

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

1. PRESENT

Mr Sharman (Chairman); Mr Morris; Mrs Goodwin; Mrs Banister; and Mr Gage.

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillors Brian Collin and David Spender were also in attendance for the whole or part of the meeting.

Elizabeth Billingham

Apologies were received from Mrs Cope, Mrs Outlaw, Douglas Maughan (Neighbourhood Watch) and the Police (Hampshire Constabulary)

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

3. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

With regard to the impending retirement of the present Clerk at the end of November the Panel of Parish Councillors dealing with the appointment of a new Clerk has interviewed a short list of applicants and has recommended the appointment of Elizabeth Billingham . The Chairman introduced Elizabeth to the members of the Council and it was unanimously resolved that Elizabeth be appointed as an Assistant Clerk for November and as Clerk to the Council as from the 1st December 2009 at the starting salary of £3750 per annum.

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked the retiring Clerk, Bernard Quartly, for all his work for the Council and the parish during the past seventeen years.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

5. PLANNING

The following planning decisions were noted:

5 Downlands Road	Single storey rear extension	Permission Granted
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23 Sunnydown Road	Front and side extension and raising roof to provide first floor accommodation	Permission Granted
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26 Mount View Road	First floor rear extension	Permission Refused
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In respect of the following planning applications it was decided to make the comments noted against the respective applications:

82 Old Kennels Lane Case No. 09/01999/FUL W.03048/03	New boundary wall/hedge to the frontage with gates	Comment that this was contrary to the Village Design Statement and gates not in keeping with the street environment
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163 Olivers Battery Road South Case No. 09/01983/FUL W. 03510/07	Rear oak framed garden room	No comments
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In connection with a planning application for development on land adjoining 7 Mount View Road it was noted that this application maybe withdrawn and the Developer is informally consulting with the Planning Authority prior to submitting another application.

The Chairman gave a summary of the latest position in respect of a proposal made by a Developer for the construction of housing at Pitt Manor. City Councillor Brian Collin also gave information about the status of the site concerned as a Local Reserve Site and it was agreed that this matter should continue to be kept under review.

An email from Winchester City Council, Planning Department, inviting Parish Councils to attend a Parish Council Forum on the 17th November 2009 was noted.

6. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The transfer of £1000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

Winchester City Council	Servicing of dog waste bins 1/7/2009 to 30/9/2009	£80 – 60
Vita	Repairs to seat at recreation ground	£132 – 25
Winchester City Council	Rent of Conservation Area	£50 – 00

The Chairman referred to a projected/ estimated account for the year 2009/2010 and a list of estimated unavoidable expenditure for the year 2010/2011 which had been distributed to Parish Councillors and he requested members to consider such items prior to the next meeting.

A letter from Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau asking the Council to consider making a grant to the Bureau in the year 2010/2011 was noted and it was agreed that this matter should be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

7. RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that the required repairs/reinstatement to the seat adjoining the car park has been carried out.

In view of the poor condition of the plastic portable goal posts it was agreed that a new set of portable goal posts be purchased.

The Chairman mentioned that a section of boundary fence adjoining South View Park Homes was damaged and in need of attention and it was agreed that the section of fence concerned should be repaired.

In connection with the proposed multi use games area the Chairman referred to the latest drawing (Drawing 2208-101 Revision A) for this project, the comments/representations received at and subsequent to the October meeting including a contact from Mark Oaten MP. Following a discussion of such items the Chairman requested members to vote on a motion that the latest drawing be submitted for planning approval and this motion was carried with four votes in favour and one abstention

8. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Goodwin reported that written consent for the erection of the proposed sign on the ancient monument site (Open Space) at the corner of Olivers Battery Road South and Downlands Road has been received from Hampshire County Council as landowner subject to certain conditions. The application for Scheduled Monument Consent is now to be finalised and Mrs Banister indicated that she is still continuing her search for grant funding to assist with the cost of the proposed sign.

9. POND AT OLD KENNELS LANE

With regard to further work to improve the environment of the pond there has been a consultation with Hugh Corry, an ecologist and landscape historian ,who has inspected the pond and had a meeting with the Olivers Battery Countryside Group and the Developer of the adjacent site of the former 82/84 Old Kennels Lane. Mr Corry has produced a report in which he has made some recommendations for the improvement of the environment of the pond and which have been put to the Developer of the adjacent

site. It is hoped that the Developer will agree to carry out the recommendations contained in the report after consultation with local residents.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

In respect of a letter from Hampshire County Council referring to a meeting of the Winchester Passenger Forum on the 11th December 2009 it was arranged that Mrs Banister would endeavour to attend this meeting.

The following were noted:

Letter from Winchester City Council with a Rural Housing Development Action Plan 2008/2009 -2012/13

Letter from Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service in respect of Fire & Rescue Service Plan 2010-13

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Hampshire Playing Fields Association on the 10th November 2009.

11. REPORTS BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In a written report (copy herewith) County Councillor Charlotte Bailey referred to improvements at the Bushfield roundabout in connection with the South Winchester park and ride facility, highway works requiring attention and a consultation in connection with the reduction of noise from the M3 motorway. The report also mentioned a Local Transport Plan to be prepared by the County Council and efficiency savings by the County Council.

City Councillor David Spender stated that the City Council has joined a campaign to reduce carbon emissions and that the City Council has appointed a new Officer to review Tree Preservation Orders and the status of trees on the City Council's land.

City Councillor Brian Collin mentioned the new layout at Bushfield roundabout and difficulties sometimes experienced in connection with the time limit for the use of the car park at the Sainsbury's Superstore.

12 OTHER PARISH MATTERS

A brief written report provided by the Police stated that since the October meeting of the Parish Council there had been reported only one minor incident in the parish.

Mrs Goodwin stated that the area around the parish boundary stone on the edge of the bridleway adjoining the Conservation Area was overgrown and needed clearance. Mrs Goodwin will investigate this matter further and this subject is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.