



## Oliver's Battery Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

at 7.30pm

St Mark's Church Hall,  
Oliver's Battery Road South, Oliver's Battery

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

<u>Present</u>	<u>In attendance</u>	<u>Apologies/Absent</u>
Cllr Kirkby	One member of the public.	Cllr de Liberali
Cllr Leach	Clerk – B Gibbs	Cllr Blundell
Cllr Leigh-Jones	Cllr H Williams	
Cllr Omand	Cllr B Laming	
	Cllr J Warwick	

<b>Item</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>22/50</b>	<b>Apologies for absence and declarations of interest</b>	
	Apologies had been received from Cllr Blundell & De Liberali  Cllr Warwick apologised for her late arrival.  There were no declarations of interest received.	
<b>22/51</b>	<b>To adjourn for public participation</b>	
22.51.1	A member of the public spoke about the following topics:  A member of the public again spoke about the faded "Give Way" lines in Priors Way and elsewhere. He said that this was a general problem that needs to be followed up. It was noted that the "Give Way" lines on Oliver's Battery Road South at its junction with Old Kennels Lane had been redone.  The Clerk commented that he had engaged with both HCC and WCC regarding the poor condition of the junction markings.  The member of the public also spoke about the planning presentation from the last meeting and expressed his general disappointment with the presentation. He said that some of the reporting by the press was sloppy and misleading.  Cllr Kirkby commented that the developers had been made aware of the fact that their presentation was very poorly received.	

	Cllr Kirkby also said that the Parish Council had requested more information on the proposal to form a Community Land Trust. The Parish Council wanted to know more about this proposal and how it would benefit the parish.	
22/51.2	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>41.1 The Parish Council contacts Winchester City Council (WCC) regarding orange notices. A response has been received from Lorna Hutchings. Action complete.</p> <p>41.1 The Clerk to liaise with WCC and Hampshire County Council (HCC) regarding their policies regarding yellow lines. Responses are awaited. Action complete.</p> <p>41.2 The Clerk to liaise with WCC and Hampshire County Council (HCC) regarding faded give way signs. Ongoing.</p> <p>41.4 The County has re-launched its Older Driver Skills scheme. The Clerk to add link to website. Action complete.</p>	Clerk
22/51.3	To receive the County Councillor's report	
	<p>Cllr Kirkby read Cllr Warwick's report about the following topics.</p> <p>Hampshire's library network offers warm space for anyone needing a place to spend some time, connect with others, to work or study. Libraries also provide support with the distribution of warm bags and food vouchers through the Household Support Fund</p> <p>Families struggling with the cost of essentials - such as food and fuel - are encouraged to visit the connect4communities website. There may be an eligibility for a council tax reduction. Search "Hants connect for communities" for more details.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council offers a range of grants to community organisations working with residents to support their physical and mental wellbeing including grants up to £5,000 to support communities, for example by setting up a Warm Space. Further information is available at <a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk/costofliving/community-support">www.hants.gov.uk/costofliving/community-support</a></p> <p>Hampshire County Council pays an extra £200 per month to Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Hampshire has welcomed more than 1,100 families. The new payments will start in October and will be funded by a grant paid to support implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme locally.</p> <p>Do not be surprised to see Hampshire County Council gritters out and about over the next few weeks. Gritting vehicles will be out on a trial run on priority one salt routes to ensure we are ready for the start of the winter season.</p>	
22/51.4	To receive the District Councillor's report	
	<p>Cllr Williams spoke briefly about the following topics.</p> <p>The draft Local Plan 'Regulation 18' will be going out for consultation on Wednesday 2nd November and will run until midnight on Wednesday 14th December 2022.</p> <p>Winchester City Council has installed solar panels at the Biffa Winchester waste management facility in a bid to reduce carbon emissions and energy bills. The project was achieved by working in collaboration with Custom Solar, Enterprise M3, and Portsmouth City Council, and is part of a raft of measures we are taking to tackle the climate emergency. Energy is one of the council's four main priorities for its Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (CNAP) – we are building and investing in large-scale renewable generation projects in our district.</p> <p>A major new visitor attraction is coming to Winchester. Recreating a key moment in Winchester's Anglo-Saxon history, brought to life using incredible visuals from the video game franchise Assassin's Creed .</p>	

	<p>878 AD is a unique, interactive experience that will take visitors back to a pivotal point in the history of the city and of the history of England as an emerging, unified nation following the defeat of the Vikings by Alfred the Great at the Battle of Edington in May 878.</p> <p>Cllr Laming spoke about the forthcoming presentation regarding future of the Bushfield Camp that would take place on Friday 18th November from 2.30pm at Shawford Parish Hall</p> <p>Cllr Laming also spoke about the changes to bus services locally. These would occur during the autumn of 2022 and would involve a change of supplier and some routes having their subsidies reduced.</p> <p>He also spoke about the bus shelters (5) in Oliver's Battery. There was uncertainty regarding who is responsible for cleaning them.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to speak to Sara Davis (WCC Town Forum) about this.</p>	Clerk
<b>22/52</b>	<b>To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.</b>	
	RESOLVED – Agreed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman of the Council.	
<b>22/53</b>	<b>Finance and Council matters</b>	
22/53.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>43.1 Register of Interests form for completion by Cllr Omand. Action Complete.</p> <p>43.1 Members were asked if they knew of any suitable candidate for co-option on to the Parish Council. Ongoing.</p> <p>43.1 A co-option notice will be produced for the notice-boards and the website.</p> <p>43.5 WinACC to be encouraged to work with the volunteers in the sustainability group. Action Complete</p> <p>43.7 To obtain details of the proposed cost and work with Winchester City Council to renew the lease of the former sewerage disposal works. To be discussed later in the meeting</p>	Clerk
22/53.2	The lease of the former sewerage disposal works Oliver's Battery.	
	<p>The Clerk led on this item. The lease of former sewerage disposal works at Oliver's Battery dated 12th November 1997 is due for renewal on the 11th November 2022.</p> <p>The Parish Council is keen to renew this lease on similar terms to the existing lease.</p> <p>During the discussion that took place the following points were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costs of the lease would need to be identified by WCC.</li> <li>• Some legal advice would be appreciated from HALC, WCC or HCC.</li> <li>• Is it appropriate for the ground rental to be calculated by the RPI rather than the CPI.</li> <li>• Broadly speaking, the terms of the lease should be the same as previously.</li> <li>• Would this site benefit by becoming an Asset of Community Value.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk was instructed to follow up on all these points with the officers at WCC.</p>	Clerk
22/53.3	Parish Councillor vacancy for co-option. To receive any applications.	
	Cllr Kirkby commented that the co-option process will need to be re-advertised so that a suitable candidate could be identified before too long.	Clerk
22/53.4	To accept payments for October and agree the October bank transactions with the bank balance	

	<p>All outstanding invoices had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was RESOLVED to approve payments up to this date.</p> <p>Please see appendix one attached to these minutes.</p>	Clerk
22/53.5	To receive update from the Events Working Group (standing item)	
	<p>Cllr Omand spoke about the forthcoming Christmas Tree event. It was planned to take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. His contact within the Group is currently unwell and could not provide a report in time for the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Omand spoke about the costs of promoting the event as follows.</p> <p>Refreshments £180, Children’s activities £40, Two rechargeable battery chargers with 4 batteries £94 (£47 each), 12 additional rechargeable batteries £81 (£27/4 pack), Banner £36</p> <p>The tree has been donated, so there is no cost involved. The flyers will be printed by volunteers, so there is no cost involved. Anticipated donations for refreshments in the order of £160.</p> <p>The event is programmed for 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Saturday 3rd December.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to continue to support the event.</p>	
22/53.6	To receive update from the Sustainability Working Group (standing item)	
	<p>Cllr Omand raised the following points.</p> <p>He said the Group will continue with the well supported Outdoor Swap event. Four seasonal “Swaps” will be held regularly, with the next in the pre-Christmas period (late November).</p> <p>Winchester’s first Repair Café has received encouraging support at the pre-launch events during Winchester Green Week, thanks to the principal promoters Rebecca Hare and Ali Cochrane of Badger Farm Parish Council.</p> <p>Both these activities will hopefully nudge the Oliver’s Battery community towards reducing the largest sources of carbon emissions from this Parish (Possibly a future event could focus on buy local to reduce imported good and support local businesses.)</p> <p>It is proposed to hold a “Climate Café” drop in event in, probably, mid-January in St Mark’s Hall.</p> <p>It is proposed to create a group of local “experts”/ advisers who have knowledge and practical experience of having insulation, air source heat pumps, solar PV etc installations. We already have members with this experience and expect to recruit more people who can share practical experience of how to reduce emissions from homes.</p> <p>The purchase of a Thermal Imaging camera to promote this work would show the serious commitment our Parish Council has in helping our community respond to the climate crisis facing us all. This would be a significant cost and would need to be carefully considered in the list of priorities for the PC. It may be possible to share the cost with other PCs.</p> <p>The OB Sustainability Group will continue working with OB Countryside Group to use local enthusiasm for wildlife to promote activities for young and old to learn more about how the natural world supports our lives.</p> <p>A discussion took place at the end of Cllr Omand’s report regarding securing grant funding opportunities from WCC and HCC.</p>	Sustainability Group
22/53.6	To receive update from Tree Warden on visual inspections carried out (standing item)	

	The tree warden has reported that there are no issues currently	
22/53.7	Budget & Precept 2023-24.	
	<p>The Clerk presented a discussion document opening the 2023-24 Budget and Precept process. He said that the Budget need not be agreed until March 2023 but also said the precept would need to be agreed in early January 2023.</p> <p>However, the Clerk also said that discussions between members will be taking place in November 2022 with The Clerk and Cllr Kirkby taking the lead on these discussions.</p> <p>Members discussed the current cost of living issues and how this would affect the budget. It was noted that some increased costs were inevitable, for example the Clerk's salary would have an impact on the budget that could not be determined at this time.</p> <p>Unless the precept is increased, inflationary pressures will impact upon the services the Parish Council provides or funds.</p> <p>The Clerk then spoke about the precept. He reminded members that the Parish Council had received a total sum of £39,664 from Winchester City Council in 2022-23.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the precept was calculated by multiplying the tax base by the Council Tax Band D property rate.</p> <p>For information the Tax Base for 2022-23 at Oliver's Battery Parish was 705.88.</p> <p>The 2022-23 Band D figure of £51.01 was an increase of 8.6% over the figure of £46.95 for 2021-22.</p> <p>The Clerk then said that Winchester City Council will publish the tax base in early December 2022. Once this happens then the Parish Council will be able to make an informed decision about its precept.</p>	
<b>22/54</b>	<b>Discussion Paper – 'Vision'</b>	
	<p>Cllr Leach spoke about a discussion paper she had circulated to all members between meetings. Although it was agreed that no decisions could be made about this initiative tonight it was hoped to discuss the proposals before the next meeting in December.</p> <p>Some of the items for discussion were as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are our priorities and how are they best achieved?</li> <li>• What projects do we want to accomplish within Oliver's Battery?</li> <li>• Should these be for one year or for as long as three years?</li> <li>• How are the projects allocated?</li> <li>• For example, with different lead Councillors?</li> <li>• What is happening outside our boundaries?</li> <li>• What might be affecting us?</li> <li>• How does all this impact upon our budget?</li> <li>• How does all this impact upon the precept?</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to meet within the next two weeks in order to keep the momentum going.</p>	
<b>22/55</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
22/55.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>44.1 All planning comments from October's meeting have been sent to the officers concerned. Action Complete.</p> <p>44.3 Cllrs Leach and Kirkby agreed to lead on a response to the Regulation 18 Consultation. This would be reported to the meeting on 6 December</p>	Cllrs Kirkby & Leach
22/55.2	To consider any planning reports and agree actions	

	<p>Cllr Blundell had sent her apologies to the meeting. Meanwhile, she sent the following planning report for consideration and approval.</p> <p>22/01504/HOU 27 South View Park Homes, Oliver's Battery Gardens Construct a porch on side of property</p> <p>In relation to the OBVDS, there does not appear to be any reason for the PC to comment.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no comments to make regarding this application.</p> <p>22/02170/HOU Texas, Texas Drive, Oliver's Battery, Winchester SO22 4HT: Proposed attached double garage.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no comments to make regarding this application.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to enquire about outstanding CIL money from the original development.</p> <p>Update on applications previously reviewed by the Parish Council</p> <p>22/01870/HOU Hedgecroft, 10 Crescent Close – Not decided yet</p> <p>22/01793/HOU 1 Mount View Road Oliver's Battery - Decided and permitted.</p> <p>22/01659/HOU Paquita, 130 Oliver's Battery Road South – Not decided yet.</p> <p>22/01484/HOU Hawkers Rise 65 Old Kennels Lane – Not decided yet.</p> <p>22/00621/FUL 11 Mount View Road – Not decided yet (won't happen until phosphate issues have been addressed).</p> <p>22/0955/HOU 5 Downlands Road Oliver's Battery Hampshire SO22 4ET – Decided and permitted.</p> <p>Enforcement</p> <p>22/00223/WKS – 93 Old Kennels Lane – Outstanding</p> <p>22/00286/BCOND – 85 old Kennels Lane - Outstanding</p>	Clerk
22/55.3	Cllr Leach spoke about the Regulation 18 consultation. She will be working with the local branch of the CPRE in order to produce some commentary regarding building form. As discussed earlier, she will be presenting a paper at the December 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting.	Cllr Leach
<b>22/56</b>	<b>Communications</b>	
22/56.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	45.1 Cllr Omand will set up a WhatsApp group. Action complete. 45.1 Cllr Omand to lead on Facebook with Cllr Leach. Ongoing	Cllrs Omand & Leach
22/56.2	Improving communications with residents.	
	Cllr Omand asked for this item to be carried forward to the December meeting.	Cllr Omand
<b>22/57</b>	<b>Recreation Ground, Wildlife Conservation Area and the Battery</b>	
22/57.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	46.1 To consider a picnic table on the Battery to be purchased by the Oliver's Battery Film Team. It was resolved to contact interested parties to outline their aspirations to be received at the November 2022 meeting. Cllr Leach is progressing this item between meetings.	Cllr Leach

	<p>46.2 Discuss the means to restrict littering activities in the Recreation Ground. To order the signs at a cost of £88.00 ex VAT. Action complete.</p> <p>46.5 Cllr de Liberali also spoke about the reports regarding the inclusive Recreation Ground and the condition of Compton Footpath 8. The Clerk to pass these reports to all councillors. Action complete.</p> <p>46.5 The Clerk to write to HCC and Compton Parish Council seeking improvements to the footpath's condition. The Clerk is in contact with the Clerk to Compton &amp; Shawford about this item.</p> <p>46.6 To consider CCTV and electric vehicle charging points at the Recreation Ground. This item is to be removed from the agenda.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22/57.2	Cllr Leigh-Jones spoke about efforts to restrict littering on the Recreational Ground. No particular action has been taken in relation to this action other than regular participation in clearing the litter found there. It would help to hear any reflections/ideas from the other councillors as to how to engage in a more focussed restriction process.	
22/57.3	To consider report based on Groundsman's weekly reports and agree actions	
	Cllr Leigh-Jones said that the company tasked with producing the weekly check sheet (Grass and Grounds) have set up an online form that details the result of their inspection. There were no items identified last month.	
22/57.4	To receive reports on routine and ad-hoc tasks that have been completed (Standing Item)	
	<p>Cllr Leigh-Jones said that the following has been undertaken by the Handyperson Group during September:</p> <p>Except for the boat, all apparatus that require it have been treated with non-slip paint. With children now back at school, the boat will be treated the first week of November, weather permitting.</p> <p>Note: this will use the remainder of the paint and I will need another 5 litres of Cuprinol Anti Slip Deck Stain (Boston Teak) before the Spring treatment is necessary in April/May. RESOLVED Cllr Leigh-Jones will purchase more non-slip stain</p> <p>I am progressing woodwork repairs as opportunity arises but suspect most defects will be picked up again at the next inspection as splits in wood supports are not easy to round off. Some woodwork repairs have been carried out by filling and sanding.</p> <p>Tree Survey: Walked around ground with Tree Warden and mutual decision was taken that nothing needs to be done now.</p> <p>This report was NOTED by the Parish Council.</p>	Cllr Leigh-Jones
22/58	To consider any updates on an Inclusive Recreation Ground for all Ages project	
	Cllr Kirkby asked for this item to be carried forward to the December meeting.	Cllr de Liberali
<b>22/59</b>	<b>Lengthsman Scheme</b>	
22/59.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	Cllr Kirkby to forward the list to the Clerk so it can be sent to the Lengthsman – Action complete.	
22/59.2	To identify task for next visit	
	The Lengthsman is not due until December. Include item on agenda	Clerk
<b>22/60</b>	<b>Items for Consideration Only</b>	
22/60.1	To discuss correspondence received during the month and items for the agenda at the next meeting	

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<b>22/61</b>	<b>Date of next meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>							
	Meeting ended at 9.19pm							