

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 4th March 2008. 7-30pm to 9-45pm.

1. PRESENT

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

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.

One member of the public – Jessica Lloyd

Apologies were received from Mr Morris and Mrs Banister.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jessica Lloyd referred to a proposal for communities in the Winchester area to initiate a scheme called the Greening Campaign. The campaign is intended to make people aware of the need to tackle climate change in the communities and to lower carbon emissions. The campaign would be run by a committee of volunteers from the community. Jessica indicated how it was proposed to involve local residents in the parish and in requesting the support of the Parish Council she invited the Parish Council to send representatives to an opening meeting for the campaign to be held on the 6th March. It was arranged that the Chairman and Mrs Goodwin would endeavour to attend such meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct.

50th Anniversary of the Parish

It was noted that a written statement showing the final financial position in respect of the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the parish was still awaited from the Group which organised the celebrations.

Annual Parish Meeting

In respect of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 6th May 2008 it was agreed that Steve Opacic , Head of Strategic Planning, Winchester City Council be invited to be the guest speaker to talk about the Winchester District Development Framework – Issues and Options.

Seat on Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) – Repairs

The Clerk reported that the required repairs had been carried out.

Neighbourhood Watch

In connection with the police proposal to set up a Safer Neighbourhood Panel consisting of representatives from a group of parishes Mrs Cope indicated that she would be a representative for the parish provided any meetings were on convenient dates. Mr Maurice Walker (Co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the parish) is also to be invited to be a member of the Panel.

4. PLANNING

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that various comments be submitted to the Planning Authority in respect of a planning application (Case: 08/00233/FUL – W.03048/01) for the demolition of the existing dwellings at 82 and 84 Old Kennels Lane and the erection of 3 four bedroom houses and 4 semi-detached bungalows was confirmed.

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of the following planning applications:

41 Compton Way Case No. 08/00379/FUL W.20913/01	Replacement four bedroom dwelling with double garage following demolition of existing bungalow
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10 Parliament Place Case No. 08/00442/FUL W.05206/05	Two storey rear extension
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With regard to a planning application (Case No. 08/00341/FUL – W.20891/01) for a first floor extension and garage conversion at 21 Old Kennels Lane it was agreed that an objection against this application be made on the grounds of the excessive bulk of the rear part of the proposed development and the overlooking and detrimental effect on the bungalow at the rear.

A letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of a new standardised planning application form (IAPP) being used for planning applications as from the beginning of April was noted.

In connection with the proposed Village Design Statement for the parish the Chairman confirmed that the comments on the Consultation Document received by Winchester City Council and the Parish Council were in the course of being consolidated for consideration by the City Council and the Working Party involved in the preparation of the Consultation Document.

With regard to the Winchester District Development Framework – Issues and Options Document issued by Winchester City Council a letter about the document has been distributed to all households in the parish and the Parish Council have lodged a response to the document with the City Council.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

G.C.H. Sharman	Photocopying charges for letter for all households in the parish in respect of Winchester District Development Framework	£58 – 99
B. A. Quartly	Clerk's expenses from 1/3/2007 to 29/2/2008	£424 – 72

6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS

In respect of the bollards to be erected at each end of a section of bridleway 9 to ensure that it is not used by vehicles the bollards have been ordered and should be received within the next two weeks. A quotation for £340 plus VAT for the erection of the bollards has been received from Serco Limited and as this is less than the previous quotation from R & D Surfacing Contractors Limited the quotation from Serco Limited has been accepted in accordance with the resolution passed at the February meeting.

It was noted that Hampshire County Council has prepared a new Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way and that a copy will be provided to the Parish Council.

A consultation letter has been received from Hampshire County Council in respect of an investigation which the County Council have in hand relating to a claim to add to the Definitive Map a number of footpaths over land at the former Bushfield Camp and Bushfield Down. A response is to be made indicating that the Parish Council has no evidence of the use of the claimed footpaths, but does support the footpaths concerned being added to the Definitive Map.

The Chairman gave a reminder that statements are required from local residents as to the use of the footpath from the footbridge over Badger Farm Road to Bridleway 8 for the purpose of supporting an application for such footpath to be shown on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.

7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

With regard to the proposed ornamental village sign for the parish which it is desired to erect on the edge of the ancient monument site (Open Space) at the corner of Olivers Battery Road South and Downlands Road, the Hampshire County Council Site Manager and the County Archaeological Officer have been contacted in connection with the consents which will be required from English Heritage. Publicity in respect of the competition for the design of the sign is being given by way of the display of notices and a reference to the competition in the Community News. Kings School is also being made aware of the competition. A Panel of judges for the competition is being arranged and entries for the competition have to be submitted by the 30th April 2008.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Winchester City Council – Parish Connect Newsletter for February

Letter from Sainsbury's giving details of current work to improve and extend their superstore at Badger Farm and proposed improvements to the store's petrol filling station.

Letter from Hampshire County Council giving details of a Winchester Passenger Transport Forum held in October 2007 and giving notice of the next meeting on the 19th May 2008.

Letter from Winchester City Council as to exhibitions being held on the 7th and 8th March in respect of a proposed Access Plan for Winchester.

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter

9. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey welcomed the Greening Campaign mentioned in item 2 above and referred to the County Council budget for 2008/2009 and the new Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.

City Councillor Brian Collin mentioned the Council Tax being levied by the City Council for 2008/2009 and a likely review as to the manner in which incidents reported to the City Council are dealt with.

City Councillor David Spender indicated that the City Council were now proposing to retain the current pay on foot system for charging at the majority of the city car parks.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

PCSO Warren Carne (Hampshire Constabulary) gave a report in respect of six minor reported incidents in the parish since the last meeting.