



# Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

St Mark's Church Hall

Oliver's Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery, Winchester

## Minutes Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Present	In attendance	Apologies
Cllr Mitchener	23 members of the public	Cllr Laming
Cllr Kirkby		Cllr Bell
Cllr Hare		Cllr Warwick
Cllr Furlong		Cllr De Liberali
Cllr Collin		
Cllr Leach		

Item	Subject	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	The Chair thanked all those attending the meeting. Apologies from Colin Stride, Cllr De Liberali, Cllr Warwick, Cllr Bell and Cllr Laming	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting</b>	
	AGREED as a true copy.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>	
	<p>The report was handed out in the meeting pack. It will be on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>The Chair read through the report, which included the road junction, waiting restrictions, recreation ground, the Battery, the defibrillator, Oliver's Battery Plan, community support (grants), planning, nomination of an Asset of Community Value (Texas Drive field and Yew Hill Butterfly Reserve), finance, communication, environment (footpaths, trees and benches) and the proposed Community Centre and then asked for any questions.</p> <p>A resident asked when the work on the Junction would commence. The Chair noted that HCC had stated late Spring start. ACTION to chase up any timelines.</p> <p>A resident asked a question relating to the Community Centre and the suggestion that the Rev Dines wished for the project to be church led. The Chair suggested that this was something that members of the St Mark's Church should discuss with their new priest in charge, Rev Dines. Ian Millar stated that, OBCC have been in discussion with Rev Dines. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) needs to decide how it wishes to proceed before</p>	Cllr Mitchener

	any further discussion can take place between OBCC and the Parish Council.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Reports from County and City Councilors</b>	
	<p>Due to the Election the three City Councilors were attending a meeting at WCC. Reports were distributed at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>The City Cllrs report noted that WCC was now finely balanced. It also noted the 4 core elements of the WCC Strategy, thanked the Parish Council for their input into planning and enforcement.</p> <p>The County Cllr report noted the main split in HCC's revenue budget, the financial challenges and road maintenance</p> <p>Noted that there was also a Neighbourhood Watch report on the back of the pack, which included what it is and how it operates. Thanks to Doug Maughan for the NW report. Cllr Collin – noted that there used to be a NW representative in all areas of Oliver's Battery. Crime rate has reduced. Welcomed new people to take on their street and contact Doug Maughan.</p> <p>A resident asked about planning and there was a need to retain smaller properties and a tendency to develop bungalows and increase sizes. Cllr Furlong advised of the current arrangements and residents were encouraged to lodge their comments and objections direct with WCC. Village Design Statement (VDS) is still used and quoted when making comments to WCC. Unfortunately, the VDS, although adopted by WCC, is only a Supplementary Planning Document and does not carry the same weight as the Local Plan.</p> <p>The Chair stated that those living in Oliver's Battery valued access to open space and the Yew Hill Butterfly Reserve. Introduced Clive Wood.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Clive wood – Chair Hants and IOW Butterfly Conservation.</b>	
	<p>Clive Wood gave the background to butterfly conservation, the work of the IOW Butterfly Conservation and Yew Tree Butterfly Reserve.</p> <p>Yew Tree Hill reserve is five hectares of flower rich and chalk downland with 30 species of butterflies which is half of all butterfly species in the UK.</p> <p>The area is maintained and managed with some grazing and timber management. Transect/surveys were taken from the 1<sup>st</sup> April – September – 26 weekly surveys. A link to the presentation will be on the website.</p> <p>A resident asked if it was a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) – It was noted that it was not as this designation is based on plant rich areas. It was felt that it needed more protection.</p> <p>A resident asked what was the process of designating it. This was something the Council could investigate. The land is owned by Oliver's Battery Ltd and the butterfly reserve had three years left on the lease.</p> <p>It was noted that it was a designated Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) – Mr. Wood felt SINC's may be dropped from the Planning framework. Mr. Wood noted that as a volunteer he would need to defer to the legal dept at the Conservation Trust.</p> <p>There was general concern about the precarious nature of a private company owning something that was vital. it was felt that a designation might make it safer. People need nature and to be encouraged in any way to protect and value of nature and habitats.</p> <p>A resident asked what constitutes a good year and what can residents do in their own garden? Plant borders with native species, lungwort – open flowers. Leave areas wild. Keep the soils poor. Further information can be found on the Butterfly Conservation website.</p>	

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	Thanks were made to Clive Wood.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p>A resident asked about the Planning Permission for battery storage unit that had been approved. Cllr Furlong noted that they have three years to develop. Application in at present for minor amendment to proposed access route.</p> <p>A resident noted that the bus pass can be used on the Park and Ride buses. ACTION Clerk to put on the website</p> <p>Cllr Brian Collin – Governor of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Encourage residents to join the trust. He noted that there was a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NHS – 5<sup>th</sup> July service at Winchester Cathedral Commemorating NHS. All welcome.</p>	Clerk
<b>7</b>	<b>Close of Meeting</b>	
	<p>In closing Cllr Mitchener thanked residents again for attending.</p> <p>9.11pm</p>	