

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 August 2009. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

City Councillor Brian Collin and PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for the whole or part of the meeting.

One member of the public, Mr D. Maughan, was also in attendance for a part of the meeting.

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

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 July 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Parish Council Notice Board

It was reported that as agreed at the July meeting the Parish Council Notice Board has now been relocated to a position on the front wall of the general stores/ post office between the shop and the butchers shop. During the relocation it was found that there were some defects in the Notice Board and arrangements have been made for such defects to receive attention. It was also noted that the Notice Board will require some maintenance.

Greening Campaign

Mr Gage reported that the Energy Saving Trust has accepted the Parish Council and the parish as a Greening Community.

Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman stated that following the indication that the present Clerk to the Council wished to retire at the end of November a Panel comprising the Chairman, Mr Morris, Mrs Outlaw and Mr Gage would deal with the arrangements for the appointment of a new Clerk. A job description is being prepared and arrangements are being made for the post to be advertised. It is hoped that interviews will take place in September/October and that the person appointed will be able to start in November.

4. PLANNING

The following planning decisions were noted:

5 Braeside Close	Erection of detached outbuilding	Permission Granted
82 Old Kennels Lane	New boundary wall to frontage with gate	Permission Refused
25 Parliament Place	Balcony to rear of property with access to steps to garden	Permission Granted
“Ingleside” Old Kennels Lane	Demolition of existing garage and erection of double garage etc	Permission Granted subject to conditions

In connection with a consultation by Winchester City Council in respect of Winchester Core Strategy Preferred Options a draft response prepared by the Chairman was agreed and is now to be submitted to the City Council.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £1000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised :

St. Lukes PCC	Hall fees January to June 2009	£148 – 50
SAS Playgrounds Ltd	July inspection of children’s play area	£40 – 25
SJH Signs	Sign for recreation ground	£271 – 40
G. C. H. Sharman	Key for pond area at Old Kennels Lane	£5 – 50

New Terms and Conditions issued by the Church for the hire of St. Marks Church Hall were considered and were agreed on the understanding that the Parish Council can as in the past from time to time use a projector in the hall and have exhibition stands in the hall.

The Chairman referred to a budget projection which had been circulated to members and which had been prepared in connection with an application for a grant from Sport England in connection with the proposed multi use games area at the recreation ground.

6. RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that the repairs required to the safety surfacing at the children's play area had been carried out and that a new sign prohibiting dogs and alcohol from the recreation ground has been erected.

In respect of the two drop down metal vehicle posts which are not working correctly the Company which installed the posts has been asked to inspect the posts and advise as to whether the posts can be repaired or if replacements are required. The Company is also to be asked to give a quotation for the replacement of a damaged wood bollard.

The report by SAS Playgrounds Ltd in respect of the July inspection of the children's play area and which contained a suggestion that on one set of swings the cradle seats be replaced was considered. The Chairman stated that he had inspected the swings concerned and that it appeared the replacement of the seats was not necessary at present.

In connection with the refusal of planning permission for the proposed multi use games area the Chairman reported on a meeting which he had with the Planning Officer and the Open Space Officer at Winchester City Council on the 8th July. The main concern of the Planning Officer appears to be the size of the tarmac area proposed for the project and he suggested some separation of the facilities. The Open Space Officer thought that there should be more landscaping planting included in the project. The views of the City Council Officers and comments by Tim Griffin (Landscape Architect for the project) and the possibility of a resubmission of the planning application with modifications or an appeal were considered. Members were of the view that the multi use games area should be sited in the position shown on the drawings for the application for planning permission, but with modifications such as the tarmac area being coloured green and additional landscaping included. It was agreed that the resubmission of the planning application with modifications should be investigated with the Landscape Architect, the Open Space Officer and the Planning Department. The City Councillors for the parish are also to be included in the discussions for this matter.

7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

During a discussion on this project Mrs Goodwin referred to various quotations which have been obtained for making and erection of the proposed sign and in such respect it was thought that Mr Harry Stebbing and JC Barstow Brickwork Contractors Ltd may be

suitable contractors. Arrangements are now to be made to apply for funding for the project and for the necessary planning permission and other permissions required.

8. POND AT OLD KENNELS LANE

The Chairman referred to the environmental work carried out on the trees at the pond by the Developer of the adjacent site of the former 82/84 Old Kennels Lane. It is thought that further environmental improvements to the pond area would be desirable and the Chairman is to arrange a meeting of interested parties including the Developer of the adjacent site and Oliver's Battery Countryside Group to discuss this matter.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

With regard to a Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Hampshire Association of Local Councils on the 10th October 2009 it was arranged that the Chairman and possibly another Parish Councillor would attend this meeting.

The following were noted:

Letter from Hampshire County Council with Environment Department Annual report for 2008/2009.

Email from Winchester City Council in respect of a consultation in connection with a strategic review of community safety.

Email from Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association as to new Trustees of the Association.

10. REPORT BY CITY COUNCILLOR

In his report City Councillor Brian Collin referred to the Winchester Town Forum discussing the possibility of a 20mph speed limit for the contiguous built up area of the town and in such respect he suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider whether the parish should be regarded as within or without the contiguous built up area of the town.

11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

In his report PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) stated that since the July meeting of the Parish Council there had been reported a theft of a bird bath from the front garden of a bungalow in Shepherds Close and five other minor incidents. He also confirmed that no incidents at the recreation ground had been reported to the police.