

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 3rd March 2009. 7-30pm to 10 – 00pm.

1. PRESENT

Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Cope

Mr J. M. Gage) Prospective Parish Councillors
Mrs S.A. Outlaw)

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender and PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for parts of the meeting.

Two members of the public (Mr D Goss, 7 Mount View Road and his Architect Mr D Everest).

Apologies were received from Mr Morris and Mrs Banister.

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 3rd February 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Letter from a Local Resident in respect of Crop Spraying

It was reported that a letter has been sent to the farmer who has the use of the field adjoining the southern residential built up area of the parish requesting him to give notice of any intended crop spraying to the owners/occupiers of the properties adjoining the field. A copy of such letter has also been delivered to the properties adjacent to the field and some comments received have been noted.

Oliver's Battery Primary School – Community Arts Project

An email from the School as to the arrangements now proposed by the School in consultation with the Highway Authority for this project for a competition and painting of the underpass below Badger Farm Road which links Olivers Battery Road North and Olivers Battery Road South was noted.

4. VACANCIES FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Chairman referred to the two vacancies for Parish Councillors and introduced Sara Anne Outlaw and James Martin Gage both of whom live in the parish and who had expressed an interest in becoming Parish Councillors. Both Sara and James gave details of their respective backgrounds and it was resolved that both Sara and James be co-opted and appointed as members of the Parish Council. Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed by Sara and James and the Returning Officer at Winchester City Council is to be advised of the appointment.

5. PLANNING

Mr D.Goss of 7 Mount View Road and his Architect Mr D. Everest gave details of an intended application for planning permission for four dwellings on land being the large garden at 7 Mount View Road (formerly the site of 5 Mount View Road). Drawings were produced showing the intended development and the requirements of the Local Plan were explained. The information provided was noted and the Parish Council reserved the right to comment on this matter when the planning application is submitted.

It was decided not to make any comments on the following planning application:

41 Sunnydown Road 09/00223/FUL W.12798/01	New porch, ground floor infill, first floor extension, new roof line, velox roof lights etc including timber deck area with steps to garden
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6. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

A request by Olivers Battery Pre-School for a grant to assist with the cost of toys/equipment for the Group was considered and it was agreed that a grant of £250 be made to Olivers Battery Pre-School in the financial year 2009/2010.

The following payments were authorised:

Winchester City Council	Servicing dog waste bins 1/10/2008 to 31/12/2008	£74 – 40
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B. A. Quartly	Clerk's expenses 1/3/2008 to 28/2/2009	£394 – 70
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7. RECREATION GROUND

In connection with the proposed multi use games area it now appears that a formal application to Winchester City Council for planning permission will be necessary and it was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk should prepare the application and submit it to the Planning Department at the City Council. It was also agreed that in respect of ground works which will be needed a test of the chalk soil in the terms of suitability for filling/compacting should be carried out.

The budget of estimated costs for the proposed multi use games area prepared by the Landscape Architect (Tim Griffin) was noted and as this gave a total greater than the amount previously thought likely for this project arrangements are to be made to review the financial position for this matter including further enquiries as to grant funding which may be available. Having regard to the work already carried out by the Landscape Architect in respect of the design stage for the proposed multi use games area it was acknowledged that it would be in order for the Landscape Architect to submit an invoice for £3000 on account for his fees.

8 ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Goodwin referred to a further meeting of the Working Party dealing with this matter and the intention to reduce the size of the proposed sign so that the likely total cost can also be reduced. A technical drawing for the reduced size of the sign has been prepared. Enquiries with suitable craftsmen/contractors who are able to undertake the construction/erection of the sign are continuing and it is hoped that final estimates for the construction/erection of the sign will be available in the near future.

9. SALT/GRIT BINS

During recent inclement weather, frost and snow, residents at Braeside Close and Beech Close have requested the provision of salt/grit bins. Subject to suitable sites for bins being available, it appears that bins could be purchased by the Parish Council from the Highway Authority and that the Highway Authority would be responsible for the filling and re-filling of the bins. It was agreed that subject to the price for the bins being acceptable and suitable sites for the bins being available that salt/grit bins be acquired by the Parish Council for both Braeside Close and Beech Close.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Letter from Community History Partnership, Winchester District, as to the objectives of the Group and a meeting being held at Winchester College on the 24th March 2009.

Report from Pam Vandersteen, Public Transport Representative, in respect of a meeting of Winchester Passenger Transport Forum on the 30th January 2009.

11. REPORTS COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In her report County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to work on the South Winchester Park and Ride Facility starting in April although the route for buses serving the Facility still has to be settled.

In his report City Councillor Brian Collin mentioned the Council Tax set by the City Council for the next financial year and in respect of planning he also referred to the core strategy for the Local Development Framework.

12. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

In his report PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) stated that there had only been four reported minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting. He also referred to a special police operation currently taking place in respect of burglaries.