

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 June 2007. 7-30pm to 9-30pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor David Spender and Sergeant Colin Bulpett (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for parts of the meeting.

An apology was received from City Councillor Brian Collin.

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 8th May 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING **(Olivers Battery Ancient Monument Site / Open Space)**

With regard to the concern which had been expressed about the condition of a footpath on the Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) it was noted that a meeting had taken place with David Ball (Site Manager, Hampshire County Council) and it had been agreed that the County Council would carry out some clearance work with a view to making the footpath concerned more user friendly for the public.

5. PLANNING

In connection with the proposed Village Design Statement the Chairman stated that a fourth draft of the Statement has now been prepared and that this is now being distributed to members of the Working Party for consideration.

It was decided not to make any comments with regard to a planning application (Case: 07/00821/FUL – W Ref: W17822/01) in respect of a single storey rear extension at 4 Old Kennels Close

The following planning decisions were noted:

2 Olivers Battery Gardens	Single storey garden building	Permission Granted
101 Olivers Battery Road South	Remove conservatory and replace with single storey brick flat roof extension	Permission Granted

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester City Council in respect of a meeting of Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee on the 7th June.

Letter from Winchester City Council with regard to a consultation about a draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document.

6 FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

It was reported that the refund of VAT (£428-71) for the year 2006/2007 has been received.

As authorised at the last meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman have reviewed the Council's insurance arrangements having regard to the renewal details given by Allianz Cornhill and the quotation received for insurance offered by Norwich Union under a scheme being provided by such Company for Parish Councils in Hampshire. For similar insurance cover and with an excess acceptable to the Parish Council the Norwich Union premium is about £120 less than that offered by Allianz Cornhill and accordingly arrangements have been made the Council's insurance to be effected with Norwich Union as from the 1st June 2007.

The following payments were authorised:

Winchester City Council	Servicing dog waste bins 1/1/2007 to 31/3/2007	£80 – 60
BNL/Came & Company (Insurance Consultants)	Norwich Union Insurance Premium	£1013 – 39
P. C. Bugg	May recreation ground maintenance	£104 – 00

In accordance with The Accounts and Audit(Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 members reviewed the effectiveness of the Council's system of accounting records and

system of internal control and it was considered that the current arrangements were satisfactory. Following such review the Annual Governance Statement in Section 2 of the Annual Return Form for the audit of accounts for the year 2006/2007 was approved and signed.

A letter from Badger Farm Social Club (part of the Community Association) requesting a grant to assist with the cost of a proposed shelter for smokers at the Community Centre was considered. Although the Parish Council support the objectives of the Community Association it was decided that it would not be appropriate to make a grant for this particular project.

7. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

As agreed at the last meeting the quotation of R & D Surfacing Contractors Ltd for the required surfacing work on the unmade lower part of Compton Way (bridleway) has been accepted and the Company have indicated that it is hoped to carry out the work in the week starting Monday 11th June. Hampshire County Council are arranging for the temporary closure order in respect of the bridleway to facilitate the work and Winchester City Council will be erecting signs prohibiting the use of this section of Compton Way by vehicles and motorcycles except for access. The Chairman has written to the interested adjoining owners informing them of the work to be carried out and the signs to be erected and has dealt with a number of comments received. Arising from such comments some further minor work including an additional sleeping policeman and some white lines will be required and this extra work was approved.

A letter from Corrys Countryside Services containing information about the treatment being carried out to eradicate the Japanese knotweed on the public footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course was noted and it was agreed that the treatment should include the infestation in the garden of the adjacent property.

With regard to maintenance work intended to be carried out by Hampshire County Council on public footpath 7 the Chairman has written to adjoining owners informing them that it is hoped the work will take place in June and reminding them that garden rubbish should not be deposited on the route of this footpath.

8 RECREATION GROUND AND CONSERVATION AREA

In respect of the required topographical survey of the recreation ground BB Consulting carried out the survey on the site on the 30th May and the drawings should be available very shortly.

In connection with the new tap required for the water supply at the recreation ground the plumber concerned has been asked to install the tap as soon as possible. If this is not done by the date of the next meeting an alternative plumber is to be instructed.

With regard to the Conservation Area, Mrs Goodwin stated that an area has been seeded, a bench erected and a consultant is about to visit the site to identify grasses.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

E-mail from Winchester District Sport and Physical Activity Alliance about an event on the 25th June to prepare Winchester for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Winchester City Council Tourism Newsletter

Letter from BAA Southampton in respect of Southampton Airport's Community Stakeholder Conference on the 29th June.

10. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLOR

In her written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to comments being submitted in connection with the planning application for the South Winchester Park & Ride facility, the proposal to set up Safer Neighbourhood Panels and County Council Community Grants.

In his written report City Councillor David Spender mentioned that he would be serving on the City Council's Environment and Local Economy Scrutiny Panels for the forthcoming year. David also referred to a Special Advisory Panel being set up by the City Council in connection with waste collection and recycling.

11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

Sergeant Colin Bulpett (Hampshire Constabulary) gave a brief report on police matters including a reference to minor incidents in the parish in the last month.

The condition of the road at the corner of Olivers Battery Road South and Old Kennels Lane was mentioned and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey undertook to investigate this and to arrange for any appropriate action.

The need for repair/resurfacing of Olivers Battery Road South near the junction with Badger Farm Road was mentioned and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey indicated that this was likely to be done when the development at 82 Olivers Battery Road South was completed and that she would keep this under review.

Mrs Cope wondered whether it would be possible for some method to be found to secure the green garden waste bags when emptied to prevent them blowing away in windy weather.