

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall,Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 6th October 2009. 7-30pm to 10-00pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor Brian Collin, PC Emma Port and PCSO Warren Carne (Hampshire Constabulary) were also in attendance for the whole or part of the meeting.

25 members of the public were also present

Apologies were received from City Councillor David Spender and Doug Maughan (Neighbourhood Watch)

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of the public present (local residents) made comments in respect of the proposed multi use games area at the recreation Ground (Item 6), but apart from this there were no members of the public wishing to speak or make a statement under this item.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Clerk to the Parish Council

In connection with the impending retirement of the present Clerk at the end of November applications to fill the post have been received. A short list of five applicants has been drawn up and such persons are now being interviewed by the Panel dealing with this matter. It was agreed that such Panel be authorised to make an appointment of a new Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

Pond at Old Kennels Lane

It was noted that the Developer of the adjacent site of the former 82/84 Old Kennels Lane has carried out some work to improve the environment of the pond. Arrangements are now to be made for the members of Oliver's Battery Countryside Group to meet with an

ecology/landscape professional to be identified by the Developer to discuss what further work should be done.

4. PLANNING

The following planning decisions were noted:

146 Olivers Battery Road South	New front porch	Permission Granted
106 Olivers Battery Road South	Conservatory to the rear	Permission Granted

The recommendations by the Planning Panel as to comments to be made in respect of the following planning applications were confirmed:

5 Downlands Road Case No. 09/01685/FUL W.13002/04	Single Storey rear extension	No Comments
26 Mount View Road Case No. 09/01720/FUL W.21562	First floor rear extension with pitched roof and dormers to replace existing single storey flat roof	Comments as to bulk of extension being too large, overlooking adjacent property and dormers being contrary to Village Design Statement
11 Seldon Close Case No. 09/01789/FUL W.13254/06	Single storey extension and alterations to existing bungalow	No Comments
23 Sunnydown Road Case No. 09/01858/FUL W.21576	Front and side extensions and raising roof to provide first floor accommodation etc	No comments having regard to development previously permitted in this road

The Chairman referred to proposals being made by a Developer for the construction of 200 properties at Pitt Manor although a formal planning application for such development has not yet been submitted. City Councillor Brian Collin gave some background about this proposal and as the proposal could affect the parish it was agreed that this matter should be kept under review.

5. 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:

Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents Community Association	Contribution towards cost of publication of Community News	£500-00*
Winchester District Association of Local Councils	Association Levy 2009/2010	£20-00
SAS Playgrounds Ltd	September inspection of Children's play area	£40 – 25
P. C. Bugg	September recreation ground maintenance	£132-00
TDG Landscape Ltd	Fees for new drawings for proposed multi use games area	£473-50

*Section 137 Payment

6. RECREATION GROUND

In respect of regular inspections of the children's play quotations for this service for the coming twelve months from SAS Playgrounds Ltd and Vita Play were considered and it was resolved that the quotation for inspections and provision of reports from Vita Play be accepted in the sum of £32 plus VAT per inspection with the inspections to be made in December 2009, March 2010, April 2010, May 2010, June 2010, July 2010, August 2010 and September 2010.

The Chairman stated that keys of the large gate giving access to the recreation ground have been issued to Mr Sanderson and Mr Laishley so that this gate could be closed at dusk at certain times with the hope that this will help to reduce incidents of anti social behaviour at the recreation ground. There was also a discussion as to the possibility of the large gate being closed at dusk every day during the year, but it was decided to see how the current arrangement worked over a period and then to review the situation again.

It is regretted that there will not be any bonfire and fireworks display at the recreation ground this year and in view of this the large gate giving access to the ground is to be closed from the 31st October to the 7th November inclusive.

With regard to the seat adjacent to the car park which has recently been dislodged from its footings arrangements are to be made for the re-erection of this seat.

As the members of the public present wished to discuss the proposed multi use games area the Chairman gave a summary of the background to the project and the current position. The latest drawing for the project incorporating some modifications to the height of fencing and additional landscaping planting was also explained and the members of the public were given an opportunity to inspect the drawing and to make comments on the project. A number of comments were made suggesting the likelihood of the project resulting in excessive noise, anti social behaviour and being an intrusion on the countryside. The most contentious issue was the proposal for the project to include a practice ball wall. In his response to the various comments the Chairman referred to the consultations which have previously taken place and gave examples of other existing practice ball walls. The Chairman also mentioned the need for more sports facilities at the recreation ground, but there was no intention to extend the car park. On a show of hands the public present indicated that there was a majority in favour of the project as a whole, but a majority opposed to the ball wall. Some of the details for the project still remain to be finalised and the Chairman indicated that the Parish Council would consider the comments made and any further information available before coming to a final decision about the detail of the project.

In connection alleged incidents of anti social behaviour in the Priors Way area and which may have arisen from people using the recreation ground the Chairman reported on a meeting on the 29th September attended by members of the Parish Council, the Police, Representatives of Neighbourhood Watch and residents from the area concerned. It is now hoped to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Group in the Priors Way area and Peter Bardon has offered to be the Neighbourhood Watch representative.

7. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Goodwin stated that arrangements were in hand for the preparation of an application for Scheduled Monument Consent and for the application for planning permission. Mrs Banister mentioned that she was continuing her search for grant funding to assist with the cost of the proposed sign.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

In connection with an email from Hampshire Association of Local Councils in respect of a Workshop “Do you know what your residents are thinking” to be held on the 4th November it was arranged that Mr Morris would attend.

Notice from Winchester District Association of Local Councils as to a meeting on the 22nd October. Mr Gage will attend this meeting.

Notice from the Police as to a Parish Policing Partnership Forum on the 21st October 2009. Mrs Outlaw will attend this Forum.

With regard to a letter from the Community History Partnership as to its objectives and work it was decided to indicate that the Parish Council would support this organisation.

In respect of an email from Mr W. Vandersteen drawing attention to a concrete base constructed on the verge adjacent to the entrance to the Water Company Sub-Station at Port Lane it was agreed that enquiries be made as to the reason for this base.

In connection with papers for the Annual General Meeting of Hampshire Association of Local Councils on the 10th October it was confirmed that the Chairman and Mrs Cope would attend this meeting.

A letter from Hampshire Police Authority as to the appointment of Independent Members of the Authority is to be placed on the Parish Council's Notice Board.

The following were noted:

Notice from CPRE as to a seminar "Enhance the Countryside in your Parish" on the 11th November 2009.

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Winchester Area Community Action on 22nd October 2009.

9 REPORTS BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In a written report (Copy herewith) County Councillor Charlotte Bailey stated that she was having a meeting with the Highways Engineer at the County Council to review outstanding work needed on highways and she asked Parish Councillors to provide her with information about highway matters requiring attention. The report also referred to a Local Transport Plan, the Village green application in respect of land at Bushfield, a Developers proposals for development at Pitt Manor and a Hampshire Family History Festival. In addition Charlotte mentioned that the work for the construction of the South Winchester Park and Ride facility was on target.

City Councillor Brian Collin reported on a Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting which he had attended and in respect of planning and housing he mentioned that there may be a possibility of local reserve sites being released for housing development earlier than previously thought.

9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

In her report PC Emma Port (Hampshire Constabulary) stated that since the September meeting of the Parish Council there had been reported only five minor incidents in the parish.

A member of the public (Mr Alan Hill) stated that he considered that in view of damage being caused by heavy vehicles turning an area at the end of Priors Way needed to be made up to highways standard.

Members recorded congratulations to a former Parish Councillor, Mrs Christine Stride, on her having been granted an award under the Good Neighbour Scheme.