

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St.Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 2nd October 2007. 7-30pm to 10-00pm

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender and PC Nigel Harding and PCSO Richard Nolan (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for parts of the meeting.

An apology was received from Mr Stride

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 4th September 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Winchester City Council Civic Award Scheme for Volunteers

The ladies who have run the local brownies pack for many years have been contacted and as a result Sue Sadler has been nominated for an award under this scheme.

Portable Flashing Speed Limit Reminder Sign

City Councillor David Spender stated that it was hoped that this sign, which had been located in Old Kennels Lane for a period of two weeks, would be returning to another location in the parish in the future.

4. PLANNING

It was noted that a new national standard planning application form will have to be used for planning applications as from the 6th April 2008.

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of Winchester City Council to permit the removal of Condition 2 of permission W03548/42 (restricted use of holiday accommodation) at The Green, South Winchester Golf Course and the Planning Inspectorate has been advised that the objection made by the Parish Council against this application still stands.

With regard to a resubmission planning application (Case No. 07/02161/FUL – W11616/05) for the erection of a detached 4 bedroom dwelling and a detached double garage with annex over at 2 Lake Drive it was decided to lodge an objection against this application. It was considered that instead of a gable ended roof a hipped roof should be provided as this would be more in keeping with other dwellings at Lake Drive. Further it was considered that in the event of permission being granted there should be a condition in respect of the proposed annex over the garage stating that this should be always ancillary to the main dwelling and should not be allowed to become a separate dwelling within the site.

The following planning decisions were noted:

61 Old Kennels Lane	New front wall and railings and an electric gate	Permission Refused
114 Olivers Battery Road South	Single storey side extension and loft conversion	Permission Granted

In connection with the proposed Village Design Statement for the parish the Chairman stated that suggestions by Winchester City Council have been incorporated in the Consultation Document and it is hoped to have the final approval of the City Council to this document by about the middle of October. When this happens arrangements will be made for the necessary consultations on the document including a public exhibition in respect of the Village Design Statement on a Saturday morning at St. Marks Church Hall.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £1500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

Hampshire County Council	Grass cutting – Oliver’s Battery Open Space	£705 – 00
P.C. Bugg	July & August Recreation Ground maintenance	£209 – 25
G.C.H. Sharman	Printing/Copying draft Village Design Statement (Consultation Document)	£109 – 53
P. C. Bugg	September Recreation Ground maintenance	£120 – 00

A request for a grant by the Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau to assist with the cost of running their Home Visits Service was considered and as the last grant made to the Bureau was in April 2007 it was resolved to make a grant of £250 to the Bureau in April 2008 at the beginning of the 2008/2009 financial year.

6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

In connection with the bridleway being the lower part of Compton Way and which has been surfaced it has been reported that vehicles which are prohibited from using the bridleway are still using this section of the bridleway and concern was expressed about the safety of pedestrians who use the bridleway. The position is to be monitored to ascertain the extent of the problem and the Chairman is to suggest to members a date or dates when specific monitoring of the situation could take place.

Mrs Goodwin referred to the area around the parish boundary stone on bridleway 8 adjacent to the Conservation Area being overgrown and it was proposed that the Probation Service (Community Service Section) be contacted to ask whether they had a working party available to carry out clearance work.

A letter from Hampshire County Council with a draft Countryside Access Plan for the Test and Itchen areas for public consultation was noted.

7. RECREATION GROUND

A letter from Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents Community Association requesting permission to use the recreation ground for the annual bonfire and fireworks display on Saturday 10th November 2007 was considered. It was decided to grant such permission on condition that the Community Association accept all liability whatsoever in respect of or arising from the event and on the basis that the Community Association have appropriate public liability insurance cover. Further, the Community Association must inform the police and fire authorities of the event and ensure the ground is left clear of rubbish and in a clean and tidy condition.

The Clerk reported that the licence for Mr & Mrs Tilling to connect into the water supply pipe serving the recreation ground and to install a stopcock box with a meter has been completed and the first annual licence fee has been received.

The Chairman referred to an inspection of the children's play area which he had carried out to view items mentioned in the annual ROSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report. In connection with a recommendation that the play area be enclosed with a fence ROSPA are to be asked whether there are any particular reasons for this recommendation as it was thought that this may not be appropriate having regard to the natural features and gradient of the ground. With regard to dry bearings on the swings the Chairman will arrange for this to be treated with oil/ grease or silicon spray. In connection with a reference in the report that timber in the Mound Top Fort was decayed and that the remaining timbers be removed members were asked to consider the position and to indicate to the Chairman what steps they thought should be taken and to put forward any ideas they may have for something to replace the fort.

8. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

In connection with the Council's Standing Orders the Clerk referred to the need to make some amendments in view of the new Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on the 8th May 2007. The amendments required are in respect of public participation at meetings and as to Councillors with a prejudicial interest making representations, answering questions and giving evidence at meetings. A Memorandum dated 15th August 2007 from Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils containing amendments as recommended by the National Association of Local Councils was considered and it was resolved that the Council's Standing Orders be amended by the original Standing Orders 58 and 69 being revoked and being replaced by new Standing Orders 58 and 69 as set out in the copies thereof as attached. It was also agreed that Standing Orders 33(a) and 57 be amended so that the Code of Conduct referred to therein shall be the new Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on the 8th May 2007.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

With regard to a Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Winchester Area Community Action on the 17th October 2007 Mrs Banister stated that she would endeavour to attend this meeting.

The following were noted:

Notification from the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire in respect of a service at Winchester Cathedral on the 18th November 2007 for people celebrating a diamond wedding anniversary in 2007.

Letter from BAA Southampton about an upgrade of navigational equipment at Southampton Airport and aircraft temporarily using different approach paths.

Letter from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs with a booklet "Ways to Tackle Climate Change".

10. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In a brief report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to a Winchester Passenger Transport Forum held on the 2nd October 2007, the latest position in respect of the Tower Arts Centre and matters relating to climate change.

11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) gave a report on police matters including three incidents in the parish since the last meeting.