

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 8th January 2008. 7-30pm to 10-30pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender and PCSO Warren Carne (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for parts of the meeting.

3 members of the public (Mrs E. Perry, Mr C. Perry and Mr R. Williams).

Apologies were received from Mr Pyke and Mrs Cope.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On behalf of his mother and himself, Mr Christopher Perry referred to a proposal for development at 82/84 Old Kennels Lane and a consultation by the proposed Developer with the Parish Council prior to a planning application being submitted. In reply the Chairman explained the role of the Parish Council and it was emphasised that the consultation mentioned was without prejudice to the position of the Parish Council when a planning application is made. The encouragement and guidance given by the government with regard to consultation before the submission of a planning application was mentioned by City Councillor Brian Collin. Mr Williams, the proposed Developer, also explained his position in respect of the proposed development.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2007 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Oak Community Notice Board to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of the Parish

It was noted that this Notice Board has now been erected on the frontage of the land belonging to St. Marks Church Hall with Olivers Battery Road South and Mr Pyke was thanked for making the arrangements for the supply and erection of the Notice Board. The Chairman is to ask Mr Pyke for a written statement showing the final financial position in respect of the celebrations.

4. PLANNING

The following planning decisions were noted:

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| 3 Priors Way | Conservatory to rear | Permission Granted |
| 21 Old Kennels Lane | Extension to garage and erection of foyer and for extension to create first floor accommodation etc | Permission Refused |

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

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| 46 Compton Way Case No. 07/02615/FUL W. 18775/01 | Single storey rear extension |
| 12 Treble Close Case No. 07/03033/FUL W. 20338/01 | Extensions to side and rear, replacing flat roof with pitched roof over extension and garage |
| 4 Compton Close Case No. 07/02938/FUL W. 03423/03 | Alterations and roof extensions to form chalet bungalow and single storey side extension, new porch and double garage |

It was noted that a planning application for the demolition of the existing bungalow and erection of a two storey dwelling at 41 Compton Way has been withdrawn.

It was also noted that the Planning Inspectorate has dismissed an appeal which had been made against the refusal of Winchester City Council to remove a condition specifying that chalets at South Winchester Lodges, The Green, South Winchester Golf Course be used for holiday accommodation only.

With regard to the proposed Village Design Statement for the parish the period for comments on the Consultation Document expired on the 20th December 2007. A number of comments have been received by Winchester City Council and the Parish Council and such comments are now to be consolidated and considered by the City Council and the members of the Working Party involved with the preparation of the document.

The Chairman drew attention to a Winchester District Development Framework – Issues and Options document prepared by Winchester City Council and which includes options for future new housing based on government requirements for housing. This is a significant document which may impact upon the parish and the document is to be circulated for consideration by Parish Councillors. City Councillor David Spender gave a summary of the document and stressed the importance of local residents completing and submitting a questionnaire contained in the document. City Councillors and the Parish

Council are to take steps to alert local residents to this document. The questionnaire in the document has to be completed and returned to the City Council by the 15th February. Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Banister will endeavour to attend a Workshop about this matter arranged by the City Council for the 22nd January.

In view of the large number of planning enforcement cases outstanding Winchester City Council have indicated that in the next four months they will only be dealing with cases where there is a major breach with the hope of reducing the backlog. This is a temporary arrangement and notification of any alleged breaches can still be submitted to the Planning Department.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £1000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

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| St. Lukes PCC | Hall fees July to December 2007 | £124 – 90 |
| Audit Commission | Audit Fees | £158 – 63 |
| Hampshire Association of Local Councils | Fee for Planning Workshop | £40 – 00 |
| Hampshire County Council | Printing Consultation Document for Village Design Statement | £419 – 00 |

A letter from Hampshire County Youth Band about the work, training and services provided by the Band and requesting a grant was considered. As some of the inhabitants of the parish benefit from the Band it was resolved to make a grant of £100 to the Band.

In connection with the grass cutting of the Olivers Battery Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) it was agreed that in the year 2008/2009 the Parish Council would make a contribution of £600 towards the cost of the grass cutting.

The payment to be made to Mr P. C. Bugg for his maintenance services in the year 2008/2009 was reviewed and it was agreed that the payment should be at the rate of £8-50 per hour plus an equipment allowance of £6 per week.

It was resolved that the amount of the Chairman's Allowance for 2007/2008 be £100.

With regard to the Clerk's salary it was agreed that for the financial year 2008/2009 this should be £3700.

The projected/estimated income and expenditure accounts for the current year and a list of unavoidable expenditure for 2008/2009 were considered and after discussion it was

resolved to fix the precept for the year 2008/2009 at £23,300 being the same amount as in 2007/2008.

6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

In connection with the proposal to erect bollards at each end of the section of bridleway 9 where it is desired to ensure that it is not used by vehicles it was agreed that appropriate reflective bollards should be acquired and a quotation obtained from a Contractor for the installation of the bollards.

In respect of the status of the footpath with a tarmac surface which runs from Austen Avenue to the footbridge over Badger Farm Road, Hampshire County Council has confirmed that this footpath is part of the publicly maintained highway.

With regard to the status of the footpath from the footbridge over Badger Farm Road to bridleway 8, Hampshire County Council has indicated that this is not a designated public footpath on the definitive map of public footpaths. As this footpath has been used by the public without interruption for well over twenty years the County Council is to be asked to check the position again. If the status as mentioned above is confirmed the County Council is to be requested to provide information as to the current requirements for an application for the registration of the footpath as a public footpath on the definitive map of public footpaths.

7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

As a brief for this was not yet available it was agreed that this matter be deferred to a future meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Letter from Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd as to works commencing for the improvement of the Sainsbury's Store at Badger Farm

Notification from Hampshire Association of Local Councils in respect of mailings from the Association being posted on the Members Only area of the Associations website.

Notifications from Hampshire Association of Local Councils with regard to seminars and workshops being run by the Association.

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of improving Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres.

Letter from Hampshire County Council with a copy of School Places Plan 2007.

9. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In a written report (copy herewith) County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to the closure of a part of Romsey Road, Winchester for a maximum of 10 weeks to enable essential works to be carried out, the future arrangements for the Tower Arts Centre, the School Places Plan 2007 and various other County Council matters.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted about the condition of one of the seats on the Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) and Mr Bugg is to be contacted as to whether he could undertake any repairs necessary.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday 6th May 2008 and that the ordinary Parish Council meeting for May be held on Tuesday 13th May 2008. Parish Councillors were requested to consider suitable persons for the speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting.

PCSO Warren Carne produced a report on police matters including four minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting and he referred to the leaflet about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which is to be distributed to all households in the parish.