

## **OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. 7-30pm to 9-45pm.

### **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 PCSO Warren Carne (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for the whole or some part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr Stride and Mr Pyke.

### **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct.

#### **Electricity Power Cuts**

Scottish and Southern Energy (Power Distribution) has been contacted about the numerous electricity power cuts recently experienced in the parish. The Company has responded by giving details of the reasons for the electricity supply interruptions and has indicated the steps which they have taken with a view to ensuring that there is a more reliable electricity supply. For the information of the members of the Council Mr Stride is to be asked to provide a list of the electricity sub-stations within the parish.

#### **Proposals from Pupils at Olivers Battery Primary School**

In connection with the suggestion that a litter bin should be provided near the seats on the frontage of the Ancient Monument Site (Open Space) with Olivers Battery Road South, an approach is to be made to Hampshire County Council for permission to install a litter bin near to the existing dog waste bin.

### **4. PLANNING**

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that subject to a comment about use no objection be made in respect of a planning application (Case No. 08/01141/FUL –



## **6. RECREATION GROUND**

It was noted that the strategy for improvements and additional facilities at the recreation ground has been slightly revised to include consideration being given as to whether some sort of skateboarding facility would be appropriate. As it now appeared that the Landscape Architect who it was originally expected would help with this project was not available the Open Space Officer at Winchester City Council is to be contacted for his advice and a recommendation of another suitable Landscape Architect.

The annual ROSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report, which had been distributed to members with the agenda for the meeting, was considered and discussed. There are a number of proposals and recommendations in the report and as the reason for some of such items is not clear Mrs Banister undertook to contact ROSPA with a view to obtaining further information. Following such approach the Chairman is to arrange a meeting of the Recreation Ground Panel and Mrs Banister at the recreation ground to inspect the play area and then to make recommendations as to the action to be taken to deal with the various points mentioned in the report.

Mrs Goodwin stated that the grass had been cut on the adjoining Conservation Area.

## **7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN**

In connection with the competition for the design of the proposed sign the Chairman reported that a meeting of the Panel to judge the entries received has been arranged for 2pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

## **8. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/ BRIDLEWAYS**

With regard to a letter from Hampshire County Council inviting the Parish Council to send a representative to a meeting of The Hampshire Countryside Access Forum on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 it was arranged that Mrs Goodwin would attend this Forum.

It was noted that public footpath 7 and the footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course which had been overgrown have now been cleared.

In respect of the footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course the Clerk reminded members that user evidence forms completed by local residents were still required in support of the proposed making of a Map Modification Order by Hampshire County Council for the purpose of having this footpath placed on the Definitive Map of public footpaths.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

In connection with a Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Winchester District Association of Parish Councils on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 it was arranged that the Chairman would endeavour to attend this meeting.

With reference to a Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 it was arranged that Mrs Banister would endeavour to attend this meeting.

A letter from the South East England Regional Assembly with a Sustainability Framework Document is to be distributed to members for consideration.

With regard to an email from Valerie Croysdill the new Carroll Centre Children's Co-ordinator as to the possibility of a presentation to the Parish Council it is to be suggested that Oliver's Battery Parish Councillors be given the opportunity to attend a presentation which Valerie will be giving to Badger Farm Parish Council.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire Police Authority in respect of the appointment of independent members of the Authority

Winchester City Council Parish Connect Newsletter

Hampshire County Council Community Transport Newsletter

Newsletters – Community Action Hampshire and Winchester Area Community Action.

## **10. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS**

In his report City Councillor David Spender referred to the Open Space Funding System operated by Winchester City Council whereby Developers are required to make contributions to the Open Space Fund when planning permission for development is granted – the fund to be applied for providing play areas and recreational facilities. A review of the System is likely to be considered in the near future.

City Councillor Brian Collin mentioned the Greening Campaign which had been set up in the parish to make people aware of the need to tackle climate change and to lower carbon emissions. Brian referred to the encouraging start to the campaign and gave an update on the activities connected with the campaign and indicated events planned to involve the residents of the parish.

In a written report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to the proposed setting up by the County Council of a scheme for a flashing speed limit sign to be shared by groups of Parish Councils. The report also mentioned a list of outstanding highways work for the parish and which she had submitted to the County Council, a claim for the Bushfield Down Village Green, consultations on train timetables and the use of mobile phones by drivers.

## **11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

PCSO Warren Carne (Hampshire Constabulary) gave a brief report on police matters in which he referred to there only being two minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting. Warren also mentioned that there was now likely to be some new members of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

