

## **OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of Annual Parish Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

### **1. PRESENT**

Seven members of the Parish Council  
Thirty four Parishioners  
County Councillor Charlotte Bailey  
Winchester City Councillor David Spender  
PC Emma Port, Hampshire Constabulary  
Tim Griffin – Landscape Architect for proposed multi use games area at the Recreation Ground

Apologies were received from City Councillor Brian Collin, Mr M. Banister, Mrs P. Vandersteen and Mr W. Vandersteen

Mr Geoff Sharman, Parish Council Chairman, took the chair.

### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were distributed to everyone at the meeting and were confirmed and signed as correct.

### **3. GUEST SPEAKER – TIM GRIFFIN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT FOR PROPOSED MULTI USE GAMES AREA AT THE RECREATION GROUND**

The Chairman introduced Tim Griffin, the Landscape Architect engaged by the Parish Council for the proposed hard surface multi use games area at the recreation ground and Tim started his talk by giving details of himself, his firm and his experience of multi use games areas and similar projects. Tim then referred to his role in the design of the games area and the current shortfall in facilities for children between the ages of 8 and 14. By reference to drawings which were on display in the hall and slides which were shown on a screen the location and description of the proposed games area was explained and information was given as to the activities which it would be possible to have on the area including a kick about area, a practice wall, a basket ball facility and a tennis court. The sensitive nature of the site was mentioned together with the ground work which would be necessary due to the slope of the land and details of the landscape planting included in the project was given. Information as to a cost estimate for the project of about £100,000-00 was mentioned although it was hoped that when final details were available the cost would be less than such amount. The Chairman indicated how it was hoped to fund the project by way of funds from Open Space Fund held by the Winchester City Council for the parish, parish council funds and other grant aid funds. The Chairman also assisted with regard to the likely visual impact of the project by showing on the screen

photographs taken from various points looking into the recreation ground. Tim and the Chairman dealt with a number of questions and concerns raised by parishioners about noise, vandalism, anti social behaviour, graffiti, items likely to be thrown into the neighbouring field and drainage. The Chairman thanked Tim for his presentation.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

In his report on the activities of the Parish Council during the past year and proposals for 2009/2010 the Chairman mentioned the completion of the Village Design Statement for the parish. The Village Design Statement has been adopted by the Planning Authority (Winchester City council) as a supplementary planning guidance document and a copy of the Village Design Statement has been delivered to all households in the parish. With regard to the proposed ornamental village sign for the parish to be erected on the ancient monument site at the junction of Olivers Battery Road South and Downlands Road a competition for the design has taken place and the permissions needed for the sign and estimates for the construction and erection of the sign are in the course of being obtained. Having regard to inclement weather last winter the Parish Council have agreed to fund the provision of grit/salt bins at Braeside Close and Keats Close. In connection with the development now taking place on the site of numbers 82 and 84 Old Kennels Lane the Parish Council are in contact with the Developer with a view to obtaining some environmental improvement in respect of the pond immediately adjacent to the development. The Chairman replied to questions from parishioners and he thanked the members of the Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council for their work on behalf of the parish.

#### **5. PARISH ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk to the Parish Council presented the Accounts of the Parish Council for the year 2008/2009 comprising an Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Supporting Statement. The Accounts showed an opening credit balance of £49595-65 and a closing balance in hand as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 of £56601 – 78. Details were given in respect of the income and expenditure over the year including how some of the figures in the Accounts were made up and calculated.

#### **6. REPORTS BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey introduced her written report (Copy in Minute Book) setting out the various things with which she has been involved during the past year. In particular she referred to action taken in respect of roads, pavements and vegetation and the new South Winchester Park and Ride scheme the site for which is now under construction. The report also mentioned advice and care for the elderly and a flashing light available to help to enforce speed restrictions on public highways.

City Councillor David Spender produced a written report from City Councillor Brian Collin and himself (Copy in Minute Book). This report mentioned the various Committees of the City Council on which Brian and David have served during the past

year and the Local Development Framework document dealing with future development in the Winchester District which has now been agreed by the City Council. Reference was also made to proposals for development at Barton Farm and Bushfield Camp Site and the greening campaign for Oliver's Battery

## **7. OTHER PARISH MATTERS**

PC Emma Port (Hampshire Constabulary) introduced herself to the meeting and explained the police structure for the area in which the parish is situated. She also gave information about dealing with anti social behaviour and contacting the police and confirmed the Oliver's Battery is regarded as a low crime area.

Mr Maurice Walker, Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator for the parish, appealed for volunteers for the position of local co-ordinators in the Old Kennels Lane area and he distributed leaflets/ publications about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Mrs Evans thanked the Parish Council for the support given to the Battery Club.

Mr Morris proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Sharman for his conduct of the meeting and reminded those present that the monthly meetings of the Parish Council on the first Tuesday of each month were open to the public.