

**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 March 2010 7-30pm**

Present	In attendance	Absent
Cllr G Sharman (Chairman)	E Billingham (Clerk)	Cllr B Collin (WCC)
Cllr T Morris (Vice – Chairman)	Cllr D Spender,	Cllr H Cope
Cllr N Goodwin	Cllr Bailey	Cllr S Outlaw
Cllr L Banister		
Cllr J Gage		

Item	Subject	Action
1	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.	
	Apologies were received from: Cllr Cope and Cllr Outlaw	
2	To adjourn for public participation	
	15 members of the public.	
	.1 To receive Police Report	
	<p>Constable Nigel Harding – Read out the police report. Attached to filed minutes. Highlights from the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 criminal offences – 9 localised to one matter, three attempted burglaries at same premises. Not elderly or vulnerable but on going enquiries. The victims were not targeted persons. • Report of an incident on Old Kennels Lane from four unidentified youths causing anti social behaviour and some damage. No further damage since that date. • One road traffic accident in Old Kennels Lane. • Suspicious male seen in Old Kennels Lane in January. • The police welcome residents who call and report incidents as it adds to intelligence figures particularly in cases of suspicious behaviour such as on Old Kennels Lane. • Harassment cases – mainly issues of domestic issues. • Attempted burglary on Keats Close – garage entered nothing stolen, no arrests • Momford Road – one person arrested • Dog complaint Oliver Battery Road South – person bitten by dog and there had been an informal complaint and dealt with civil means. • January there had been a driving complaint in bad weather but not substantiated. Between January and meeting there had been twelve incidents. • Safer Neighbourhoods forum every two months. Cllr Sharman had attended. The meeting was useful as it helped the Police to gain evidence in South Gate area about what was felt to be important issues. To help set priorities for their own work. 	
	Meeting Resumed	
3	To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2010	
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	Were agreed and signed as a true record.	
4	Matters arising from these minutes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting relating to the pond with WCC – Outcome had not been reported. Arboricultural officer meeting was still to take place. • Legal issues of mobile homes to be discussed later on. • Grit bins - Another request – Crescent Close. There have been requests for a total of five bins. <p>Agenda of next meeting Discuss</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>7 Mountview Road – Chair showed the plans. The applicant spoke about the application and explained the background. There was some concern expressed by neighbours who will be overlooked. The applicant explained boundary depth and that planting would take place. Ridge height confirmed as approximately 6 metre.</p> <p>There was some concern about the health of the tree and it was conformed that it did have Horse Chestnut canker but at present safe it may have to come down if gets worse. The density and housing requirements are acceptable to WCC.</p> <p>RESOLVED No Comment.</p> <p>The Parish Council has no comment. It was understood that there were concerns about the property being over bearing and certain privacy issues. The applicant will bear in mind.</p> <p>General point – current planning rule sets density of new housing up to 20 per acres. Oliver's Battery is generally less.</p>	
6	Finance.	
	.1 To approve orders for payment.	
	<p>Cheque 1135 - £ 121.50 G Sharman – Goal post for Recreation Ground</p> <p>Cheque 1136 - £312.90 – E Billingham - Clerks salary February due to Standing order not sent through by bank</p> <p>Cheque 1137 £ 509.27 – WCC – Grit bins – reissue of cheque</p> <p>Cheque 1138 £36.80 – Vita – playground inspection – reissue of cheque</p> <p>Approve transfer of £1000 from reserve to current account.</p> <p>Budget projection to Year End</p> <p>Reserve account : £ 65386.77</p> <p>Current Account : £1103.55 (minus Goal post)</p>	
	.2 To consider applications for grants.	
	<p>Diana Evans from The Battery Club had requested a donation towards speaker costs, annual holiday and days out. They do not receive any other external funding. Speakers now cost £40 per meeting. The annual holiday costs £290.</p> <p>AGREED - More detail on finance – GS to contact.</p>	ACTION: GS to contact Battery Club



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	<p>.3 To approve increase to cost of grass cutting at Oliver's Battery monument. Since the last meeting the Clerk had gone back to David Ball to ask about other options. David Ball had responded with these details of the grass cutting. <u>The original quotation with the same cutting regime as present contract:</u> The cost is £64.18 plus VAT per cut. In addition £281.52 to annually mow the banks and take away debris.</p> <p>It was explained by David Ball that he felt it would be cheaper to cut grass and banks every time (every 3 weeks) than cut grass three weekly and then cut banks annually. This was because the annual banks cut meant a whole team, using a different machine and there being more long grass to clear away. If it is done regularly there would be no debris and it would be the same team. <u>The second quote with all sections being cut ten times pa.</u></p> <p>To cut the flat area every three weeks (X10 Cuts) including banks Please allow a total sum of £82.18 (plus Vat) per cut.</p> <p>The Councillors discussed the difference between the contracts and that the cost difference would be about £100. There was some discussion on the background and past cutting regime. There had been a management plan in past but it was never ratified and there was concern about the wild life in the areas. It was agreed to stay with current regime for the next financial year. There was a possibility of the conservation group observing the area during the year to see what insects and flora where present in the banks. It was hoped that there could be a cut before the fete. RESOLVED: To continue with the existing regime and contribute £700 towards the cost of cutting.</p> <p>.4 Funding for Village Sign.</p> <p>The cost of the sign would likely be over £10,000. There had been attempts to find heritage grants without success. Lynda Bannister agreed to pursue finding grants. The Clerk handed her the latest funding sheet from HALC. It was suggested that the proceeds from the Fete could go towards the financing of the sign.</p> <p>The application for consent was still ongoing.</p> <p>AGREED in principle that Fete proceeds go to the Village sign.</p>	
7	<p>Annual Parish Meeting .1 To agree date 4th May 2010 Call Mrs H It was noted that if the general election was held on 6th May then Parish will be on 27th May. Parish council meeting will be held on the 11th May.</p> <p>.2 To consider options for speaker. It was suggested that it might be useful to have a representative from the Energy Savings Trust discuss renewable energy. Cllr Gage to arrange. .</p>	<p>Clerk to book</p> <p>Cllr Gage to make enquiries</p>



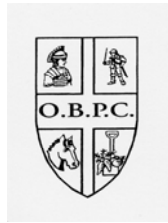
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8	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>.1 To agree plan of action.</p> <p>The public were invited to speak.</p> <p>The Chair explained that the planning application had been approved. Correspondence had been received from– Mr Sanderson and the Chair read out the details. There was some concern shown in the letter that the tennis court and MUGA did not allow for levelling of the football field. The Chair explained that space had been reserved space to level the football area in the future. Winchester Football club had looked at it and had said it would not play there and therefore little justification to levelling at present.</p> <p>The Chair felt that there had been various opportunities for consultation with the community. There had been a lot of discussions with many groups and he was satisfied that there is a majority support. There was further discussion about the tennis courts being used mainly by adults and then more informal family use.</p> <p>Financial costs - £100,000 approx – no actual cost until firm estimates. The Chair was convinced the Parish Council could afford to fund it. The projected year end was £65,000 plus precept 50% of £12,000 and in addition would attract grant funding of Open Spaces of £34,000 and £2,000 from HPFA. John Coney from HPFA had been asked about other sources. It was explained that the Parish Council could not go into debt but can manage expenditure with a possibility of borrowing. There would be further investigation to look at borrowing facility if needed.</p> <p>The planning permission had been granted but full details of conditions had not been provided yet. It was believed that a condition that would be set would be to have an archaeological monitoring contract. WCC would provide a list of contractors. Some Iron age items have been found in area. Cost as yet was unquantifiable.</p> <p>The main issue of complaint from the public had been the issue over the wall. A member of he public expressed concern and stated that there had been groups of youths and problems in the past. Some of the public present suggested a proper survey of options. Some of those present stated that they were in favour of a pitch.</p> <p>The Chair stated that children were encouraged to play football on the pitch but the Parish Council had not had formal requests for white lining and goal posts. There would be costs involved for white lining if that was requested and it could be done during the summer months.</p> <p>The portable goal posts were now ordered and will be put up.</p> <p>The Chair stated that the original plans were published a year ago. The revise plan was submitted last autumn and a plan had been available at the meeting. Statements had been made in the papers which were unhelpful. The plan as submitted consists of two courts and MU area with a wall between them. It was explained that these areas needed to be separated to provide a sight screen to give a visual barrier.</p> <p>Member of public stated that he felt that he wanted one tennis courts and no multiuse area.</p> <p>It was reported that there was an area of fencing that was broken. Fence was the responsibility of the Parish Council and therefore needed to be fixed.</p>	
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<p>AGREED to obtain some quotes for fixing the fences.</p> <p>There was further conversation with the public about how to Parish Council had reached their democratic decision: The Chair stated again that the Parish Council had had many conversations with parishioners supporting the project. There had been an open meeting last October with the architect. Many people had come with both support and opposition. The Chair had felt that there was overwhelming majority in favour of the plans. There had been two further public meetings which included young people from the parish. Those at the meeting had voted in favour of the plans but against the wall.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the financial costs of the project and a member of the public proposed an ecological survey of the elements of the project.</p> <p>It was also suggested that a digital picture of the wall should be produced as it was hard to visualise. The Chair emphasised that questions of environmental and landscape impact had been considered in the grant for planning permission.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was resolved to seek a visualisation.</p> <p>Another resident expressed his disappointment and felt that the consensus of residents had not been asked. There were a number of residents who had formed a group to challenge the wall and ask for a Parish poll. The Clerk and Chair were served with the notice of a Parish meeting. They stated that they were asking for a poll under Local Government act and had a Parish meeting booked for the 11th March. The cost of a poll would be £1000.</p> <p>Cllr Spender stated that there was a need for a sports facility but that there were obvious concerns. He was concerned that the Parish Poll was an extreme measure and he was prepared to draw up a survey with questions by all parties as a way of informal gauging of the public's view. It was pointed out that neither a parish poll nor surveys were legally binding and that a parish poll was only one question with just a yes and no answer. A survey might give a better understanding of people's views.</p> <p>Some members of the public asked what the council would do on results of poll. The Chair stated that the Parish Council would respect the findings of a democratic survey.</p> <p>Another member of the public asked about when the goals would be placed in the field? They also mentioned about how the grass cutters had mowed over yellow pegs. The Chair stated the goals would go in as soon as he was able to arrange it and that the grass cutters would be made aware of the pegs.</p> <p>It was asked if the old goals could be put away safely and the parts used as spares. Also it was asked if the council would consider white lining the pitch. ACTION: White lining quotation sought and replace nets in main goal posts. Investigate possibility of putting main pitch into use.</p> <p>It was agreed that the maintenance of the facility was critical and that the Parish council would continue to manage and maintain facilities.</p>	<p>Quote needed for fence repairs.</p> <p>2D option would be further investigated</p> <p>Clerk to notify SERCO</p> <p>Clerk to find cost of white lining</p>
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	<p>Summary – Cllr Spender would discuss with both groups the possibility of a survey. Questions would be agreed by both sides. Once the text of the survey was agreed it would be circulated to all for final agreement. It could then be printed within two days and then delivered to houses in the area.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To agree to allow Cllr Spender to make a draft survey and to send to Mark Buglar and the Parish Council for agreement. Cllr Terry Morris and Cllr James Gage agreed to be the Parish council representatives. Thanks were made to Cllr Spender</p> <p>ACTION: To obtain a 2D projection. To erect goal posts To seek quotations on the fence – in southern area.</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF ACTIONS To obtain a 2D projection. To erect goal posts To seek quotations on the fence – in southern area.</p>
9	<p>Fete</p> <p>.1 To discuss plans for a 2010 Fete</p> <p>Last held in 2006. Cllr Morris had met with previous organisers and it agreed two possible dates – 4th or 11th Sept. Local groups are represented at the Fete and raise money for themselves. It was agreed it would be good for community spirit. The previous fete had also had a barn dance but this proved to be hard to arrange and it was not intended to have barn dance at this Fete.</p> <p>ACTION: Permission site owner. David Ball – contact Book hall File to be handed on from the previous organisers Date arranged to be 11th Sept. There would be a donation for stands. Objective to raise funds and fun. The councillors were asked to try and think of good ideas. One idea was a Quiz in the programme</p>	<p>Contact D Ball</p> <p>Fete next agenda</p>
10	<p>Reports</p> <p>.1 To receive the County Councillor's report.</p>	
	<p>Highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lights at park and ride. Shift workers and lights on at night. Balance of safety and energy use • Pond – Peter MacDonald has still not made an appointment. Landscape officer has had a meeting. Cllr Spender to talk to the dept. • Concern over road markings not being clear. • St Cross project road opened by end of March. Trains stopping at Easter weekend. . <p>There were no questions.</p>	



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	.2 To receive the District Councillor's report.	
	<p>Highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General issue – Pitt Manor – continuing application of 200 houses and park and ride. • Old Children's home in Badger Farm road – parking issues. Action taken and reminded of conditions of planning. Report any parking to Cllr Spender and WCC. Development unlikely to take place in next year. • Meeting with Cllr Collins and Cllr Spender on the Mobile Home site – lawful use development. South View Homes. Explained background. Duly noted by the legal dept. No date set for hearing 	
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) To action</p> <p>b) To note</p> <p>There had been some interest from companies to tender for work at Recreation Ground and these had been noted.</p>	
12	<p>Date of next meeting 6th April 2010 7.30 pm</p> <p>Meeting closed at 22.15pm</p>	