Parish Council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

With regard to a letter from Winchester City Council seeking nominations for persons to serve as parish representatives on the City Council Standards Committee, Mrs Banister expressed an interest and it was decided to nominate her for a position on the Standards Committee.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire Constabulary in respect of meetings of the Parish Partnership Forum.

Letter from Mrs Pam Vandersteen (Parish Public Transport Representative) with regard to the Winchester Passenger Transport Area Review.

Letter from the Vice-Chairperson of the Battery Club thanking the Parish Council for the grant made to the club.

11. REPORT – CITY COUNCILLOR

In a written report City Councillor David Spender stated that replacement street nameplates, as prioritised by the Parish Council have been erected. He also gave details of the City Council's budget, council tax implications and changes in parking charges.

12. OTHER MATTERS

Mr Morris referred to the muddy condition of Port Lane and the condition of this road is to be reported to the Highway Authority for attention.

The Chairman mentioned a draft of a proposed new Model Code of Conduct and it was arranged for this document to be circulated for the information of Parish Councillors.