

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 13th May 2008. 7-30pm to 9 -30pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Cope, and City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Geoff Sharman was elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and he signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman. In accepting the position of Chairman Mr Sharman mentioned that he would not be standing for re-election as a parish councillor when elections were due in two years time.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present wishing to make a statement or to speak under this item.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct.

50th Anniversary of the Parish

Mr Pyke produced a written statement showing the final financial position in respect of the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the parish. The statement indicated that after discharging the cost of the Community Notice Board to commemorate the 50th anniversary there was a balance in hand of £23-20 and it was proposed that such amount be lodged with the Parish Council to help with the future cost of the maintenance of the notice board which would be undertaken by the Parish Council.

Public Rights of way/ Footpaths/ Bridleways

In respect of bridleway 9 (Lower Compton Way) it was reported that Winchester City Council have been requested to make the required alterations to the street signs and it is anticipated that this will be done in the near future.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Vice- Chairman Mr Terry Morris was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year

(b) Planning Representatives Mrs Norma Goodwin, Mrs Lynda Banister and Mr Terry Morris were appointed as Planning Representatives for the coming year

(c) Recreation Ground Representatives Mr Geoff Sharman, Mr Mark Pyke and Mr Colin Stride were appointed as Recreation Ground Representatives for the coming year.

(d) Footpaths Representative Mrs Norma Goodwin was appointed as Footpaths Representative for the coming year.

(e) Representative on Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association. It was agreed that this appointment be left in abeyance until the next meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting on the 6th May 2008 had been well attended by about 49 residents of the parish and that an informative and interesting talk about the Winchester District Development Framework Issues and Options Document had been given by Steve Opacic, the Head of Strategic Planning at Winchester City Council. There did not appear to be any issues raised at this meeting which required immediate follow up action by the Parish Council.

7. PLANNING

The recommendation of the Planning Panel that no comments be made in respect of a planning application (Case No. 08/00571/FUL – W Ref: W13002/03) for the loft conversion with dormers at the front and rear at 5 Downlands Road was confirmed.

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

43 Compton Way Raising the roof to provide first floor living accommodation
Case No. 08/00868/FUL including front and rear dormers and conservatory at rear
W Ref: W21099

10 Braeside Close Single storey side extension
Case No. 08/00878/FUL
W Ref: W02749/02

The following planning decisions were noted:

10 Parliament Place	Two storey rear extension	Permission Refused
73 Old Kennels Lane	One dormer window to replace velox Window and replacement garage	Permission Granted
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21 Old Kennels Lane	First floor extension and garage conversion	Permission Granted
82/84 Old Kennels Lane	Demolition of existing dwellings and erection Three 4 bedroom houses and Four semi-detached bungalows	Permission Granted subject to conditions

With regard to the proposed Village Design Statement the views of Winchester City Council in respect of comments made on the Consultation Document and proposed amendments to the Statement have been received. A final copy of the Village Design Statement is now to be prepared and it is hoped that this will be adopted by Winchester City Council at a meeting in July.

8. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported that the precept for the current financial year (£23,300 – 00) has been received. An amount (£580 – 53) has also been received from Winchester City Council being in reimbursement of funds so far expended by the Parish Council in connection with the Village Design Statement.

An invitation for the renewal of the Council's insurance policy with Norwich Union was considered and it was agreed that the ability to review insurance annually should be retained and that the current insurance be renewed for one year from the 1st June 2008 at a premium of £1142 – 99.

A letter from The Battery Club, a club for the elderly in the parish, was considered and it was agreed that a grant of £250 – 00 be made to the club to assist with the cost of running the club.

The transfer of £21,000 from the Current Account to the Reserve Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

B. A. Quartly	Photocopying charges for items for Annual Parish Meeting	£54 – 04
Helen Stride	Charge for delivery of agendas for Annual Parish Meeting	£26 – 00

Mrs Norma Goodwin	Travelling expenses for Planning Seminar	£7 – 90
Winchester City Council	Servicing dog waste bins 1/1/08 to 31/3/08	£80 – 60
P. C. Bugg	April Recreation Ground Maintenance	£137 – 21
Hampshire Association Of Local Councils	Book on allotments	£17 – 00
BNL/Came & Co	Insurance premium	£1142 – 99
The Battery Club	Grant	£250 – 00*

* Section 137 payment

It was agreed that the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008, which had been copied to members and produced at the Annual Parish meeting, be adopted.

9. RECREATION GROUND

A Development Brief prepared by the Chairman setting out a strategy for improvements and additional facilities at the recreation ground and which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting was discussed. It was arranged that the Council's Recreation Ground Representatives should meet with a Landscape Architect (Mr Craig Thomson) to talk about the Development Brief with a view to obtaining his views on the proposals and the likely cost.

10. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

In connection with the competition for the design of the proposed sign it was noted that three entries have been received from persons under the age of 18 and three entries from persons aged 18 and over. The Chairman will now arrange a meeting of a judges panel to consider the entries. It was proposed that the following should be on the panel of judges:

A representative of the Winchester Museum Service (Tracy Mathews)

A representative of the Hampshire County Council Archaeological Service (David Hopkins)

David Ball – Manager of the Ancient Monument Site where it is proposed to put the sign (if he wishes to be involved)

A person with appropriate professional knowledge – Mr John Woodhead suggested Parish Councillor Norma Goodwin (for entries by those under 18 only)

Parish Councillor Mark Pyke

Parish Council Chairman Geoff Sharman

Parish Councillor Terry Morris (for entries by those 18 and over only)

11. CORRESPONDENCE

With regard to an email from the Police requesting the Parish Council's three priorities in respect of policing issues for the next year it was arranged that the Chairman would respond referring to speeding, vandalism and parking outside the school.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of the appointment a new contractor for the maintenance of highways.

Letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for the grant made to the Bureau.

Letter from Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service with the Fire & Rescue Service Plan 2008-2011

Email from Oliver's Battery Primary School giving some views of children as to matters which they considered would improve the parish

Newsletters from Community Action Hampshire and Winchester Area Community Action.

12. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

In a written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to the latest position of an application for designated public footpaths on Bushfield Camp/Down, the new contractor appointed by the County Council for the maintenance of highways and a Silver Surfer week being run by the County Council.