

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 5th August 2008. 7-30pm to 10 -00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

One member of the public – Mr Nigel Smith

Apologies were received from County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor Brian Collin and City Councillor David Spender

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Nigel Smith of 20 Mount View Road expressed concern about the future of the Spark's DIY Store site which is adjacent to his property. He has heard rumours about intended re-development of the site following the closure of the present business. Mr Smith was advised that at present the Parish Council was not aware of any planning application for the re-development of the site and that the situation in respect of the site would be kept under review by the Parish Council.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

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

Electricity Power Cuts

In connection with this matter it was arranged that Mr Stride would provide a map showing the location of electricity sub-stations in the parish rather than a list of such sub-stations.

Proposal for a Litter Bin on Ancient Monument Site (Open Space)

Hampshire County Council has been contacted about the possibility of permission being given in connection with the proposal that a litter bin should be provided on the Ancient Monument Site near the seats on the frontage with Olivers Battery Road South. The County Council is considering this request and it has been arranged that the Manager of the Site will attend the next Parish Council meeting to give his views about the proposed litter bin and other matters relating to the site.

Public Rights of way/Footpaths/Bridleways

With regard to the footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course members were reminded 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.

4. PLANNING

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that no comments be made in respect of a planning application (Case No. 08/01643/FUL – W14484/02) for a conservatory at the rear of 25A Mount View Road was confirmed.

It was decided to make an objection in respect of a planning application (Case No. 08/01802/FUL – W20271/01) for ground floor extensions and roof alterations including front and rear dormers to provide first floor accommodation at 14 Compton Way. The objection to be on the grounds of excessive bulk and height, over development of the site and as to the proposed development being detrimental to the street scene and adjacent property.

In connection with the Village Design Statement for the parish it was reported that this document was adopted by the Winchester City Council Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee on the 15th July 2008. The Statement will be formally adopted from the date of a statutory notice as to the adoption which has to be published in the press by the City Council. The manner in which the Statement is to be published and the standard of publication was discussed and it was resolved that sufficient copies of the Statement should be printed so that a copy can be provided to every household in the parish. A grant towards the printing costs will be made by the City Council and enquiries are to be made as to whether there are any other sources which could be approached for funding. The Statement is to be put on the Parish Council's website and a note is to be added to the Statement requesting that the document be retained permanently with each property. The final form of the document is being prepared and when this is available quotations are to be obtained for the printing.

Winchester City Council have indicated that they are now in the process of analysing the responses which they received in respect of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Issues and Options document which they produced earlier this year and are holding a number of meetings to involve Parish Councils in this process. It was agreed that the Chairman would attend the meeting to be held at the River Park Leisure Centre, Winchester on the 11th September 2008. If there is sufficient space for a second delegate at such meeting Mrs Goodwin will also attend.

A letter from the Government Office for the South East in respect of changes to the South East Plan is to be circulated to the members of the Council for consideration.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported that the audit of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2008 has been completed by the Internal Auditor and his written report was noted.

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

J. K. Murray	Internal Auditors Fees	£87 – 50
P. C. Bugg	June recreation ground maintenance	£160 – 00
Winchester City Council	Servicing dog waste bins	£80 – 60
Hampshire County Council	Contribution towards grass cutting Olivers Battery Open Space	£705 – 00
P. C. Bugg	July recreation ground maintenance	£171 – 89
Wendy Spratley	Competition Prize for design of Ornamental Village Sign	£50 – 00
Electra Withey	Competition Prize for design of Ornamental Village Sign	£50 – 00

6. RECREATION GROUND

In connection with the strategy for improvements and additional facilities at the recreation ground and in particular with regard to providing a multi-use games area the Chairman reported on a meeting held on the site with the Manager of The Hampshire Playing Fields Association (Mr John Coney). In a letter Mr Coney has now provided information about multi-use games areas and this is being considered. It was agreed that there should be a Working Group comprising the Chairman, Mr Morris, Mr Stride, Mr Pyke and Mrs Cope to consider and progress the proposed project. A new Landscape Architect who may be able to assist with the project has been located and subject to a satisfactory reference in respect of such Architect arrangements are to be made for a meeting by the Working Group with the Architect on the site to discuss this matter.

In respect of the annual ROSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report Mrs Banister stated that she has spoken to the author of the report with regard to the recommendation that the play area should be fenced. He explained that the recommendation to fence is a general one and is usually implemented to protect children against dogs and traffic. It should be considered in the light of local circumstances, but if he had considered it to be of a priority he would have indicated this. Fencing and gates are themselves a potential source of risk from finger entrapment and falls. Councillors accepted this reassurance and Mrs Bannister asked that the maintenance work recommended by the report be undertaken as

soon as possible. In connection with regular inspections and maintenance work for the play area it was agreed that having this done by a suitably qualified person or Company should be explored.

7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

With regard to the competition for the design of an ornamental village sign the recommendation by the panel of judges that prizes be awarded to Wendy Spratley and Electra Withey for the entries submitted by them was ratified. It was also agreed that there should be a budget up to the sum of £5000 for this project and that there should be a Working Group to progress this project. The Working Group to comprise Parish Councillors Norma Goodwin and Lynda Banister with John Woodhead and Wendy Spratley being co-opted to serve on this Group. Mrs Goodwin will arrange a meeting of this Working Group

8. CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a letter from Mrs Anne Bristow as to the possibility of cycle racks being sited at the Oliver's Battery shops it was agreed that this matter be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire Constabulary in respect of Safer Neighbourhood and Community Engagement.

Letter from BAA Southampton containing a summary of presentations at the Southampton Airport's Community and Stakeholder Conference held on the 4th July 2008.

Email with regard to the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

Mrs Cope gave a brief report about a recent meeting of the Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association which she had attended. There appears to be some doubt whether the Association will be able to find a suitable person or persons to run the annual fireworks display and bonfire at the recreation ground in November and this event may not take place. As it is desired to ensure that if the event is not to take place items for the bonfire are not left at the recreation ground Mrs Cope was asked to request the Association to indicate by the next Parish Council meeting whether it is desired to hold the fireworks display and bonfire at the recreation ground this year.

PC Nigel Harding(Hampshire Constabulary) gave a report on police matters in which he referred to there being only four very minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting.

Mrs Goodwin referred to the tree guard around the millennium tree on the paved area adjacent to the dental surgery requiring attention as it appears the guard has become dislodged and is leaning against the tree.