

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 2nd September 2008. 7-30pm to 10-00pm

1. PRESENT

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

The following were also in attendance for parts of the meeting:

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey
City Councillor Brian Collin
City Councillor David Spender
PC Joe Zubaidi (Hampshire Constabulary)
David Ball (Hampshire County Council – Manager for Oliver's Battery Ancient Monument Site)

Apologies were received from Mr Pyke and Mr Stride.

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 5th August 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Tree Guard around the Millennium Tree

With regard to the tree guard around the millennium tree which has been dislodged and is in need of attention the Chairman and Mr Morris undertook to deal with this matter.

Annual Fireworks Display and Bonfire at the Recreation Ground

It was reported that the Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association were still unable to find a suitable person or persons to run this event at the beginning of November and it appears that the event is unlikely to take place. If this event is not to take place the large gate giving access to the recreation ground will be closed for a period prior to November to deter people driving into the recreation ground to deposit items for a bonfire. A suitable notice will also be displayed at the entrance to the recreation ground.

4. OLIVER'S BATTERY ANCIENT MONUMENT SITE (OPEN SPACE)

The Chairman introduced David Ball the Hampshire County Council Manager of the Site. David referred to various matters which have arisen in connection with the site over the past few years and he stated that the financial contribution made by the Parish Council towards the cost of cutting the grass was appreciated. Reference was also made to the desire to remove the clutter of signs at the corner of Olivers Battery Road South and Downlands Road and approaches being made for a litter bin near the seats on the site and the placing of an ornamental village sign on the site. David thought that such items should be dealt with in conjunction with an overall Management Plan for the Site and he proposed that there should be a meeting between County Council Officers and members of the Parish Council to discuss the requests currently being made in connection with the Site and the matters to be covered in an overall Management Plan for the Site. This was agreed and David Ball is to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council with some suggested dates for a meeting.

5. PLANNING

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that some comments be made in connection with a planning application (Case No. 08/01872/FUL – W21214) in respect of proposed replacement of single storey side with two storey side extension and other work at 76 Old Kennels Lane was confirmed.

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case No. 08/01925/FUL – W13419/03) for a proposed first floor extension and other alterations at 87 Olivers Battery Road South.

The following planning decisions were noted:

14 Old Kennels Lane	Conservatory to the rear	Permission Granted
6 Treble Close	Single storey extension to existing detached garage	Permission Granted

It was noted that a planning application for a proposed conservatory at the rear of 8 South View Road has been withdrawn.

In connection with the final form of the Village Design Statement for the parish it was agreed that the Chairman should arrange for a suitable photograph for the front cover of the document and when this has been done quotations are to be obtained for the printing of sufficient copies to enable a copy of the Village Design Statement to be provided for every household in the parish.

A Planning Newsletter issued by Hampshire County Council in respect of the Government's proposed changes to the draft South East Plan was noted.

6. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

P. C. Bugg	August recreation ground maintenance	£154-29
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7. RECREATION GROUND

With regard to the strategy for improvements and additional facilities at the recreation ground and in particular in connection with the proposed provision of a hard surface multi-use games area the Chairman reported on a preliminary meeting held on the site with a Landscape Architect, Mr Tim Griffin. The Landscape Architect is to prepare an outline proposal for the project and will also advise as to what his fees would be for preparing a scheme for and the management of the project. When such information is available arrangements are to be made for a meeting of the Working Group with the Landscape Architect.

In respect of maintenance and repair work required at the children's play area it was resolved that a quotation for the work from SAS Playgrounds Ltd in the sum of £678-50 plus VAT be accepted and that such Company be requested to carry out the work concerned.

It was agreed that arrangements be made for SAS Playgrounds Limited to carry out periodic inspections of the children's play area and to provide written reports of the inspections at a fee of £35 per inspection plus VAT. The inspections to be made in December 2008, March 2009, April 2009, May 2009, June 2009, July 2009, August 2009 and September 2009.

8. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Goodwin reported that there had been a meeting of the Working Group for this project and that the Group were now obtaining details of the likely cost and making enquiries as to suitable contractors to carry out the work which will be required.

9. CYCLE RACKS AT OLIVER'S BATTERY SHOPS

A letter from a local resident enquiring whether it would be possible to have cycle racks at Oliver's Battery shops for use by the public was considered. The situation is complicated as the majority of the areas in the front of the shops is in private ownership although there is a small area owned by the Parish Council. The possibility of having cycle racks on the area owned by the Parish Council is to be explored and an enquiry is to be made as to the possibility of having cycle racks for use by the public on the front forecourt of the cycle shop. Enquiries are also to be made as to the type of cycle racks available.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Hampshire Association of Local Councils on the 27th September 2008 an apology for absence is to be sent as unfortunately there are no Parish Councillors available to attend on such date.

The following were noted:

Letter from the Environment Agency in respect of changes to the Environment Agency Flood Warning Areas.

Letter from Enterprise Mouchel as to such Company taking over the management and maintenance of motorways and trunk roads as from 31st August 2008.

Hampshire County Council Community Transport Newsletter
Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

11. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her written report (Copy herewith) County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to schemes for temporary flashing speed signs, a claim for Village Green status for Bushfield Down, highways repairs including the junction Olivers Battery Road South/Badger Farm Road and the likely programme for the construction of the South Winchester Park & Ride Facility.

In his report City Councillor Brian Collin reported on his contact with Stagecoach Bus Company in connection with problems relating to bus service 2. There are a number of issues affecting this service which require attention and the future of this service may be considered. Brian will pursue this matter with the Bus Company and advise the Parish Council further in due course. Councillor Collin also mentioned the intended formal launch of a Greening Campaign in the parish on the 11th October 2008.

12. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

PC Joe Zubaidi (Hampshire Constabulary) gave a brief report on police matters in which he referred to there being only two reported minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting. The Chairman added that there had been a burglary at 151 Olivers Battery Road South within the past few days.