



Oliver's Battery Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 4th October 2022

at 7.30pm

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 4th October 2022

<u>Present</u>	<u>In attendance</u>	<u>Apologies/Absent</u>
Cllr Kirkby	57 members of the public	Cllr B Laming
Cllr de Liberali	Clerk – B Gibbs	Cllr J Warwick
Cllr Leach	Cllr H Williams	
Cllr Blundell	Mark Wellings (Montare Ltd)	
Cllr Omand	Rachael Austin (Austin Design Works)	
Cllr Leigh-Jones	Nigel Bennett (Magenta Planning)	

Item		ACTION
22/40	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest	
	Apologies had been received from Laming and Warwick. There were no declarations of interest received.	
22/41	To adjourn for public participation	
22.41.1	A member of the public spoke about the following topics: He was concerned that recent planning applications in the local area were not being publicised using orange notices. He asked that the Parish Council takes this up with the planners at Winchester City Council (WCC). He also spoke about recently completed developments along Oliver's Battery Road South. The effect of these infill developments was to push car parking on to the road. It would be helpful if this parking was consistently on one side of the road in order to prevent local congestion at pinch points. He was also concerned about the effect of yellow lines is having locally. The Clerk was asked to take this point up with both WCC and Hampshire County Council (HCC).	Clerk Clerk
22.41.2	Another member of the public spoke about the faded "Give Way" lines on Oliver's Battery	

	Road South at its junction with Old Kennels Lane and elsewhere. The Clerk was asked to take this point up with HCC and WCC.	Clerk
22/41.3	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>Item 32.1 Could District and County Councillors be encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings more regularly. An email to this effect has been sent. Action complete.</p> <p>Item 32.1 Could the Parish Council take a more active role in the WCC Local Plan discussions currently taking place. Members attended the recent WCC Scrutiny meeting where the draft Regulation 18 Plan was discussed. Action ongoing.</p> <p>Item 32.4 The Clerk offered to attend the Local Plan Advisory Group meeting of the 22nd September 2022. This meeting was re-scheduled following the passing of HM The Queen and was attended by Parish Councillors instead. Action complete.</p>	
22/41.4	To receive the County Councillor's report	
	<p>Cllr Warwick sent her apologies to the meeting but submitted a brief report. The following topics were highlighted.</p> <p>The proclamation of King Charles III took place on Sunday September 11th outside the Great Hall. The High Sheriff (Lady Edwina Grosvenor) read the proclamation.</p> <p>The County's gritting vehicles will be preparing for the winter by being out on trial to test each vehicle's equipment.</p> <p>The County has re-launched its Older Driver Skills scheme. Clerk to add link to website.</p> <p>The M3 Junction 9 improvements continue to be publicised.</p>	Clerk
22/41.5	To receive the District Councillor's report	
	<p>Cllr Williams spoke briefly about the following topics.</p> <p>Winchester City Council is moving to the next stage of producing its new Local Plan which will shape development across the district (for areas outside the South Downs National Park) for the period up to 2039.</p> <p>The draft document reflects a significant change from previous plans in that it addresses major challenges including:</p> <p>Responding to the climate emergency. Setting the highest possible standards for environmental design for homes and making it attractive, safe and easy to walk, cycle and use other low carbon methods of transport Affordable housing A 'brownfield site first' approach across the district.</p> <p>A local proclamation was made at the Guildhall Winchester by the Mayor, Cllr Derek Green, at 2.30pm on Sunday 11th September following the proclamation at the Great Hall.</p> <p>Winchester City Council announced the launch of a cost-of-living intervention to support households in the Winchester district who are struggling with the rapidly rising cost of living. The intervention is in addition to the support being provided by central Government and considers the council's local understanding of the impact of the crisis on the residents of Winchester.</p>	
22/41.6	To receive a presentation from Magenta Planning regarding the Texas Field site	
22/41.7	Mark Wellings (MW) began the presentation. He said that he was hoping to deliver carbon-free housing at the Texas Drive site. He saw the site as an opportunity to deliver an enhancement to the current community with an opportunity to deliver on net bio-diversity.	

	<p>He recognised that it would be hard to change the hearts and minds of those present.</p>	
22/41.8	<p>Nigel Bennett said that he had been working with the landowner to promote the site over several years. He said that the landscape designer would explain how the site would look and feel without going into the specifics of design, built form, density and numbers.</p>	
22/41.9	<p>Rachael Austin spoke about the following topics within her presentation.</p> <p>Public transport links. South facing aspect. Enhancement of bio-diversity onsite. The archaeological importance of the site. Access points from Oliver's Battery Road South rather than Texas Drive for vehicular traffic. The topography of the land. Development around the fringe of the site adjacent to existing rights of way. Development of community hubs within the site. Development of public open spaces throughout the site. Hedgerows on site would be retained and enhanced.</p>	
22/41.10	<p>Ms Austin stressed that all drawings shown gave no indication of housing numbers, built form, density and design.</p>	
22/41.11	<p>Mark Wellings concluded by saying that his firm was not looking to swamp the site with high-density poor-quality housing. He said that Montare was more than happy to work with the community and the Parish Council so that all views were taken into consideration when the site is released for development.</p> <p>MW said that the affordable housing could be managed by a community land trust (CLT).</p> <p>MW said that a CLT is a non-profit corporation that holds land on behalf of a place-based community, while serving as the long-term steward for its affordable housing, community gardens and other community assets.</p> <p>The following questions were asked.</p>	
22/41.12	<p>When will the development begin? MW would not be drawn on this.</p> <p>How will public transport links be improved and increased? MW said a developer contribution as part of the planning process may fund improvements.</p> <p>How many dwellings will be built? MW did not give a figure on how many dwellings would be delivered.</p> <p>How is the site considered viable without massive infrastructure improvements being put in place first? MW said that in his view the site was viable and could deliver a contribution to Winchester's housing numbers.</p> <p>What is the landowner's view on the site's development. MW said that he was in the room and may comment later.</p> <p>What will stop further development on the site over and above what is being proposed? The land left over after planning would be transferred to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Will any of these properties be bought by people who will work in the local area rather than commute long distances. MW said that people who need housing will purchase these properties. He highlighted work and lifestyle changes following the Covid pandemic. Also, CLT housing will be populated by those on Winchester City Council's housing list.</p> <p>How much of the site will be set aside for community and environment. MW said most of the site would be gifted to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Landowner spoke briefly to say that he spoken to many national building companies about the land. He said he had been offered a significant sum of money for the land. However, he was keen to ensure this site was developed in a responsible manner with a significant community gain.</p>	
22/41.13	<p>Cllr Kirkby thanked everyone for their contribution and taking the time to come out and listen to the presentation.</p>	

22/41.14	<i>The meeting was adjourned at 8.33pm for a period of 15 minutes.</i>	
22/42	To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th September 2022.	
	RESOLVED – Agreed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman of the Council.	
22/43	Finance and Council matters	
22/43.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	Item 34.1 forward register of interests form for completion by Cllr Omand. Ongoing. Item 34.2 The Clerk was authorised to set up his payroll management via a third-party supplier. Action complete. Item 34.3 Members were asked if they knew of any suitable candidate for co-option on to the Parish Council. Ongoing Item 34.3 A co-option notice will be produced for the notice-boards and the website. Action complete. Item 34.5 Update Bank Reconciliations for October's meeting. Action complete. Item 34.7 Purchase £20 Hilliers gift token. Ongoing Item 34.8 Various actions including meeting. Action complete.	Cllr Omand All Sustainability Group
22/43.2	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.	Cllr Kirkby
22/43.3	To accept payments for August and September and agree the August and September bank transactions with the bank balance	
	All outstanding invoices had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was RESOLVED to approve payments up to this date. Please see appendix one attached to these minutes.	Clerk
22/43.4	To receive update from the Events Working Group (standing item)	
	Cllr Kirkby spoke about this year's Scarecrow competition. Over 30 entries had been received and these were to a very high standard. The Hampshire Chronicle had published an article to support this. It was considered a great success.	
22/43.5	To receive update from the Sustainability Working Group (standing item)	
	Cllr Omand led with this item. He said that since the last Parish Council meeting he had met with Stuart Mills from WinACC. Stuart has highlighted several promising initiatives that the Parish Council become involved with by working with the volunteers in the sustainability group. His written report listed several initiatives to help reduce carbon emissions and increase sustainability. These focused on home energy, travel, food production and the "circular economy." Cllr Omand also commented that the Repair Café team thanked the Parish Council for funding the A5 leaflet and questionnaire. 86 online responses and over 20 hard copies were received.	Sustainability Group
22/43.6	To receive update from Tree Warden on visual inspections carried out (standing item)	
	The Tree Warden met the Handyperson Group leader recently. It was decided that some	

	<p>branches of the dead tree behind the substation on the Battery could be cut back by this group. The tree by the conservation area is too big for them to tackle but is not of concern currently.</p> <p>It could be added to the tree surgeon list when they need to come for another issue.</p>	
22/43.7	<p>To consider renewing the lease of the former sewerage disposal works Oliver's Battery</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the former sewerage disposal works' 25-year lease is due for renewal. This is now the wildlife conservation area at Yew Hill. Winchester City Council have asked the Parish Council if they wish to renew the lease. Any new lease may have new rental provisions over and above that of a peppercorn.</p> <p>RESOLVED – To obtain details of the proposed cost and work with Winchester City Council to renew the lease of the former sewerage disposal works.</p>	Clerk
22/44	Planning	
22/44.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	Item 35.2 All planning comments from September's meeting have been sent to the officers concerned. Action Complete.	
22/44.2	To consider any planning reports and agree actions	
	<p>Cllr Blundell began her presentation by commenting about the actions that WCC will undertake to ensure all orange planning notices are put up promptly.</p> <p>Hedgecroft, 10 Crescent Close 22/01870/HOU Extension to front of dwelling, replacement single storey side extension, increase roof height to accommodate first floor accommodation with dormer to the rear and external alterations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no comments to make regarding this application.</p> <p>1 Mount View Road 22/01793/HOU Single storey pitched roof extension to rear to created home office and single storey part flat and part pitched roof extension to side types of dwelling and materials to create gym room and shower room.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council has no comments to make regarding this application.</p>	
22/44.3	<p>Cllrs Kirkby and Leach presented their reports on the recent WCC Scrutiny committee meeting to discuss the draft Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation. Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 requires that various bodies and stakeholders be notified that the Local Planning Authority is preparing a plan.</p> <p>It invites them to comment about what that plan ought to contain by way of housing allocations.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby provided a commentary on how the meeting progressed. He made the point that the draft local plan contains no new housing allocations in Oliver's Battery, Hursley or Compton parishes. Although the settlement of Hursley has not been given a housing target it is able to allocate land for small scale sites for housing development within or adjacent to the existing settlement of Hursley as part of their Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby and Leach spoke about the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PfSH). Authorities within this grouping may have problems meeting their housing targets and may ask WCC to take some of their housing allocations. There is a buffer of about 1,450 homes incorporated into the WCC Local Plan that is intended to cover any increases due to accepting some PfSH allocations, increases in numbers required by the Government and sites that do not proceed.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby said that the Bushfield Camp is included as a carried forward site and the allocated use is a high-quality flexible business and employment site.</p> <p>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 (the November meeting is before</p>	Cllrs Kirkby

	<p>the start of the consultation).</p> <p>Cllr Leach agreed to seek more details from WCC on their green policies that were stated to be better protection than a Green Belt.</p>	<p>and Leach</p> <p>Cllr Leach</p>
22/45	Communications	
22/45.1	To discuss ways of improving use of social media, WhatsApp and email to communicate with residents	
	<p>Cllr Omand presented his report which included a WhatsApp group, more use of Facebook, use of other forms of social media, e.g. Twitter, and increased use of email contact lists.</p> <p>The proposals were supported and an update will be reported at the November meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Omand will set up a WhatsApp group.</p> <p>Cllr Omand to lead on Facebook with Cllr Leach.</p>	<p>Cllr Omand</p> <p>Cllr Omand</p> <p>Cllrs Omand and Leach</p>
22/46	Recreation Ground, Wildlife Conservation Area and the Battery	
22/46.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>Item 36.1 Discuss the means to restrict littering activities in the Recreation Ground. This item would be discussed tonight.</p> <p>Item 36.4 An inclusive recreation ground for all ages project.</p> <p>It was resolved to revoke the all or nothing condition. Cllr de Liberali would pass this information back to Winchester City Council. Action complete.</p> <p>It was resolved to publicise the project and encourage as many contributions as possible before the deadline of the 15th September 2022. Action complete.</p> <p>Item 36.5 It was resolved to spend up to £40.00 to purchase the signs in Recreation Ground one showing opening and closing times and one showing dogs not allowed. This item would be discussed tonight.</p> <p>Item 36.6 To consider CCTV and electric vehicle charging points at the Recreation Ground. Deferred to this meeting. Ongoing</p> <p>Item 36.8 To consider a picnic table on the Battery to be purchased by the Oliver's Battery Film Team.</p> <p>It was resolved to contact interested parties to outline their aspirations to be received at the November 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby would write to the Oliver's Battery Film Team explaining this. Action complete.</p> <p>Item 36.9 The Clerk was asked to write to Winchester City Council's StreetScene management to ask them not to undertake any mowing on the battery and advise the Oliver's Battery Countryside Group. Action complete.</p>	<p>Cllr de Liberali</p> <p>Cllr Leach</p>
22/46.2	<p>Regarding item 36.1 Cllr Leigh-Jones said that no particular action has been taken in relation to this 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.</p> <p>Regarding item 36.5 concerning the production of two durable signs ('no dogs' and 'closure time'). Cllr Leigh-Jones said that the work has been done in designing these prior to production. Because the signs are of bespoke design, Cllr Leigh-Jones said that the discount which made previous signage affordable was not available now. This leads to a quote of £88 for both A3 signs delivered.</p> <p>RESOLVED – To order the signs at a cost of £88.00 ex VAT.</p>	<p>Cllr Leigh-</p>

		Jones.
22/46.3	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.	
22/46.4	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>Cradle Swings - fenced off for repair (tightening of eye bolts) by contractor for 5 days. Equipment: 3 of 5 pieces of equipment have been painted as required with 2 coats of non-slip paint. The remainder will be done in October when weather allows.</p> <p>Note: because of drying time between coats, it is sometimes necessary to fence off any equipment for 2 days. This has caused some disappointment and comment by users. Only one piece is ever fenced off at a time so there is little loss of use overall.</p> <p>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> <p>Standing Order 3.x was suspended at this point so that the meeting could be concluded with all business being dealt with.</p>	
22/46.5	To consider update on an Inclusive Recreation Ground for all Ages project	
	<p>Cllr de Liberali said that the recent crowdfunding initiative had raised £3,243 with approximately £1,700 being paid across to the Parish Council's bank account. The residue will be paid across when the challenging registration process is complete. Cllr de Liberali suggested it might be appropriate to close crowdfunding campaign at this point.</p> <p>RESOLVED – To close the crowdfunding campaign as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cllr de Liberali also spoke about his reports regarding the inclusive Recreation Ground and the condition of Compton Footpath 8.</p> <p>RESOLVED – The Clerk to pass these reports to all councillors.</p> <p>RESOLVED – The Clerk to write to HCC and Compton Parish Council seeking improvements to the footpath's condition.</p>	<p>Cllr de Liberali</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22/46.6	To consider CCTV and electric vehicle charging points at the Recreation Ground	
	This item was deferred to the next meeting for a report to be received.	Cllr de Liberali
22/47	Lengthsman Scheme	
22/47.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	Item 37.2 Cllr Kirkby to forward the list to the Clerk so it can be sent to the Lengthsman. Action complete.	
22/47.2	The 14 th September visit took place with all points listed being dealt with.	
22/48	Items for Consideration Only	

22/48.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List																															
	There were no outstanding items to consider.																															
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