

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 3rd July 2007. 7-30pm to 10-00pm

1. PRESENT

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

City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender and PC Emma Port (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for parts of the meeting.

One member of the public (Mr Tilling)

Apologies were received from Mrs Goodwin and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey.

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 5th June 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Olivers Battery Ancient Monument Site (Open Space)

With regard to the condition of a footpath on this site and which had been mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting it was noted that Hampshire County Council have carried out some clearance work with a view to making the footpath more friendly user for the public.

4. PLANNING

The action of the Planning Panel in submitting an objection against a planning application (Case No. 07/01265/FUL) for the removal of Condition 2 of planning permission W03548/42 (restricted use of holiday accommodation) in respect of The Green, South Winchester Golf Club, Romsey Road, Winchester was confirmed.

It was decided that no comments be made in respect of a planning application (Case No. 07/01285/FUL – W20678) for a single storey front extension and a car port at the side at 52 Old Kennels Lane.

In connection with a planning application (Case No. 07/01162/FUL – W13172/01) for a two storey rear extension, roof alterations and decking at the rear at 27 Sunnydown Road

it was agreed that a comment be made about windows in the proposed development overlooking an adjoining property.

In respect of a planning application (Case No.07/01505/FUL – W06033/01) for a single storey front extension at 4 Treble Close it was decided not to make any comments with regard to this proposed development. However, as the drawings also indicated an intention to carry out an extension to the kitchen under permitted development rights, and as it was thought that such rights may have been removed in the Treble Close area, the Planning Authority is to be asked to check the position in this respect.

It was noted that planning permission has been granted for the demolition of the existing garage and replacement with a two storey extension and a conservatory at the rear at 2A Priors Way.

With regard to the proposed Village Design Statement, comments on the fourth draft have been received from Winchester City Council and distributed to members of the Working Party. The Chairman asked members to consider such comments and to let him have their views thereon. The Chairman also mentioned the arrangements being made for the various maps to be included in the Village Design Statement and that the next step would be to produce a draft of the document for the consultation stage which is proposed for early autumn this year.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS.

The transfer of £5500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

R & D Surfacing Contractors Ltd	Surfacing of bridleway (Lower Compton Way)	£4147 – 75
St. Lukes PCC	Hall fees January to June	£ 128 – 28
Winchester & District Association of Parish Councils	Levy for 2007/2008	£ 20 – 00
Southern Water	Water charges	£ 27 – 68
Playsafety Limited	Fee for annual safety Inspection of play area	£ 74 – 03
Solent Road Markings (Southern) Ltd	White lines and other markings on bridleway	£264 – 38
BB Consulting Ltd	Topographical survey of Recreation Ground	£ 470 – 00

6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS / BRIDLEWAYS

In connection with the bridleway being the lower part of Compton Way the Chairman reported that the required surfacing work and the associated white lines and other markings on the surface has been carried out and completed. Signs prohibiting the use by motorcycles and vehicles have also been erected, but an additional sign at the top end stating “except for access” remains to be erected. The Chairman has dealt with some further comments received in connection with this matter and it was agreed that the manner in which this section of the bridleway is used should be monitored and kept under review.

It was noted that Hampshire County Council have now carried out some clearance work along the route of public footpath 7 and on the public footpath leading from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course.

The Chairman mentioned that a growth of Japanese knotweed had now been found at 32 Old Kennels Lane and it was agreed that Corrys Countryside Services be asked to deal with this at the same time as treating the Japanese knotweed on the footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course.

7. RECREATION GROUND

The annual ROSPA Safety Report in respect of the children’s play area was considered. Mr Morris drew attention to the Report recommendation that the play area be enclosed and Mrs Banister referred to the need for regular inspections of the play area. It was agreed that the Recreation Ground Panel (The Chairman, Mr Pyke and Mr Stride) should meet at the recreation ground to inspect the various matters suggested for attention in the Report and thereafter report back to the Council with views on such matters and with recommendations as to action to be taken.

With regard to improvements and additional facilities at the recreation ground the drawings in respect of a topographical survey of the ground have now been received. The Chairman is now to draw up a brief indicating suggested improvements/additional facilities for approval by Councillors. Thereafter the approved brief is to be referred to a Landscape Architect, Mr Craig Thomson, for his views and an indication of his fees for drawing up a scheme for the improvements/additional facilities. City Councillor Brian Collin stated that he would arrange for Winchester City Council’s Sports Development Officer to offer assistance with the preparation of a scheme for improvements/additional facilities.

Mr Tilling mentioned the need for a water supply to nearby fields and as the nearest main supply is that serving the tap just inside the entrance to the recreation ground he was seeking permission to connect into such main supply. According to Mr Tilling the Water

Company would not have any objection to such an arrangement. On the basis that the water supply to serve the fields would have a separate meter whereby the Water Company charged for the water used members thought that in principle an arrangement could be made subject to the terms and conditions being agreed. Mr Tilling was asked to provide a letter containing details of the proposal with a drawing showing the route of the proposed pipes for the connection so that this matter could be considered further.

In respect with the proposal for a new tap for the water supply serving the recreation ground it was noted that the current water charges were about the normal and it was agreed that at present no further action be taken for a new tap, but the situation as to water used is to be monitored and kept under review.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Letter and e-mail from Winchester City Council in respect of the new Code of Conduct.
Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town councils with regard to a seminar about the new Code of Conduct.

Notification from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils about legal queries service.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau on 17th July 2007.

Newsletters from Hampshire Highways and Community Action Hampshire.

9. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to a vehicle speed check with a portable flashing speed limit sign which would be at Old Kennels Lane for a period from the 30th July and members were asked to give their views as to where the sign should be located to City Councillor David Spender. This report also mentioned the position in respect of the proposed South Winchester Park & Ride facility and the Tower Arts Centre being under threat of closure.

City Councillor David Spender stated that a review had been carried out in respect of the rubbish collection arrangements and that a report on the findings of the review was awaited.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

PC Emma Port (Hampshire Constabulary) gave a brief report on police matters including a reference to minor incidents in the parish in the last month. She also mentioned that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the parish was being reviewed.