

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 June 2009. 7-30pm to 9-30pm.

1. PRESENT

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

Apologies were received from Mr Morris, Mrs Banister, County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor Brian Collin, City Councillor David Spender and Hampshire Constabulary.

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 12th May 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

4. PLANNING

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that no comments be made in respect of a planning application (Re-submission) (Case No. 09/00722/FUL – W13254/02) for the erection of a three bedroom dwelling and alterations and extension to the existing bungalow at 11 Seldon Close was confirmed.

It was decided not to make any comments in respect of the following planning applications:

“Ingleside” Old Kennels Lane Case No. 09/00645/FUL W Ref: W21445	Demolition of existing garage, erection of attached double garage to side elevation with rooms above and extension of front porch
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25 Parliament Place Case No. 09/00689/FUL W Ref: W21460	Balcony to rear of property with access to steps to garden
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It was noted that planning permission has been granted for a two storey rear extension and attached single garage at 101 Olivers Battery Road South.

The Chairman referred to a consultation being conducted by Winchester City Council in respect of the Winchester Core Strategy Preferred Option (part of the Winchester District Development Framework) and requested members to consider this document and to advise him of any comments thereon.

An email issued by the Planning Authority (Winchester City Council) with regard to changes to the system in respect of householders appeals was noted.

It was reported that the Planning Authority are investigating the position in respect of an alleged use of a storage area at South View Park Homes for an unauthorised residential mobile home.

5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Annual Governance Statement in Section 2 of the Annual Return Form for the audit of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 was approved and signed.

The following payments were authorised:

Southern Water	Half years water charges – recreation ground	£34- 48
SAS Playgrounds Ltd	May Play Area inspection	£40 – 25

6. RECREATION GROUND

Three quotations for repairs to safety surfacing at the children’s play area were considered and subject to further details being obtained as to the specification for the work mentioned in the quotation from Redlynch Leisure Installations Ltd it was thought that the quotation from such Company be considered for acceptance at the next meeting..

It was noted that the “No dogs on the recreation ground” sign at the entrance to the recreation ground had been removed from the metal post and was missing. Arrangements are to be made for a replacement sign and it is to be considered whether a reference to alcohol being prohibited from the recreation ground could be incorporated on the same sign.

In connection with the proposed multi use games area for the recreation ground the Planning Authority (Winchester City Council) is processing the planning application and comments thereon to the Planning Authority have to be submitted by the 10th June 2009 and a decision on the application is due by the 6th July 2009. A meeting with youths of the parish to outline the proposed multi use games area and to obtain their views thereon has been arranged for 5pm at St. Marks Church Hall on the 11th June. In respect of the concern by some local residents as to the possibility of the multi use games area resulting in anti social behaviour in the neighbourhood an endeavour is to be made to have a meeting with the residents and the police to discuss this matter. Further consideration is also to be given as to the proposed practice wall being included in the project. With

regard to the presence of an alleged underground water supply pipe on the site the person who mentioned this has again confirmed his belief as to the existence of such pipe and Southern Water is to be asked whether they have any record of the existence of this water supply pipe. The Chairman is arranging to submit an application to Sport England for a grant to assist with the funding for the multi use games area and Winchester City Council have indicated that the Funds held in the Open Space Funding System which can be used for this project now amount to approximately £34,000.

7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Goodwin reported that the final quotations for the construction and erection of the proposed sign at the reduced size were still awaited. The Working Group dealing with the proposed sign have been requested to provide their recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council and it is hoped that such proposals will be available for the August meeting of the Council.

8. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY/FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

It has been noted that there has been a resurgence of Japanese knotweed at the edge of the public footpath from Old Kennels Lane to South Winchester Golf Course and treatment to eradicate the knotweed has been carried out by Hugh Corry. The overgrown vegetation on this footpath has also been cleared by Hampshire County Council.

The parish boundary stone on the edge of the bridleway adjacent to the Conservation Area is overgrown with vegetation and arrangements are to be made for this to be cleared at an appropriate time.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

In connection with an email about a design graphic for the parish based on the enamel inserts on the Olivers Battery bronze bowl produced by John Woodhead, John is to be asked to design a letterhead for the Parish Council.

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester Area Community Action with regard to the retirement of the Chief Executive.

Letter from Hampshire County Council (Highways) indicating that they are investigating the position with regard to worn road markings at the junction of Olivers Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road.

Email from Hampshire Constabulary as to a change at the Twyford office serving the Oliver's Battery area. Sergeant Ally Hibberd has moved to a new post and will be replaced by Sergeant Chris Hills.

Letter from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service with their Service Plan 2009/2012.
Community Action Hampshire Newsletter.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

In a written report from Hampshire Constabulary it was stated that there had only been three reported minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting.

With regard to a camper van which appears to be parked permanently in Downlands Road this is to be drawn to the attention of the police.

The Clerk handed a letter to the Chairman stating that the Clerk wished to retire from the post of Clerk to the Council with effect from the 30th November 2009.