

OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at St. Marks Church Hall, Olivers Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery on the 1st September 2009. 7-30pm to 10-15pm.

1. PRESENT

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

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, City Councillor Brian Collin, City Councillor David Spender, Pc Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) , Philip Mills (Hampshire Trading Standards) and Mr Maurice Walker and Mr Doug Maughan (Neighbourhood Watch) were also in attendance for the whole or part of the meeting.

Seven members of the public were also present being Miss S. Barks 12 Old Kennels Lane, Mr and Mrs Flynn 10 Braeside Close, Mr and Mrs Winkworth 11 Braeside Close and Mr S. Sanderson and Mr W. Laishley (Priors Way).

An apology was received from Mrs Cope.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Mrs Flynn spoke with regard to the planning application in respect of land adjoining 7 Mount View Road (See Planning) and Mr Sanderson and Mr Laishley spoke with regard to access to the recreation ground at or after dusk (See Recreation Ground)

3. PRESENTATION ON "NO COLD CALLING ZONES" TRADING STANDARDS OFFICER MR PHILIP MILLS.

The Chairman introduced Philip Mills a Trading Standards Officer from Hampshire County Council who gave a talk about the role of Trading Standards in protecting older people. In particular he referred to the problems associated with rogue doorstep traders who targeted vulnerable older people and the advice available from Trading Standards. He gave examples of how such rogue traders operated when calling at the homes of elderly people and advice was given as to not dealing with such traders and not keeping money at home. Philip also explained how Trading Standards could help streets or groups of streets in the setting up of "no cold calling zones" and he distributed leaflets issued by Trading Standards in such respect. A number of questions were dealt with by Philip and the Chairman thanked him for his presentation.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th August 2009 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Pond at Old Kennels Lane

In connection with the possibility of further environmental work at the pond at the bottom end of Old Kennels Lane the Chairman reported on a site meeting on the 27th August of interested parties (including local residents, Oliver's Battery Countryside Group, a representative of the Highway Authority and the Developer (Rob Williams) of the adjacent site of the former 82/84 Old Kennels Lane). It was arranged that members of Oliver's Battery Countryside Group will meet with an ecology/landscape professional to be identified by Rob Williams to decide what work needs to be done. A number of local residents offered to act as volunteers for this work and in the meantime Rob Williams will arrange for debris from building work on the adjoining site to be removed and for surplus top soil to be moved to the lower sides of the retaining banks ready for planting. Rob Williams also offered to provide some funding for ongoing maintenance and asked the Parish Council to investigate the likely cost of such maintenance.

Clerk to the Parish Council

With regard to the impending retirement of the present clerk at the end of November, notices inviting applications to fill the post have been placed on the Parish Council Notice Board and on the Community Notice Board outside St. Marks Church Hall. The post has also been advertised on the website of Hampshire Association of Local Councils. The closing date for applications is the 18th September. It was agreed that if necessary the vacancy be advertised in local papers.

Greening Campaign

Mr Gage stated that the Energy Saving Trust had identified the insulation of dwellings as a first priority and that a further meeting in connection with the campaign has been arranged to take place at Oliver's Battery Primary school on the 16th September.

5. PLANNING

The following planning decisions were noted:

Compton Lodge
3 Compton Close

Replacement of Single Garage

Permission Granted

11 Seldon Close	Erection of three bedroom two storey dwelling and extension of existing bungalow to form a three bedroom two storey dwelling	Permission Refused
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It was decided not to make any comments in respect of a planning application (Case No. 09/01544/FUL – W19617/01) for a conservatory at the rear at 106 Olivers Battery Road South.

Planning Application (Case No. 09/01608/FUL – W15874/03) for erection of two bedroom dwelling and two three bedroom dwellings, including new access, parking and landscaping on land adjoining 7 Mount View Road. Mrs Flynn spoke on behalf of the owners of 10 and 11 Braeside Close and 12 Old Kennels Lane as they were concerned about the height of the proposed development which would overlook their properties and affect their privacy. It was decided that comments be made against certain aspects of this proposed development including stating that it appeared a three storey dwelling within the proposed development was contrary to the Oliver’s Battery Design Statement.

6. FINANCE AND AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The Clerk reported that the audit of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 has been completed by the Audit Commission and that the Commission have issued the appropriate certificate without any comments.

It was also reported that the second instalment of the precept for 2009/2010 (£11650) has been received from Winchester City Council and credited to the Parish Council’s Current Account.

The transfer of £9000 from the Current Account to the Reserve Account was agreed and the following payments were authorised:

Winchester City Council	Servicing dog waste bins 1/4/09 to 30/6/09	£80 – 60
Hampshire County Council	Contribution towards grass cutting costs Olivers Battery Open Space (Ancient Monument site)	£690 – 00
Audit Commission	Audit fees for accounts 2008/2009	£327 – 75
SAS Playgrounds Ltd	August play area inspection	£40 – 25
Redlynch Leisure Installations Ltd	Repairs to safety surfacing at recreation ground	£885 – 50

P. C. Bugg

July and August recreation
ground maintenance

£264 – 00

7. RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that the arrangement for regular inspections of the children's play area at the recreation ground by SAS Playgrounds Ltd ends with the September inspection . It was agreed that quotations for future regular inspections be obtained from SAS Playgrounds Ltd and other suitable Companies offering this service.

In connection with the re-submission of the planning application for the proposed multi use games area the Landscape Architect assisting with the project has indicated that his fee to prepare a revised drawing including the coloured version, copying and scanning would be £360 plus VAT and expenses. Subject to clarification as to what expenses would be involved it was agreed that this figure be accepted and the Landscape Architect be requested to prepare the new drawing. Advice is being obtained as to a condition which would secure a programme of archaeological mitigation works in connection with the construction of the multi use games area.

Mr Sanderson and Mr Laishley expressed concern about the practice wall which forms part of the proposed multi use games area and the Chairman offered to meet them to explain further the details of the project.

The Chairman referred to an approach made to him by Mr Sanderson and Mr Laishley expressing concern about incidents occurring at the recreation ground in the evening or night which sometimes included vehicles using the car park. It was thought that the closing of the large gate giving access to the recreation ground at dusk at certain times would help to reduce such incidents and Mr Sanderson and Mr Laishley had offered to do this on being provided with a key to the gate for such purpose. This was agreed subject to the arrangement being confirmed and set out in correspondence between the Parish Council and Mr Sanderson and Mr Laishley.

8. ORNAMENTAL VILLAGE SIGN

Mrs Goodwin referred to arrangements being made to apply for planning permission for the sign and enquiries are being made as to an application for any necessary Scheduled Monument Consent. Mrs Banister stated that a preliminary application for a grant to assist with the cost of the sign has been submitted.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Agenda and papers relating to Annual General Meeting of Hampshire Association of Local Councils on the 10th October 2009.
Newsletter – Community Action Hampshire.

10. REPORTS – COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS

In a written report (copy attached) County Councillor Charlotte Bailey stated that highway works at Bushfield roundabout should be completed by the 7th September and that work on the Winchester Southern Park and Ride facility is taking place on schedule. The report also referred to a new gardening support service available for the over 60s in Hampshire and various grants available from the County Council.

11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

In his report PC Nigel Harding (Hampshire Constabulary) stated that since the August meeting of the Parish Council there had been reported six minor incidents in the parish. Nigel also confirmed that the police made regular visits to the recreation ground. In connection with anti social behaviour at or near the recreation ground the Chairman stated that he was endeavouring to arrange a meeting between the police , local residents in the area concerned and the Parish Council.