

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Olivers Battery on the 8th May 2007. 7-30pm to 10 – 00pm

1. PRESENT

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

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Banister, Mrs Cope, Mr Pyke, County Councillor Charlotte Bailey and City Councillor Brian Collin.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Geoff Sharman was elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and he signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak or make a statement under this item.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Olivers Battery Open Space (Ancient Monument Site)

Following the decision at the last meeting to request that the grass cutting of the Open Space be carried out in 2007 in the same manner as in 2006 this has now been arranged with Hampshire County Council on the basis that the Parish Council will make a contribution of £600 towards the cost.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Vice- Chairman Mr Terry Morris was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year

(b) Planning Representatives Mrs Norma Goodwin, Mrs Lynda Banister and Mr Terry Morris were appointed as Planning Representatives for the coming year.

(c) Recreation Ground Representatives Mr Geoff Sharman, Mr Mark Pyke and Mr Colin Stride were appointed as Recreation Ground Representatives for coming year.

(d) Footpaths Representative Mrs Norma Goodwin was appointed as Footpaths Representative for the coming year

(e) Representative on Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association Mr Geoff Sharman was appointed as the representative of the Parish Council on the Community Association.

6. NEW LOCAL AUTHORITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

It was reported that a new Code of Conduct for Local Authorities (including Parish Councils) came into effect on the 3rd May 2007. The new Code of Conduct is set out in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (Statutory Instrument 2007 No.1159). Paragraph 12(2) of the new Code (dealing with persons having a prejudicial interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence) is not mandatory for Parish Councils. Following discussion it was resolved that the new Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2) be adopted by the Parish Council. Copies of the new Code of Conduct have been given to all Parish Councillors.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

At the Annual Parish Meeting on the 1st May 2007 a local resident expressed concern about the condition of a footpath on the Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) and it was agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Hampshire County Council Site Manager to discuss this matter.

8. PLANNING

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case No. 07/00819/FUL – W20247/02) for the demolition of the existing garage to be replaced with a two storey extension and a conservatory at the rear at 2A Priors Way.

It was noted that planning permission has been granted for a two storey side and rear extension at 98 Olivers Battery Road South.

It was also noted that a planning application has been submitted for the proposed South Winchester Park & Ride facility.

9. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported that the precept of £23,300 for the current financial year has been received and the transfer of £21,000 from the Current Account to the Reserve Account was agreed.

The following payments were authorised:

Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils	Book "Parish Councillors Guide"	£13 – 50
B. A. Quartly	Photocopying for Annual Parish Meeting	£27 – 30
G. Sharman	Portable goalposts for Recreation Ground	£297 – 00
P. C. Bugg	April Recreation Ground maintenance	£149 – 47

It was agreed that the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2007 (which had been copied to members and produced at the Annual Parish Meeting) be adopted.

The Council's insurance policy with Allianz Cornhill is due for renewal at the beginning of June, but it was noted that an alternative quotation for insurance is likely to be forthcoming from Norwich Union who are quoting for insurance for the parish councils in Hampshire. An excess of £250 which would apply to insurance by Norwich Union was considered to be acceptable provided other insurance details offered by them are similar to the cover under the existing policy. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman be authorised to review the insurance arrangements and to arrange insurance cover in accordance with the Council's requirements for the year from the 1st June next.

10. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY / FOOTPATHS / BRIDLEWAYS

With regard to the proposal to improve the surface of a section of the unmade lower part of Compton Way (a bridleway) to make it more user friendly for people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs (in conjunction with notices prohibiting the use by vehicles and motorcycles except for access) professional technical advice has now been obtained in connection with the two quotations for the surfacing work. This advice recommended the work as in the quotation by R & D Surfacing Contractors Limited and in view of this and the previous experience of work carried out by this Company it was resolved that the quotation by R & D Surfacing Contractors Limited in the sum of £3530 plus VAT be accepted. Arrangements are to be made for Hampshire County Council to issue an Order for the temporary closure of the bridleway for the period of the surfacing work and for Winchester City Council to erect the Notices prohibiting the use of this section of Compton Way by vehicles and motorcycles except for access. The Chairman will also be

writing a letter to the owners of adjacent properties informing them of the arrangements being made in connection with this matter.

It has been noted that Japanese knotweed is growing again on the footpath leading from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course and Mr Hugh Corry is to be asked to carry out treatment to eradicate the knotweed.

11. RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman reported on a meeting by Parish Councillors with Mr Craig Thomson, a Landscape Architect, at the recreation ground to discuss proposed improvements and additional facilities. Mr Thomson had advised that to plan for improvements/additional facilities a topographical survey of the recreation ground would be required and he has now provided three quotations from Companies willing to carry out such a survey. It was agreed that the quotation from BB Consulting Limited in the sum of £400 plus VAT be accepted subject to Mr Thomson confirming that this included everything to meet the Council's requirements and to this quotation being provided on Company headed notepaper in place of the e-mail quotation.

The portable goalposts agreed at the last meeting have been obtained and installed at the recreation ground.

Although Mr Stride had previously indicated that the new tap for the water supply was about to be fitted this still remains to be done. It appears there may be a problem about the type of tap and the plumber involved and it was arranged that the Chairman would contact Mr Stride about this matter. If there is still a problem another plumber is to be engaged to provide and install the required new tap.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester City Council stating that Parish Councillor Mrs Lynda Banister has been appointed as a parish council representative on the City Council's Standards Committee.

Letter from Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for the grant made to the Bureau.

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of changes to some bus services.

Annual Report – Hampshire Countryside Access Forum

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

13. REPORT BY CITY COUNCILLOR

In a brief report City Councillor David Spender gave information about the state of the respective political parties on the City Council following recent elections.

