

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

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

1. PRESENT

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

Police Community Support Officer Richard Nolan was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Pyke, Mr Stride, County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor Brian Collin and City Councillor 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 3rd July 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Portable Flashing Speed Limit Sign at Old Kennels Lane

Mr Morris referred to the temporary portable flashing speed limit sign which is now in place for a period on the upwards side of Old Kennels Lane. It is believed that this sign will also be located on the downwards side of Old Kennels Lane for a period and the situation generally in respect of this sign can if desired be checked with City Councillor David Spender.

4. PLANNING

Mr Morris declared a prejudicial interest in respect of a planning application relating to 61 Old Kennels Lane.

It was noted that at a meeting of Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee on the 25th July 2007 planning permission was granted for the proposed South Winchester Park & Ride facility at the Itchen Farm site adjacent to the Hockley Link roundabout.

A letter from Winchester City Council in respect of a consultation in connection with the Winchester District Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was noted.

The recommendation of the Planning Panel that no comments be made in respect of the following planning applications was confirmed:

28 Parliament Place
Case No. 07/01289/FUL
W Ref: W20719

Erection of greenhouse

47 Old Kennels Lane
Case No.07/01622/FUL
W Ref: W07173/02

Replacement of flat roof with pitched
over existing conservatory

2 Lake Drive
Case No. 0701661/FUL
W Ref: W11616/04

Erection of four bedroom dwelling

In respect of a planning application (Case No. 07/01526/FUL – W Ref: W19811/02) for the erection of a new front wall with iron railings and electronic gate at 61 Old Kennels Lane it was decided to lodge an objection stating that it was considered the wall and fence were too high and that the development was not in sympathy or keeping with the appearance and character of the area.

With regard to a planning application (Case No. 07/01831/FUL – W Ref: W20769) for a single storey side extension and loft conversion at 114 Olivers Battery Road South it was agreed that an objection be lodged stating that it was considered (a) the development proposed was not in keeping with the appearance and character of the area (b) the proposed large expanse of the roof would provide an excessive bulk of building and (c) the size of the proposed dormer windows is too large. It is also to be suggested that a setting back of any proposed extension could achieve a break in the roof line.

The following planning decisions were noted:

4 Old Kennels Lane	Single storey rear extension	Permission Granted
28 Parliament Place	Erection of greenhouse	Permission Granted
4 Treble Close	Single storey front extension	Permission Granted

In connection with the proposed Village Design Statement the Chairman stated that it was hoped to have the consultation draft document available by about the end of August and it was agreed that the Council would cover the cost for the printing of the required copies of such document.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The written report of the Internal Auditor in respect of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year 2006/2007 was noted and as recommended in such report it was agreed that arrangements be made for the fidelity guarantee insurance cover under the Parish Council's insurance policy to be increased from £45,000 to £61,000.

The following payments were authorised:

Winchester City Council	Servicing dog waste bins	£80 – 60
J. K. Murray	Internal Auditors Fees	£87 – 50

6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

A letter from Hampshire County Council with regard to new arrangements for contacting the County Council in respect of matters relating to public rights of way was noted.

In connection with the surfacing and associated work carried out on the bridleway being the lower part of Compton Way the “except for access” sign at the top end remains to be erected and City Councillor David Spender is taking this up with the relevant Officer at Winchester City Council. The Chairman and City Councillor David Spender have met with the owners of properties who need to use the bridleway for access to discuss various matters and the possibility of changing the addresses of 47 and 49 Compton Way to Priors Way is now being explored. There have been reports that vehicles which are prohibited from using the bridleway are using the bridleway and in view of this the manner in which the bridleway should be used is to be mentioned in the next issue of “Community News”

An owner of a property adjoining the bridleway mentioned above has alleged that when the surfacing work was carried out some earth was removed from his hedge and some damage caused to the tarmac surface leading to his property. The position in such respect is to be checked with the Contractor who carried out the surfacing work.

7. RECREATION GROUND

With regard to the request by Mr & Mrs Tilling to connect into the water supply pipe serving the recreation ground the Chairman has had a meeting on the site with an Inspector from the Water Supply Company (Southern Water) and it was confirmed that the Company would have no objection to the proposed arrangement. Mr & Mrs Tilling have also provided a drawing showing the route of the pipe they would like to lay to connect with the Parish Council's water supply pipe. Subject to the actual terms and conditions being settled it was agreed in principle that Mr & Mrs Tilling be granted a licence to lay the proposed pipe and install a stopcock box with a meter with a licence fee of £50 per annum and all expenses in connection with the licence payable by them. A

letter is to be sent to Mr & Mrs Tilling setting out the terms and conditions which it would be desired to include in the licence.

The Chairman indicated that he would shortly be arranging a site meeting of the Recreation Ground Panel to discuss the annual ROSPA Safety Report and he also stated that the brief containing suggested improvements/ additional facilities for the recreation ground should be available for approval by members in the near future.

In respect of the adjoining Conservation Area, Mrs Goodwin stated that the grass would be mown on the 10th August and she also mentioned the web-site now available for the Olivers Battery Countryside Group and the Conservation Area.

A letter from Winchester City Council in respect of the Winchester District Play Strategy was noted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail from Winchester City Council seeking nominations under a Civic Award Scheme for individuals in the parish who have made a significant contribution to the civic life of the parish was considered. It was thought that the two ladies who have run the local Brownies pack for many years may be suitable persons to be nominated.

The following were noted:

Letter from BAA Southampton reporting on Southampton Airport's Community Stakeholder Conference held on the 29th June 2007

E-mail from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils indicating that it was hoped to have a Government Minister as the principal guest at the Association's Annual General Meeting on the 13th October 2007.

Hampshire County Council Newsletter in respect of Community Transport Newsletters – Community Action Hampshire and Winchester Area Community Action.

9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

Police Community Support Officer, Richard Nolan, gave a brief report on police matters including minor incidents in the parish during the past month.

In respect of a proposed ornamental parish sign Mrs Goodwin stated that she would shortly be arranging an informal meeting with members to consider the location and other details.