

## **OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** OF Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

### **1. PRESENT**

Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mr Morris; Mr Gage and Mrs Outlaw.

City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender, PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) and a member of the public Mr Doug Maughan (a neighbourhood watch Co-ordinator) were also in attendance for the whole or some of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Banister, Mrs Cope and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

### **4. PLANNING**

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

Land adjacent to 7 Mount View Road  
Case No. 09/00416/FUL  
W Ref: W15874

Erection 2 three bedroom chalets  
and 2 two bedroom houses with  
parking and associated works

23 Compton Way  
Case No. 09/00447/FUL  
W Ref: W09170/02

First floor alterations and  
extension to roof, two storey rear  
extension and replacement porch

A notification from Winchester City Council in respect of two draft documents which they have published on the housing supply in the Winchester District was discussed and noted. In particular it was noted that in connection with an assessment of the need for Local Reserve Sites to be released for housing the documents indicated that it would not be necessary to release any Local Reserve Sites in the coming year and that the situation will be reviewed again in the future.

## **5. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**

The payment of £170 to Winchester City Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in respect of the fee for the planning application for a multi use games area at the recreation ground was ratified.

The transfer of £5000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 was agreed and the following payments were authorised to be made on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 :

SAS Playgrounds Limited	March Children's Play Area inspection	£40 – 25
TGD Landscape Limited	Landscape Architect's fees – Design of proposed multi use games area at the recreation ground	£3588 – 92
B. A. Quartly	Travelling expenses for Clerk's Conference	£20 – 00
Olivers Battery Pre-school	Grant	£250 – 00*
The Battery Club	Grant	£250 – 00*
Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau	Grant	£300 – 00
Hampshire Association of Local Councils	Affiliation fee and NALC levy	£327 – 00
Hampshire Association of Local Councils	Subscription for Local Councils Journal	£13 – 50

\* Section 137 payment

An email from Winchester City Council as to the precept for the year 2009/2010 being paid in two instalments, half in April and the other half in September, was noted.

A written authority to National Westminster Bank in respect of the change of the Bank Standing Order for the payment of the Clerk's salary as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 was agreed and signed.

## **6. RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk reported that a planning application for the proposed multi use games area at the recreation ground had been lodged with the Planning Authority (Winchester City Council) and that this was now being processed by the Planning Authority.

In connection with funding for the proposed multi use games area an application for funds is to be submitted to the Hampshire Playing Fields Association and an enquiry is to be made as to the possibility of funds being available from Sport England. Winchester City Council is also to be requested to confirm the up to date amount held in the Open Space Fund and which can be utilised for the multi use games area.

With regard to the ground works which will be required in respect of the proposed multi use games area the Chairman is making arrangements for a test of the chalk soil in the terms of suitability for filling/compacting.

A report by SAS Playgrounds Limited in respect of the March safety inspection of the children's play area was noted and the Company are to be requested to clarify the position with regard to some minor items which may need attention.

## **7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN**

The Chairman presented a written report by Mrs Goodwin which gave information about the action being taken to obtain final estimates for the construction and erection of the proposed sign at the reduced size. It is hoped that such estimates will be available in the near future and enquiries as to possible grant aid to help with the funding of this project are continuing. Various permissions for the sign to be located on the Ancient Monument Site at the corner of Olivers Battery Road South and Downlands Road still have to be confirmed.

## **8. SALT/ GRIT BINS**

Since the last meeting two further requests for salt/grit bins have been received and there are now four requests for bins at Braeside Close, Beech Close, Priors Way and Keats Close. Winchester City Council have also indicated that the likely cost of bins would be £200 each installed. As such cost was more than expected the members of the Council decided at this time to provide a bin at each of two locations which were considered to be the highest priority having regard to the gradients involved being at Braeside Close and Keats Close. It is hoped that County Councillor Charlotte Bailey may be able to arrange for some funds to enable bins to be provided at the other two locations mentioned.

## **9 WEBSITE AND IT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Chairman mentioned that at times it appeared that some people were not clear where to locate the Parish Council's website and that advice from Hampshire Association of Local Councils indicated that it was preferable for the Parish Council to have a separate independent email address. The operation of the website and the possibility of a separate email address was briefly discussed and it was agreed that such matters should be kept under review with a view to detailed consideration for changes/improvements taking place in due course. The possibility of changes/improvements to the website is to be

mentioned in the Community News in case there is a local resident who may be able to offer some assistance in such respect.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

In respect of a letter from Hampshire County Council inviting members to a reception for Parish council representatives on the 17<sup>th</sup> April it was arranged that the Chairman, Mr Morris and Mrs Outlaw would endeavour to attend this event.

With regard to an email from Winchester City Council in respect of a consultation meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 in connection with climate change Mr Gage will attend this meeting.

An email from a Mr John Edwards to the Chairman about the possibility of improvements to the Olivers Battery Road South/ Badger Farm Road junction was noted.

## **11. REPORT - CITY COUNCILLOR**

City Councillor David Spender gave a brief report about City Council matters and in particular in respect of planning he referred to the current position with regard to the core strategy for the Local Development Framework.

## **12. OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

In his report PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) gave information about five minor incidents in the parish since the last meeting.

In connection with the South Winchester Park and Ride facility which is about to be constructed it was reported that Hampshire County Council were proposing to arrange a meeting to discuss the route of the buses to serve this facility and it was arranged that the Chairman would attend this meeting.

With regard to a large pothole in the road at the entrance to the shops at Olivers Battery Road South it was noted that County Councillor Charlotte Bailey was arranging for the necessary repair work to be carried out by Hampshire County Council (Highway Authority).

