



## Oliver's Battery Parish Council meeting

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

at 7.30pm

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

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

<u>Present</u>	<u>In attendance</u>	<u>Apologies/Absent</u>
Cllr Kirkby	Clerk – B Gibbs	Cllr de Liberali
Cllr Blundell	District Cllr Laming	District Cllr Williams
Cllr Leach	Four members of the public	County and District Cllr Warwick
Cllr Leigh-Jones		

<b>Item</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>22/92</b>	<b>Apologies for absence and declarations of interest</b>	
	<p>Apologies had been received from Cllr de Liberali.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p> <p>The resignation of Mr James Omand from the Parish Council was noted. The vacancy has been reported to Winchester City Council.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby informed the meeting that the presentation regarding the Bushfield Camp has been cancelled due to illness.</p>	
<b>22/93</b>	<b>To adjourn for public participation</b>	
22/93.1	Public Session.	
	<p>A parishioner raised concerns about the condition of Oliver's Battery Road South. He pointed out that there were potholes throughout the length of the road from its junction with Badger Farm Road through to the junction with Old Kennels Road. He said that recent developments in the village had resulted in parking displacement and that many people were now parking "on-street". He was also concerned that the potential development of the Bushfield Camp will lead to construction workers parking in neighbourhood roads.</p> <p>A parishioner also commented on the state of the roads locally. He said that he knew HCC were having to prioritise road repairs. He would like to know how HCC prioritise these repairs. Do they do it by the number of complaints, the number of insurance claims, the size and location of the potholes or if there was pressure from County Councillors.</p>	

	<p>The Clerk was asked to write to HCC about this.</p> <p>A parishioner asked that any parking restrictions should be in the form of a limited period of time restriction rather than double yellow lines. Comments about the safety of cyclists and pedestrians were also noted.</p>	Clerk
22/93.2	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>41.2 The Clerk to liaise with WCC and Hampshire County Council (HCC) regarding faded give way signs in the village. Cllr Kirkby had surveyed the major roads in the village and had identified a list of those roads on the 63-bus route. The Clerk was asked to report these junctions to Hampshire Highways. Action Complete. HCC Ref Number 21651242 refers.</p> <p>51.4 The Clerk was asked to speak to Sara Davis (WCC Town Forum) about OBPC having to take over the responsibility for bus shelters in the village. Cllr Kirkby asked the Clerk to write to one of the directorates at WCC asking for an explanation of why the shelters were being handed back to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Kelsie Learney (Cabinet member for climate emergency) replied.</p> <p><i>"I do not know the background as to why the City Council took responsibility for the bus shelters in Olivers Battery nor how they ended up being made the financial responsibility of the Winchester Town Forum.</i></p> <p><i>Town forum expenditure is funded through a special expense levy on residents of the town area effectively equivalent to the parish precept. The special expense provision exists in order that parished areas do not pay for identified local expenses in unparished areas. Legally the City Council can only charge to cover those local expenses within the unparished area and the Olivers Battery bus shelters should never have been covered through that route.</i></p> <p><i>The City Council has no budget to cover expenditure on bus shelters outside the town area and I would find it hard to justify Olivers Battery being treated differently to any other parish. I will however endeavour to find out the reason for the original decision.</i></p> <p>Action Complete.</p>	
22/93.3	To receive the County Councillor's report	
	<p>Cllr Warwick had submitted a written report for consideration by councillors. Highlights included the following topics.</p> <p>Budget: Hampshire County Council's expenditure for 2023/24 will included a £2.6bn annual revenue budget that covers all the services delivered by the council to its 1.4 million residents.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council's council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1st April 2023, will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care. This equates to an annual charge of £1,460.25 for a Band D property – an increase of £69.45 per year or approximately £1.34 a week.</p> <p>England's Chief Medical Officer, Prof Sir Chris Whitty visited Hampshire this month to discuss work by the Hampshire Public Health team working alongside the NHS to help support a healthier old age. Preventing falls, being travel confident, better mental health and connecting through libraries will be part of the Live Longer Better programme launching soon.</p> <p>From 1st April 2023 the County Council will take back traffic management and on-street parking functions from the District/Borough Councils. On street parking functions within the City of Winchester will revert to the county on 1st October and off-street parking will remain the responsibility of the District/Boroughs.</p> <p>Coronation Grants -a new grant window for Hampshire County Councillors will open</p>	

	<p>from 1st to 21st April. Called 'Member's Grants for the Coronation' will offer grants up to £1k to support local events. <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor">https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor</a></p> <p>The Police and Crime Commissioner previously pledged to increase police numbers by 600 and is on track to recruit these by the end of March. Her new budget has added an additional 50 officers to these numbers, to be funded through the police precept of council tax.</p>	
22/93.4	To receive the District Councillor's report	
	<p>Cllr Williams had submitted a written report for consideration by councillors. Highlights included the following topics.</p> <p>Installation of 250 solar photovoltaic (PV) panels at Marwell Zoo.</p> <p>A new roadmap commissioned by the council provides the evidence base and range of measures needed for the Winchester district to be carbon neutral by 2030.</p> <p>Many of the interventions highlighted in the Roadmap that are within the scope of the council – such as electric charging points, PV solar panels and improving energy efficiency of homes - are already underway. However, the Roadmap has highlighted the need to increase the scale and pace of the interventions with greater cross organisation working, if the district is to be carbon neutral by 2030.</p> <p>As part of Winchester City Council's Community Infrastructure Levy, communities in the Winchester district will receive £300,000 in funding for community infrastructure projects in 2023. Parish councils and other community organisations are now asked to make proposals in favour of brand-new or enhanced facilities that will benefit locals and lessen the burden of future development.</p> <p>The Elections Act 2022 includes changes to absent voting rules and voter identification. You can find out more about the Elections Act 2022 on GOV.UK and on the Electoral Commission.</p> <p>This will affect all voters who vote in person or by proxy, at the next local election on Thursday 4 May 2023. You must bring photographic identification with you to vote in person. If you choose to vote by proxy, then the person who you have trusted to vote on your behalf will have to take their own photographic identification to be issued a ballot paper. Please see the acceptable list of ID. If you do not have an acceptable ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.</p> <p>Postal voters will not be affected and will be issued with their postal ballot papers as usual.</p>	
<b>22/94</b>	<b>To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</b>	
	RESOLVED – Agreed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman of the Council.	
<b>22/95</b>	<b>Finance and Council matters</b>	
22/95.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>75.2 The co-option process deadline has been extended until 3rd March 2023. This will be discussed later in the meeting. Action complete.</p> <p>65.7 The lease of former sewerage disposal works at Oliver's Battery dated 12th November 1997 has expired and the Parish Council is currently "holding over" on the lease. Subject to the required due diligence being undertaken, The Parish Council would like to proceed with the task of securing the freehold. The Clerk commented that Andrea</p>	

	<p>Newsom (WCC Estate Management) was still gathering information from the City Council in order to confirm that they are still happy to transfer the freehold of the former sewerage disposal works at Oliver's Battery. The Clerk was asked to report any progress between meetings.</p> <p>85.8 Cllr Leach is planning to familiarise herself with Microsoft Publisher to see if it is preferable to use for future newsletters. Ongoing</p> <p>85.10 The Clerk to obtain alternative prices from insurers with and without the Parish Council's fixed assets insured so the options can be considered at a future meeting. Ongoing</p>	Clerk																																																				
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	<p>Cllr Kirkby introduced Mr Anthony Gaster from Old Kennels Lane. He wished to be considered for the vacancy that is open for co-option. He introduced himself and explained what skills he could offer the Parish Council. He also explained his interests.</p> <p>Following questions from councillors it was proposed that he should be co-opted onto the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To co-opt Mr Anthony Gaster as a member of Oliver's Battery Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Gaster so that he could sign the acceptance of office form that will enable him to complete the co-option process.</p>	Clerk																																																				
22/95.3	To accept payments for January 2023 and agree the January 2023 bank transactions with the bank balance.																																																					
	<p>All outstanding invoices had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve all invoices &amp; payments up to this date.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="228 1137 1161 1249"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payment date</th> <th>Customer</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>06/02/23</td> <td>OBPC Councillor</td> <td>Fee Refund Thermal Imaging Camera</td> <td>67.51</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="228 1279 1161 1693"> <thead> <tr> <th>Invoice Date</th> <th>Supplier</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>08/02/23</td> <td>ID Mobile Ltd</td> <td>Mobile Phone Contract Jan 23</td> <td>10.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08/02/23</td> <td>Copying Centre</td> <td>Feb 23 Newsletter</td> <td>291.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/02/23</td> <td>Clerk &amp; RFO</td> <td>Jan 23 Salary payment</td> <td>599.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/02/23</td> <td>Grass &amp; Grounds</td> <td>Jan 23 invoice</td> <td>129.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/02/23</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Jan PAYE/NIC</td> <td>150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>09/02/23</td> <td>WCC</td> <td>Dog Bins Jan 23</td> <td>195.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02/23</td> <td>St Marks</td> <td>Hall Hire July-Oct 22</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02/23</td> <td>St Marks</td> <td>Hall Hire Nov 22 – Jan 23</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23/02/23</td> <td>Grass &amp; Grounds</td> <td>Feb 23 invoice</td> <td>729.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/02/23</td> <td>Clerk &amp; RFO</td> <td>Feb 23 Salary payment</td> <td>599.95</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payment date	Customer	Details	Gross	06/02/23	OBPC Councillor	Fee Refund Thermal Imaging Camera	67.51	Invoice Date	Supplier	Details	Gross	08/02/23	ID Mobile Ltd	Mobile Phone Contract Jan 23	10.63	08/02/23	Copying Centre	Feb 23 Newsletter	291.80	09/02/23	Clerk & RFO	Jan 23 Salary payment	599.75	09/02/23	Grass & Grounds	Jan 23 invoice	129.20	09/02/23	HMRC	Jan PAYE/NIC	150.00	09/02/23	WCC	Dog Bins Jan 23	195.00	23/02/23	St Marks	Hall Hire July-Oct 22	60.00	23/02/23	St Marks	Hall Hire Nov 22 – Jan 23	40.00	23/02/23	Grass & Grounds	Feb 23 invoice	729.20	28/02/23	Clerk & RFO	Feb 23 Salary payment	599.95	Clerk
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	Variance	0.00	
22/95.4	To receive update from the Events Working Group (standing item)		
	<p>Cllr Leigh-Jones provided a report.</p> <p>The Easter Egg Hunt 2023 is being coordinated by Marianne Foster and Colin Stride on behalf of the OBPC Events Group. Publicity for the event will begin during the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> March. There will also be an article in the March Newsletter and on the Parish Council's website with entry forms available.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby has produced background maps for the course and there will be different routes this year. Southampton Orienteering Club (SOC) are involved in the production of the Phone App MapRun6 based courses (new for this year) and will be advertising the OBPC Event as a SOC supported event on their website.</p> <p>St Marks Hall is again being made available to us for this event. We are grateful for the support of the Parochial Church Council as this not only gives us use of the Hall but also enables access to the toilets and refreshments if required.</p> <p>The Easter Egg Hunt Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS) that was produced last year will be updated and submitted it to the Parish Council before the end of March.</p> <p>Oliver's Battery WI and Oliver's Battery Community Films have both kindly donated £100 towards this event (£200 in total) and this will be BACS transferred shortly into the OBPC account, details of which were given by the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Leigh-Jones said that there will be a Big Lunch Coronation event on the afternoon of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Further details of the event will be published as they emerge. A Save the Date poster will be added to the website and there is now also an Oliver's Battery Events FB page.</p>		
22/95.5	To receive update from the Sustainability Working Group (standing item)		
	<p>Cllr Kirkby provided a report on behalf of the group.</p> <p>Four volunteers attended a training workshop on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February to learn how to use the thermal imaging camera. This was a WECAN event and delivered by IRED, a commercial company. An invoice for £400 has been sent to the Clerk. The three other members of the Home Energy team will train "on the job", with support from the four trained volunteers.</p> <p>It is now apparent that it is not as easy and straightforward to get useful results as one might imagine. The thermal surveys of homes can only be done at night in suitable environmental conditions (cold, dry etc) in order to get meaningful results. The resulting images then need to be analysed on a computer.</p> <p>Although the team are keen to get going and have a list of people who have requested to have their properties surveyed, to be realistic, it will be winter 2023/24 before lots of homes can be done.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby explained that some expense had to be incurred to purchase consumables related to operating the camera. These were £40.00 to purchase a new phone battery and £50.00 to purchase a power bank and an iPhone lead.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Parish Council would retrospectively re-imburse the Sustainability group to the value of £40.00 and approve the purchase of a power bank and an iPhone lead.</p> <p>The Repair Café have just received a grant of £4,900 from Winchester City Council and are hoping to have charity status very soon. The Repair Café team are proposing to report separately to the Parish Council from the OB Sustainability Group. The Repair</p>		

Café had over 30 volunteers at their practice event and they come from all over Winchester.

Following the last Community Newsletter, they received a positive response and they wish to continue to announce details of their events in the Newsletter.

Finally, Cllr Kirkby said that there was a need to purchase wildflower seeds to be able to sew these in the Spring.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved and invoice of £77.00 to purchase wildflower seeds.

22/95.6 To receive update from Tree Warden on visual inspections carried out (standing item)

The tree warden has reported that there are no issues currently.

22/95.7 Budget & Precept 2023-24

Cllr Kirkby spoke about the Budget for 2023-24.

Cllr Kirkby commented on the remaining line items that had not been agreed previously.

The Mobile Phone contract will be ended and replaced by a “pay as you go” option to retain the current number (07443 622513). This will make a significant saving as the phone is currently little used.

The annual insurance premium and insurance contingency line items are with the Clerk for review. The Conservation Area rent will reduce to zero if the freehold is obtained.

The Clerk said that there may be costs associated with obtaining the freehold. This will include survey costs and conveyance costs.

Clerk

Annual Budget 2022/23	Actual v Budget (11/22)		Initial Budget 2023/24
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
39,664.00	39,664.00	Precept	41,410.00
	4,336.69	Other	-
	2,759.26	VAT	-
<u>39,664.00</u>	<u>46,759.65</u>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>£0.00</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
9,000.00	5,349.00	Salary & NI	10,184.00
1,827.00	958.00	Pension	2,158.00
200.00	85.00	Clerk Expenses	200.00
132.00	86.00	Mobile phone	0.00
100.00	0.00	Travel	100.00
300.00	90.00	Meeting costs	300.00
200.00	361.92	Admin	200.00
80.00	36.00	Bank charges	80.00
400.00	334.25	Insurance Premium	400.00
450.00	440.00	Audit Fees	500.00
600.00	520.00	Dog Waste Bins	700.00
6,500.00	4,319.00	Recreation Spaces: contracts and play	6,500.00
100.00	46.50	Recreation Spaces: annual play inspection	100.00
100.00	50.00	Recreation Spaces: Conservation Area rent	0.00

	150.00	38.00	Recreation Spaces: water supply	100.00	
	300.00	0.00	Training	200.00	
	1,000.00	0.00	Insurance Contingency	1,000.00	
	1,000.00	727.00	Subscriptions	1,000.00	
	1,600.00	4,393.00	Tree Surveys and Remedial Works	5,000.00	
	3,000.00	1,901.00	Recreation Spaces: repairs and renewals	3,000.00	
	125.00	0.00	Lengthsman rubbish disposal	100.00	
	-	0.00	Lengthsman or equivalent	TBC	
	-	0.00	Bus shelters	0.00	
	-	0.00	Legal expenses	500.00	
	1,000.00	241.00	Grants & Donations	500.00	
	1,500.00	1,399.70	Events	1,300.00	
	500.00	0.00	Tree Planting	TBC	
	3,000.00	1,056.00	Newsletter	TBC	
	500.00	80.00	Bench maintenance	500.00	
	3,000.00	0.00	Recreation Spaces: Improvements	3,000.00	
	1,500.00	13.50	Sustainability	1,200.00	
	500.00	658.00	Miscellaneous	TBC	
	1,000.00	0.00	Planning	TBC	
	-	0.00	Section 137	0.00	
	-	0.00	VAT on payments		
	<b>39,664.00</b>	<b>23,182.87</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>38,422.00</b>	
22/95.8	To consider the future of the PC Community Newsletter				
	<p>Cllr Leach led on this item. The recent survey had generated 81 responses. This was a relatively poor response. It was not clear whether the lack of response indicated that many people did not wish to receive a copy. The vast majority of the replies were from people who always read the Newsletter and the Badger Farm &amp; Oliver's Battery Community News and also wished the Newsletter to continue in paper format.</p> <p>In addition, 44% of respondents indicated that every two months was their preferred frequency, followed by 30% preferring three months. Some respondents were more flexible preferring 2/3 months and 3/4 months. No respondents preferred every six months.</p> <p>More work is required on the responses to "What would be the one change you would make to the PC Community Newsletter?" question.</p> <p>One of the main issues is who is going to contribute to putting the Newsletter together. Counsellor Leach said that it was not clear that very few respondents supported the transfer of the Newsletter to a fully digital format.</p> <p>Cllr Leach provided the following summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue another newsletter in the current format to support the Easter Egg Hunt in April.</li> <li>• Engage with Badger Farm &amp; Oliver's Battery Community News to see if a more co-ordinated approach can be adopted.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Leach said she would report again to the April meeting.</p>				Cllr Leach
22/95.9	Picnic Tables at the Battery				



	<p>Cllr Leach led on this item. Two Picnic Tables have been ordered from Holmestead Garden Furniture at a cost of £984.00 excluding VAT. These will be delivered and assembled on site at a cost of £50 towards the end of March 2023.</p> <p>The following items will also be purchased shortly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Christow Garden Parasol Umbrella Polyester Canopy Steel Sunshade with Crank Handle.</li> <li>• A Christow Garden Parasol Base</li> <li>• Ronseal wood stain and brushes will also be purchased.</li> </ul> <p>Volunteers, including members of the Handyperson Group have agreed to apply the wood stain.</p> <p>Cllr Leach said that the Re-Vive Café have agreed to contribute £350 towards the overall cost of the project. It is currently planned to site the two picnic tables as follows - one on the Battery near the side entrance to St Mark's Hall and one in the front garden of St Marks.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby congratulated Cllr Leach on the success of the project.</p>									
<b>22/96</b>	<b>Planning</b>									
22/96.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List									
	<p>55.2 The Clerk was asked to enquire about outstanding CIL money from the original development. This is with the Open Spaces team at WCC. The Clerk reported as follows.</p> <p>The Parish Council's 15% share of the CIL for this period is as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>21/03207/FUL, 93-95 Oliver's Battery Road South =</td> <td>£9,188.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/00320/FUL, Texas, Texas Drive</td> <td>= £4,593.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>-----</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£14,297.96</td> </tr> </table> <p>Action complete.</p>	21/03207/FUL, 93-95 Oliver's Battery Road South =	£9,188.79	16/00320/FUL, Texas, Texas Drive	= £4,593.10		-----	Total	£14,297.96	
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22/96.2	To consider any planning reports and agree actions.									
	<p>Cllr Blundell made the following planning report.</p> <p>34 Old Kennels Lane, Oliver's Battery Road 23/00073/HOU:</p> <p>Single storey rear and side extension, front porch and associated works including replacement roof tiles, windows and terraced amenity areas following demolition of existing rear extensions and garage.</p> <p>OBVDS (Settlement Pattern Character) states it is important to maintain consistency of style when dwellings are renovated or extended...architectural innovation...need not be out of place...but it is important that new or converted buildings ...respect the character of the area in which they are situated.</p> <p>OBVDS states: Old Kennels Lane and most of the southern and western parts of the settlement is a large area predominantly of bungalows. Many of the dwellings are set in large gardens which contribute to the spacious character of the area and combined with its elevated position, enable views of the surrounding landscape to be glimpsed between the dwellings, providing a strong linkage with the countryside.</p> <p>SK1: Adds 'Development of this area should respect street scenes which offer rural views over and between properties...In consequence, roof lines should remain low to avoid dominating the street scene...'</p> <p>An orange notice has been displayed and there have been no public comments to date.</p>									



	<p>While some of the proposed materials differ from those on nearby dwellings, there are now several dwellings in Oliver's Battery that have been accepted with similar materials despite seemingly moving away from OBVDS and existing materials.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.</p> <p>11 Oliver's Battery Crescent 22/02773/HOU: Amended plans.</p> <p>Single Storey rear extension, extension to existing porch, alterations to driveway and patio and associated works.</p> <p>The amended plans address several issues raised by neighbours and the Parish Council. Details of the initial application were considered at February's meeting when the Parish Council decided to object and ask that this goes the WCC planning committee.</p> <p>This was based on the height and extent of the proposed roof extension on the north east elevations being overbearing and would adversely affect neighbouring properties by restricting and blocking light for some (especially No 9) and overlooking a number of others in this road and in Crescent Close</p> <p>In addition, the ground sloped away from the rear of No 11 and its neighbours and the proposed patio appeared to be level with the back of the house which would entail raising of the ground by several metres for most of the length of the garden such that several neighbours would be overlooked.</p> <p>Since the PC objected to this application based on the above there have been amended plans submitted that addresses the main objections made.</p> <p>This will be achieved by lowering the proposed roof extension, adding screening along the patio.</p> <p>Given the revised plans Cllr Blundell recommended that the Parish Council withdraws its objection provided that the amended plans are the ones to be considered and approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Parish Council withdraws its previous objections to this application.</p> <p>116 Oliver's Battery Road South 23/00067/BCOND</p> <p>An enforcement notice has been issued because the property was demolished contrary to the planning permission. It is understood that an application to cover the demolition has been submitted, which is likely to be approved if it will result in the same finished building as included in the original planning application.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby thanked Cllr Blundell for her report.</p>	
<b>22/97</b>	<b>Communications</b>	
22/97.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>45.1 Cllr Omand to lead on Facebook with Cllr Leach. Cllr Omand said all his efforts recently have been focussed on sustainability. He asked for this item to be carried forward.</p> <p>56.2 Improving communications with residents (carried forward). It was agreed to remove this item from the Action List.</p>	Clerk
<b>22/98</b>	<b>Recreation Ground, Wildlife Conservation Area and the Battery</b>	
22/98.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	57.1 The Clerk is in contact with the Clerk to Compton & Shawford seeking improvements to the footpath's condition. Action complete.	Clerk

	58.1 Update on an Inclusive Recreation Ground for all Ages project (see agenda item)	
22/98.2	To consider report based on Groundsman's weekly reports and agree actions.	
	A report from Cllr Leigh-Jones confirmed that there were no issues identified in the Groundsman's checklist.	
22/98.3	To receive reports on routine maintenance and ad-hoc tasks that have been completed (Standing Item)	
	<p>In response to the recommendation made by Cllr Leigh-Jones regarding the frayed rope bridge at the Recreational Ground some action has been taken.</p> <p>Firstly, the play item which incorporates this frayed bridge has been taped off to be prohibited from use.</p> <p>Secondly, the company which does the majority of repair works on our behalf at the recreation ground (Vita Play Ltd) have given us a quote to complete necessary repairs/replacement.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will replace then Burma Bridge at the Recreation Ground. Subtotal: £692.00 VAT: £139.40 Total: £831.40</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Parish Council repairs the three wooden benches at the Recreation Ground: Subtotal: £492.00 VAT: £98.40 Total: £590.40</p> <p>Cllr Leigh-Jones presented the Handyperson Group's report:</p> <p>Final leaf clearance around school path was completed during first week of March.</p> <p>The speed indicator device (SID) has been recommissioned and mounted near the bottom of Old Kennels Lane hill. This only notifies drivers that they are exceeding 30 mph.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there is now no capability to interrogate the device for data. Servicing the device requires a battery change every 8 days and a cleaning of the face once a month.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22/98.4	To consider any further updates on an Inclusive Recreation Ground for all Ages project.	
	<p>Cllr Leach led on this item. She had circulated her second report for consideration with initial costings. The report included proposals for furniture (benches, picnic tables and bins), equipment (smaller football goals), trees and hedging to the northern boundary.</p> <p>Cllr Blundell had assisted in producing the updated project plan.</p> <p>Quotes for the hedges had varied from £276.00 (with volunteer labour) through to £3,075 with specialist doing the planting.</p> <p>It was proposed to investigate and, if appropriate, apply for grants.</p> <p>Given the scale of the proposed work, it was considered preferable to use a specialist firm for the planting.</p> <p>Alternative tree species for the hedge was desirable and this may generate some additional costs.</p> <p>A meeting had been arranged with Itchen Valley trees to obtain more advice and prices.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Parish Council continues to support this project.</p>	<p>Cllrs Blundell &amp; Kirkby</p> <p>Cllrs Leach, Blundell &amp; Kirkby</p>
<b>22/99</b>	<b>Lengthsman Scheme</b>	
22/99.1	The Clerk led on this item.	

	It was confirmed that the Lengthsman scheme will continue next year with the approved changes put in place.																			
22/99.2	To identify tasks for the next visit on 15 March Cllr Kirkby presented proposals.																			
	RESOLVED: To accept the proposals with the addition of cutting back the buddleia above the entrance to the underpass on Badger Farm Road.	Cllr Kirkby																		
<b>22/100</b>	<b>Items for Consideration Only</b>																			
22/100.1	To discuss correspondence received during the month and items for the agenda at the next meeting.																			
	Correspondence was received from a local person enquiring about the possibility of providing a Children's outdoor gym at the Recreation Ground. After a brief discussion the Parish Council asked the Clerk to write back to the person concerned to let them know the proposal did not have the Parish Council's support.	Clerk																		
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