

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 3rd June 2008. 7-30pm to 9-30pm.

1. PRESENT

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

Two members of the public – Mrs S. Hoadley and Mrs G.Mckay

PC Joe Zubaidi (Hampshire Constabulary)

Apologies were received from Mrs Goodwin, County Councillor Charlotte Bailey and City Councillor David Spender.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Hoadley and Mrs Mckay referred to a group of youths causing a nuisance by skateboarding mostly at weekends and in the evening at an area adjacent to the shops fronting Olivers Battery Road South and at Compton Way. The names of the youths were not known, but it was believed that they lived in Oliver's Battery. The youths were abusive when approached about this matter and Mrs Hoadley and Mrs Mckay were wondering whether any skateboarding facilities at the recreation ground was possible. PC Zubaidi (Hampshire Constabulary) suggested that an endeavour to find out the names of the youths be made and recommended that the police be contacted immediately when skateboarding incidents were happening. It was proposed that the subject of skateboarding should included when further consideration is given to facilities at the recreation ground.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct

50th Anniversary of the Parish

It was noted that the balance in hand from the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the parish being £23-20 was awaited from the Group which organised the celebrations.

Appointment of Representative on Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association

It was agreed that Hilary Cope be appointed as the representative of the Parish Council on the Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association and the Chairman undertook to advise the Association of this appointment.

4. PLANNING

The following planning decision was noted:

5 Downlands Road	Loft conversion with dormers to front and rear	Permission Granted
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A letter from the South East England Regional Assembly in respect of a review of land for aggregates that each Minerals Planning Authority is expected to provide was noted.

In connection with the proposed Village Design Statement it was reported that the final copy of the document has been submitted to Winchester City Council with a view to the Statement being formally adopted at a meeting of the appropriate Committee of the City Council on the 15th July 2008.

With regard to the development being carried out at 82/84 Old Kennels Lane the Highway Authority is to be asked to investigate the situation in respect of mud being deposited on the road by vehicles associated with the development. The condition of Port Lane due to mud on the road is also to be referred to the Highway Authority.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Annual Governance Statement in Section 2 of the Annual Return Form for the audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008 was approved and signed.

The following payments were authorised:

Southern Water	Half years water charges	£26 – 04
Mr P. C. Bugg	May recreation ground maintenance	£151 – 50

6. RECREATION GROUND

A meeting by the Council's Recreation Ground Representatives with a Landscape Architect (Mr Craig Thomson) to discuss the development brief setting out a strategy for improvements and additional facilities at the recreation ground has still to be arranged, but it is hoped that this will take place within the next month. The possibility of including some sort of skateboarding facility is to be included in the activities to be discussed with the landscaping architect.

7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

In respect of the competition for the design of the proposed sign it was agreed that a long standing local resident should be added to the panel of judges. The Chairman is to

approach Mrs Pam Vandersteen as to whether she would be willing to be a judge and failing Mrs Vandersteen being available the Chairman will approach some other suitable local resident. It is hoped that the panel of judges will meet within the next month to consider the entries received for the design of the sign.

8. PROPOSALS FROM PUPILS AT OLIVERS BATTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Comments received from pupils at Oliver's Battery Primary School in respect of matters in the parish which the pupils thought were in need of attention were considered. Speeding cars was mentioned and in this connection it was noted that speeding is one of the priority issues notified to the police for attention by the police in the next year. In respect of a comment as to the possibility of a litter bin being provided by the seats on the Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) adjacent to the church hall it was agreed that this idea should be explored further. The pupils also referred to a need for recycling bins, particularly for glass, and this comment is to be passed to City Councillors for attention.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

With regard to an email from a local resident about electricity power cuts experienced in the parish a letter is to be sent to Scottish and Southern Energy (Power Distribution) requesting them to take action to ensure that the power cuts do not happen in the future.

A letter from Hampshire County Council with regard to the anomaly as to the footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course being shown on the Definitive Map of public footpaths. The County Council are proposing to make a Map Modification Order to put the footpath on the Definitive Map and they requested that local residents complete user evidence forms in support of the making of the proposed Map Modification Order.

The following were noted:

Letter from Mrs P. Vandersteen (Parish Public Transport Representative) reporting on a meeting of the Winchester Transport Forum held on the 19th May 2008.

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of Hampshire County Council Commission of Inquiry to help shape future services for people needing support and care.

Letter from BAA Southampton in respect of Southampton Airport's Community and Stakeholders Conference on the 4th July 2008.

Yew Hill Butterfly Reserve Newsletter.

Letter from Hampshire County Council in respect of a consultation on proposals for changes to Adult Services Grants Programme.

Community Action Hampshire Newsletter,

10. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

In a written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to Bushfield Down Village Green application, Rogue Traders, Hampshire house building targets being met and a survey on highways and transport services being conducted by the County Council.

11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

PC J. Zubaidia (Hampshire Constabulary) gave a brief report on police matters in which he referred to four minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting.

Concern was expressed about skateboarding at Compton Way and in particular at the recently surfaced Lower Compton Way (bridleway 9) and the issues of safety and danger to members of the public. The police should be advised of any incidents and local residents are to be alerted to the situation by way of a reference to this matter in the next issue of Community News including a reminder as to the status of the bridleway.

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