

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 12th May 2009. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

City Councillor David Spender was also in attendance for part of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Outlaw, County Councillor Charlotte Bailey and PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary)

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Geoff Sharman was elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and he signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present wishing to make a statement or to speak under this item.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st March 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Salt/Grit bins

Winchester City Council have been advised as to the Parish Council being willing to fund the provision of bins at Braeside Close and Keats Close and the City Council are now arranging to progress this matter.

Climate Change – Winchester District Partnership – High Quality Environmental Group

Mr Gage gave a report on a meeting of this Group which he had attended and which was a consultation with Parish Councils in respect of climate change. Each Parish Council was encouraged to implement two things or changes thought suitable for greening policies to deal with climate change.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Vice-Chairman Mr Terry Morris was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

(b) Planning Representatives Mrs Sara Outlaw (Co-ordinator), Mrs Lynda Banister and Mr Terry Morris were appointed as Planning Representatives for the coming year.

© Recreation Ground Representatives Mr Geoff Sharman and Mr James Gage were appointed as Recreation Ground Representatives for the coming year.

(d) Footpaths Representative Mrs Norma Goodwin was appointed as Footpaths Representative for the coming year

(e) Representative on Badger Farm & Olivers Battery Residents Community Association. Mrs Hilary Cope was appointed as the Parish Council representative on the Community Association for the coming year

(f) Representative on Police Liaison Committee Mrs Hilary Cope was appointed as the Parish Council representative on this Committee for the coming year

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was noted that the Annual Parish meeting on the 5th May 2009 had been well attended by about thirty four residents and that an informative and interesting talk about the proposed multi use games area at the recreation ground had been given by Tim Griffin the Landscape Architect engaged by the Parish Council for this project.

A local resident had referred to the dangers and problems experienced at the road junction of Olivers Battery Road South with Badger Farm Road. In such respect it was decided to ask the Highway Authority (Hampshire County Council) to renew/repaint the road markings at the junction and an enquiry is also to be made with the Highway Authority as to the current position in respect of improvements being made to this junction. Members were also concerned about vehicles exceeding the speed limit on Badger Farm Road and County Councillor Charlotte Bailey is to be asked whether the flashing sign showing the speed of vehicles can be placed on Badger Farm Road for a period.

7. PLANNING

The recommendation by the Planning Panel that no comments be made in respect of a planning application (Case No. 09/00437/FUL – W15978/03) for proposed two storey rear extension and attached single garage at 101 Olivers Battery Road South was confirmed.

It was decided that no comments be made in connection with a planning application (Case No. 09/00651/FUL – W05206/7) for a proposed two storey and single storey rear extension at 10 Parliament Place.

The following planning decisions were noted:

23 Compton Way	First floor alterations and extension and extension to roof etc	Permission Granted
41 Sunnysdown Road	Ground floor front infill, first floor extensions etc	Permission Granted subject to conditions
South View Park Homes	Use of land for repair and refurbishment of mobile homes	Permission Refused
Land adjoining 7 Mount View Road	2 three bedroom chalets and 2 two bedroom houses	Permission Refused

8. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported that one half of the precept for the year had been received from Winchester City Council and it was agreed that £9000 be transferred from the Current Account to the Reserve Account.

The following payments were authorised:

P. C. Bugg	March & April Recreation Ground maintenance	£246 – 99
SAS Playgrounds Ltd	April play area inspection	£40 – 25
Winchester City Council	Servicing Dog Waste Bins	£74 – 40
Helen Stride	Delivery of agendas for Annual Parish Meeting	£55 – 00
B. A. Quartly	Expenses (photocopying) for Annual Parish Meeting	£64 – 56
Broker Network Ltd	Annual Insurance premium	£1174 – 33

An invitation for the renewal of the Council's insurance policy with Norwich Union was considered and it was agreed that the ability to review insurance annually should be retained and that the current insurance be renewed for one year from the 1st June 2009 at a premium of £1174 – 33.

It was agreed that the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 which had been copied to members and produced at the Annual Parish Meeting be adopted.

9. RECREATION GROUND

In connection with the proposed multi use games area for the recreation ground details of the public consultations which have taken place in connection with this matter have been submitted to the Planning Authority (Winchester City Council) and the Planning Authority is now processing the application for planning permission.

The Landscape Architect engaged by the Parish Council in connection with the proposed multi use games area gave a talk at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 5th May explaining the details of this project. In response there were some comments by local residents at such meeting expressing concern about the wall included in the project and the possibility of noise, vandalism, anti social behaviour, graffiti and surface water drainage and these comments were dealt with by the Chairman and the Landscape Architect. The presence of an alleged underground water supply pipe on the site had also been mentioned and this is being clarified with the person who referred to this pipe. Residents at the Annual Parish Meeting were asked to complete a comment form about the project and seventeen completed forms were received with fifteen in favour of the project and only two against.

An application for a grant to assist with the cost of the proposed multi use games area has been submitted to Hampshire Playing Fields Association and the result of this application is expected in June. An application for a grant is also to be submitted to Sport England.

A quotation from SAS Playgrounds Ltd for repairs to safety surfacing at the children's play area was considered and it was agreed that a further quote for this work should be obtained from another contractor.

Mrs Cope mentioned that it appears part of the seat on a bench at the children's play area is loose and this is to be investigated and repaired as may be necessary.

10. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

In a written report Mrs Goodwin stated that the final quotations for the construction and erection of the proposed sign at the reduced size were still awaited.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Email from Hampshire Association of Local Councils about seminars for Core Skills for new Councillors

Letter from Winchester City Council as to free swimming for people over 60 and children under 17 years

Letter from BAA Southampton in respect of a Southampton Airports Community and Stakeholder Conference on the 26th June 2009.

Newsletter from Community Action Hampshire

Email from Winchester City Council as to whether there is currently a Tree Warden in the parish.

E mail in respect of Hampshire County Council's Good Neighbours Awards Schemes and in respect of this Mrs Cope is to make enquiries as to a suitable person in the parish to be nominated.

12. REPORT BY CITY COUNCILLOR

In a brief report in respect of planning City Councillor David Spender referred to a proposal for a Knowledge Park on part of the Bushfield Camp site and he also mentioned that in connection with the Winchester District Core Strategy and the Local Development Framework there would be an exhibition at the Community Centre at Badger Farm from 2-30pm to 5pm on Tuesday 16th June 2009.

13. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

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