

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 November 2008. 7-30pm to 10-00 pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey; City Councillor Brian Collin; City Councillor David Spender, PC Emma Port and PCSO Gavin Cooper (Hampshire Constabulary) and Tim Griffin (Landscape Architect) were also in attendance for parts of the meeting.

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 LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Oliver's Battery Ancient Monument Site (Open Space)

It was noted that a draft Management Plan was awaited from the Hampshire County Council Manager for the Site.

4. VACANCIES FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

As there has been no request lodged with Winchester City Council for an election in respect of the two vacancies for Parish Councillors arrangements are to be made for the vacancies to be filled by co-option. The Parish Council will be pleased to hear from any local resident who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or wishes to nominate someone as a Parish Councillor.

5. PLANNING

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case No. 08/02408/REM – W20271/02) in respect of the removal of a condition as to materials to be used in connection with work at 14 Compton Way.

The following planning decisions were noted:

87 Olivers Battery Road South First floor rear extension etc Permission Granted

82B Olivers Battery Road South Conservatory to rear Permission Granted

A letter from Winchester City Council in respect of Pre-planning application consultation by Developers with Parish Councils was noted.

In connection with the Village Design Statement for the parish arrangements are being made for the printing of the document by Hampshire Printing Services. When available a copy of the document is to be supplied to each household in the parish and Mr Colin Stride's Family are to be approached as to whether they would be willing to make the distribution for an appropriate fee.

With regard to the future of the site of the former hardware store at the rear of the shops on the westerly side of Olivers Battery Road South City Councillor Brian Collin reported on an informal discussion with the owner of the site.

6. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £1500 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

Mrs N. Goodwin	Travelling expenses for attendance at a Footpath Forum at Alton	£20 – 00
SAS Playgrounds Limited	Repairs and maintenance of Children's play equipment etc	£797 – 24
Winchester City Council	Servicing dog waste bins 1/7/08 to 30/9/08	£80 – 60
Winchester City Council	Rent – Conservation Area	£50 – 00
P. C. Bugg	September and October recreation ground etc maintenance	£292 – 11

Reference was made to a projected/estimated Account for the current financial year and which had been distributed to Parish Councillors so that they could take this into account when considering arrangements for the next financial year.

7. RECREATION GROUND

In connection with the proposed multi use games area Tim Griffin produced some illustrations and a drawing being the first draft layout plan for the project and he explained various items shown on the drawing. Members agreed that the drawing for the most part represented their intentions, but asked for some amendments to be made and which Tim undertook to make. The next stage will be to consult with Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey (Open Space Project Officer, Winchester City Council); Amanda Ford, Sports Officer, Winchester City Council) and the relevant Planning Officer at Winchester City Council. City Councillor Brian Collin will endeavour to assist in respect of such consultations and it was also thought that there should be consultation with Hampshire Playing Fields Association and that drawings should be produced for public consultation. Tim Griffin will research suppliers and cost estimates. It was noted that Winchester City Council have advised that the amount currently in the Open Space Fund and allocated to Oliver's Battery and which could be used for the proposed multi use games area is £30389.

8. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Goodwin stated that this matter was progressing , but information is awaited from English Heritage and in respect of services the position of any gas supply pipes in the ground on or near to the piece of land where it is desired to put the sign. The Working Group is looking for craftsmen who could undertake the construction of the sign. It may be necessary to obtain further funding for the project by way of grant aid.

9. CYCLE STANDS/RACKS AT OLIVER'S BATTERY SHOPS

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Dr Martyn Diaper (Representative of the owners of the majority of the car park on the easterly side of Olivers Battery Road South) and Sara Kendall (Traffic and Transport Technician, Winchester City Council) with a view to finalising the location for the proposed cycle stands/racks. The stands/racks would be supplied by Winchester City Council and would be donated to the owner of the land on which they are placed. The Landowner is considering the liability situation and in this respect it has been recommended that notices disclaiming liability should be displayed.

10. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Chairman reported on an informal meeting with The Rev. Mike Gardner and Paul Draper (representing the Church) to discuss the need for improved community facilities at Oliver's Battery. The Church put forward the idea that a separate Community Charitable Trust be set up to take over the running of the existing Church Hall and to explore the possibility of the construction of a new Hall. The likely timetable for the Charitable Trust being in place was mentioned as 2010. Parish Councillors were asked to consider their overall view of this proposal and to give their views at a future meeting so that a response can be formulated.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

- (a) Leaflet in respect of “The Ollie Bees Good Neighbours Care Group of Volunteers which offers neighbourly assistance to people in Oliver’s Battery.
- (b) Letter from Evolve Voluntary & Community Groups in respect of a directory of Voluntary and Community Groups
- © Notice from the Police showing the members of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team Covering the parish
- (d) Notice of the Annual General Meeting of The Hampshire Playing Fields Association on the 18th November 2008.
- (e) Letter from Winchester City Council in respect of Winchester Annual Housing Forum on the 21st November 2008.
- (f) Email from Malcolm Price, Southampton Running Club in respect a cross country race around Whiteshute Ridge and Oliver’s Battery
- (g) Letter from Hampshire County Council relating to an Older Drivers Skills Scheme
- (h) Letter from Department of Communities and Local Government being a consultation in respect of Codes of Conduct

12 REPORTS - COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In a written report (Copy herewith) County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to the procedure for reporting repairs needed to highways, improvement of public footpaths, problems of parking on highway verges and a Rural Strategy Consultation. She also mentioned advice for the elderly and flashing speed signs.

City Councillor Brian Collin referred to the successful launch of the Greening Campaign for the parish on the 11th October

13. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

PCSO Gavin Cooper (Hampshire Constabulary) stated that there had only been three reported incidents in the parish since the last meeting. In a case of vandalism to a telephone mast the police had been alerted and the persons concerned apprehended. The other cases involved daytime burglary of garden tools from sheds.

Members thanked and congratulated Mr P. C. Bugg in respect of the work which he had carried out for the repair of the tree guard and the refurbishment of the seat around the millennium tree at the corner of Oliver's Battery Road South and Compton Way.