

**Minutes of Oliver's Battery Parish Council Meeting held at
St. Marks Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery
on the 2nd February 2010 7-30pm**

Present	In attendance	Absent
Cllr G Sharman (Chairman)	Cllr B Collin (WCC)	
Cllr T Morris (Vice – Chairman)	E Billingham (Clerk)	
Cllr N Goodwin		
Cllr L Banister	Cllr Bailey (entered meeting at 8.30pm)	
Cllr J Gage		
Cllr S Outlaw (left the meeting at 9.20pm)		
Cllr H Cope		

Item	Subject	Action
1	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.	
	Apologies were received from: D Spender,	
2	To adjourn for public participation	
	No members of the public.	
	.1 To receive Police Report	
	No police present Report was distributed prior to the meeting and the Chair read it out to the meeting. Areas of discussion were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism - There was further information from an email sent by Cllr Spender regarding the vandalism on Old Kennels Lane. Cllr Morris added further details. It was agreed that it was unusual to have so many incidents. • Silver canisters – Momford Road and one in Oliver's Battery Road South. Cllr Sharman had mentioned it in the Community News report and was encouraging the formation of Neighbourhood Watch groups. • There had been reports of a door to door sales man claiming to be a former criminal trying to earn money for college by selling dusters. The police were aware. • Phone calls pressurising people to give money. 	
	Meeting Resumed	
3	To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2010	
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January 2010 Were agreed and signed as a true record. To send December minutes for signing.	EB to send December minutes
4	Matters arising from these minutes	
	Pond – Update Cllr Sharman met with the three families close to the pond. Following the meeting had discussion with Mr Corry and who had made various suggestions. One option would be that it would be advisable to fell additional trees near to Millers Lane and young sycamores in the corner of the golf course. This would mean consultation with the golf course management and may require replanting with another species. The residents had not reached a consensus of opinion yet. It was reported that the life span of the thatch on the cottage in Old Kennels lane had	



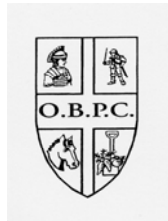
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	<p>shortened due to the overhanging trees. It was suggested that the minimum amount of work required would probably be crown pruning to cut back branches but there was concern that if they were cut back they would regrow and cause the same problems. It was agreed that further feedback was needed particularly from Highways and that it would be necessary to look at what was best for the pond and thatch on house and then decide what to do next. There would be a cost implication but the developer had indicated that he would be paying for the work to be undertaken.</p> <p>Logo - The Chair wished to remind the Council that at a previous meeting it had been resolved to acquire a new logo and it was agreed that this should be moved further forward. RESOLVED – Cllr Sharman to contact John Woodhead</p> <p>New goal posts – At previous meetings it had been agreed to purchase new goal posts This had been delayed due to the winter weather. ACTION: To arrange purchase.</p>	<p>GS to contact John Woodead</p> <p>Purchase new posts.</p>
5	Planning Applications and Decisions.	
	.1 To receive planning applications from Winchester City Council and agree response.	
	NONE	
	.2 To receive planning appeals notification	
	Report from S Outlaw	
	.3 To receive application decisions:	
	<p>Recreation grounds – Case worker – James Jenkinson, was recommending approval. The committee meeting would be on 16th Feb. and it was agreed that Cllr Sharman would speak on the council's behalf. The young people would be encouraged to go to the meeting to show support.</p> <p>50 Compton Way – No decision yet</p> <p>Mobile home site was still with the legal dept and they were aware of issues.</p> <p>Cllr Morris wanted the council to be aware that he planned to build a porch at his home at 64 Old Kennels Lane and had been informed by WCC that planning permission would not be needed.</p> <p>Cllr Outlaw would be attending a planning course in Whiteley.</p>	
6	Finance.	
	.1 To approve orders for payment.	
	<p>RESOLVED to agree the following payments: Cheque 001131- £312.90 - E Billingham – Clerks salary January Cheque 001132- £35.00 - Wickham Parish Council - Planning Training Cllr Outlaw Cheque 001133- £853.59 – Serco – Recreation Ground grass cutting 2009.</p>	



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	<p>Cheque 001134 - £37.18 – E Billingham – Office supplies.</p> <p>There was some discussion over the use of County supplies. Previously the Clerk had been informed that the deliveries could not be made to a home address. Clerk to ask again.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Approve payment of Standing Order for Clerks salary.</p> <p>Servo grass cutting at Recreation Ground will be £53.18 plus VAT for 2010 for a total of 14 visits.</p> <p>RESOLVED : Accept the quote. Re tender next year.</p>	Clerk
	.2 To consider applications for grants.	
	<p>Battery Club – It was agreed at the last meeting that more detail was needed. The Battery Club would be asked to provide details by the next meeting. Battery Club. Email address would be supplied by Cllr B Collins</p>	Clerk
	<p>.3 To approve increase to cost of grass cutting at Oliver's Battery monument. Please see details of correspondence below:</p> <p>The Clerk had just received a new quote from Serco (mowing contractors) for £923.32 to mow Oliver's Battery Monument during 2010.</p> <p>The council were asked if they would increase their contribution to £700 which would be an increase of £100 over last year.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask for more details about mowing frequency and cutting of the banks and maybe resolve a way to reduce the overall cost.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact David Ball and ask for more details.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Village Sign .1 Update of application for Scheduled Monument Consent</p>	
	<p>Cllr Goodwin reported that she had now filled in the application form for Scheduled monument consent. Cllr Sharman would read and sign. The Parish Council already have HCC consent. There was some discussion over time scale and funding. It was agreed that until full costs and tenders were made there would not be an accurate idea of cost but it was believed to be over £10,000. The Parish council had budgeted £5,000 but so far no further grants had materialised. It was agreed to look again at the Heritage Fund but a specific community project may need to be in place to make this application successful. It was agreed that it would be unlikely that that there would be enough funds for the Recreation ground project and the village sign in the next financial year unless outside funding was successful. The outcome of the planning application for the Recreation ground would be available at the next meeting. It was agreed that it was important to find out true costs and make a decision.</p>	



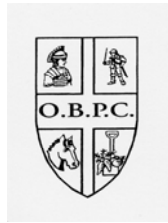
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	<p>There was some concern over the increasing costs. RESOLVED to place on the next agenda under finance and to look at ways pursue grants or other ways to finance it including direct fundraising such as a Fete or to borrow the money.</p> <p>RESOLVED – to continue with the scheduled monument consent application and to seek further funding.</p> <p>Cllr Gage to investigate Awards for all. Cllr Bannister to look into the Heritage and Sainsbury's Community awards and ask Cllr Bailey if there were county grants available. Possibility of a Fete in September.</p> <p>AGENDA – Fete March.</p>	<p>Clerk – Agenda item Village Sign</p> <p>Agenda – Fete</p>
	.2 Discussion of funding	
	See above	
8	<p>Grit Bins .1 To agree siting and funding of proposed grit bins</p>	
	<p>There were currently five grit bins. Cllr Sharman showed map of existing grit bins and requested sites. .</p> <p>HCC had announced that it would supply grit bins around county but subsequently there had been no clarity on this idea. Cllr Collins had tried to seek further information and had not been successful and suggested that the Parish council prioritise areas and supply a list.</p> <p>There was some discussed about moving the one on Keats Close to Austen Close</p> <p>RESOLVED – To supply Clerk and Cllr Bailey with requested areas. To contact Neville Crisp on installation costs and seek other prices.</p> <p>It was agreed that supplying grit bins was a priority.</p>	<p>Supply list of new sites and find out full costs.</p>
9	<p>Street lighting on Compton Way. .1 Update – One site discussion when available.</p>	
	The Clerk had contacted HCC and due to the back log there may be some delay in arranging a meeting.	
10	<p>Reports .1 To receive the County Councillor's report.</p>	
	<p>Verbal report. Areas included were:</p> <p>Pond – A meeting had been arranged with Peter MacDonald and the County arboriculturist. Cllr Bailey and Cllr Sharman would attend.</p> <p>The primary school now had a crossing person.</p> <p>St Peters school Governors were looking at Safer Routes to school. It was suggested that the Ridgeway footpath could be widened and have railings. Cllr Bailey supported this idea. Cllr Collins had some concern about cyclist's safety. Cllr Sharman also noted that Oliver's Battery Road footpath was very narrow and Cllr Bailey asked for more details and would arrange to have a road safety officer out to look at both areas.</p> <p>Pitt Roundabout flooding was now on list of problems.</p> <p>Cross Rail bridge – Cllr Collins supplied an email address for any problems. andoverroad@hants.gov.uk</p> <p>The work was still on schedule and Andover Road would not close until St Cross had been completed. It was due to finish 31st March.</p>	



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	.2 To receive the District Councillor's report.	
	<p>Verbal report. Areas included in the report were: Pot holes – Report them to fixmystreet.com Blocked drains – fixmystreet.com High Street improvements had started again. Looking good, slabs not sealed yet. The area of improvement were Market St and to bollards at Slug and Lettuce. Money to repair The Square was now available. Fresh water sewer improvements. Pitt Manor –Planning application in but had not been validated. On weekly list. Demolition on Badger Farm Road. Oliver's Battery Road. Contractor's vehicles had been on the road during demolition. Cllr Bailey to ask road safety officer if they would consider yellow lines. There was concern that once completed that overflow parking might become a problem. There was concern voiced over single yellow lines which had worn out and Cllr Bailey agreed to ask the road safety officer to look at these on their visit. Welcome was made to Tom Smith to school patrol.</p>	Cllr Outlaw left the meeting at 9.20
11	Correspondence a) To action	
	<p>Emergency Planning - Members of the City Council's Environment Scrutiny Panel are presently conducting an Informal Scrutiny Group to enquire into the effectiveness of the established Emergency Planning Procedures at local community (Parish, Town or smaller) in Winchester District.</p> <p>Cllr Bannister would let the Clerk know if she could attend.</p> <p>Play Area inspections:</p> <p>The council looked at ROSPA and WCC play inspections costs. After much discussion it was agreed that as the council had a monthly inspection it should only need one annual inspection. RESOLVED to stay with ROSPA.</p>	Cllr Bannister
	b) To note Wheels to Work scheme Mayor of Winchester Community Awards- nomination Ollie B – A member of the public was suggested. Cllr Morris to supply Clerk with full details. HCC Countryside Access newsletter Winchester Community Safety Partnership newsletter Community Action Hampshire Hampshire Now	Cllr Morris – supply details
	Agenda items for the next meeting: Footpaths Fete	



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	To note that on the 27 th February 10am – 12. Greening Oliver's Battery would hold an information morning at the church hall. An insulation company would be available to discuss insulating homes etc. Also Eco tricity, Energy Savings Trust and advice on boiler scrappage. Energy light bulbs etc	
12	Date of next meeting 2 nd March 2010 7.30 pm Meeting closed at 9.40pm	