



Oliver's Battery Parish Council meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2024 at 7.30pm at St Mark's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery.

<u>Present</u>	<u>In attendance</u>	<u>Apologies/Absent</u>
Cllr Blundell	Clerk – B Gibbs	Cllr Leigh-Jones
Cllr Almond	Dist Cllr Laming	Cllr Ironside
Cllr Gaster	Dist & County Cllr Warwick	Dist Cllr Brophy
Cllr Kirkby		
Cllr Leach		

Item		ACTION
25/32	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest	
	Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ironside and Leigh-Jones. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Brophy. There were no declarations of interest made at this time.	
25/33	To adjourn for public participation	
25/33.1	There were no members of the public present.	
25/33.2	To discuss the progress of public comments from the last meeting: see Actions List There were no matters arising from the public session in June 2024.	
25/34	To receive the County Councillor's report	
25/34.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List The Clerk was asked to include reference to OurHants under the Useful Information section on the Welcome page of the PC Website. Action Complete	
25/34.2	Cllr Warwick had submitted a written report for the Parish Council that will be appended to these minutes. Hampshire County Council's Fostering Service is asking local residents this summer in its new campaign to find more loving homes for children in care. For more information visit: https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240605fosteringcampaign The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme makes free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for	

	<p>six weeks a year. This covers four weeks this summer (24th July to 30th August) and a week's worth of activities in the Easter and Christmas holidays.</p> <p>To register follow the link below:</p> <p>https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register</p>	
25/35	To receive the District Councillors' report	
25/35.1	To discuss the progress of requests to District councillors from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>23/71.1 & 23/89.2 & 23/100.2 & 23/144.2 The Parish Council asked that the district councillors to report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council with news of any progress of the enforcement of the planting at the Dentist's surgery in Oliver's Battery Road South promised as part of planning application 22/00948/FUL.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby said this item was still outstanding.</p> <p>Cllr Laming said he would speak again with the planning department as well as Cllr Porter.</p>	Cllr Laming
25/35.2	There was no report to receive other than that reported above.	
25/36	To approve the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 4th June 2024.	
	RESOLVED – Agreed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.	
25/37	Finance and Council matters	
25/37.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	23/146.6 & 25/10.1 The draft Community Emergency Plan has been updated. Cllr Kirkby had submitted comments on the template. Comments were made about the availability of standalone generators within the plan.	
25/37.2	To accept payments for June 2024 and agree the June 2024 bank transactions with the bank balance.	
	RESOLVED: To accept the payments for June 2024 and agree the June 2024 bank transactions with the bank balance.	
25/37.3	To receive update from the Events Working Group (standing item)	
	<p>Following a request for volunteers to join the Events Group, we now have some new volunteers to organise a summer event in August.</p> <p>The event is scheduled for Saturday 24 August at The Battery. The format will be a bring your own picnic and there will be a band playing. St Mark's Hall will be available again to provide associated facilities. Together with the cost of the band and music license, there will be various forms of publicity it is estimated that a budget of £500 needs to be allocated.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Parish Council approves the expenditure of up to £500 on the Events Group Summer event.</p>	
25/37.4	To receive update from the Sustainability Working Group (standing item)	
	<p>Cllr Almond presented her report.</p> <p>Members of the countryside group (OBCG) are currently applying for community hedge fund (to plant hedges/ fill in gaps in wildlife area/ rec).</p> <p>The Sustainability Group are facilitating a 'Climate Fresk' evening at 6pm on 11th July.</p>	

	<p>Mrs Shorter is organising a stall with Oliver’s Battery Primary school’s eco committee to hold at their Summer Fete in July.</p> <p>Cllr Almond is liaising with representatives of the Repair café with plans to arrange a ‘swish evening’ event in the Autumn.</p> <p>A September “Big Outdoor Swap” is being arranged to coincide with Winchester Green Week.</p> <p>Cllr Kirkby advised that as the proposed hedge funding is for locations owned by the PC, the application to CPRE should be from the PC not the OBCG. Cllr Almond who is working with the OBCG will make sure this happens.</p> <p>Cllr Warwick highlighted the fact that there was money available from her county devolved budget should the Sustainability group need financial support for any projects they may highlight as beneficial to the whole community.</p>	Cllr Almond
25/37.5	To receive an update from Tree Warden on visual inspections carried out	
	There was nothing to report.	
25/38	Planning	
25/38.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	Nothing to report.	
25/38.2	To consider any planning reports and agree actions.	
	<p>New Applications notified since the June Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Blundell presented her report.</p> <p>24/0001060/HOU 68 Old Kennels Lane, Oliver’s Battery: Ground floor rear, side and front extensions. Roof alterations to provide first floor accommodation. Associated changes to exterior materials.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Oliver’s Battery Parish Council objects to this application and comments as follows:</p> <p>The Settlement Pattern Character section of the Oliver’s Battery Village Design Statement (OBVDS) states ‘it is important to maintain consistency of style when dwellings are renovated or extended...but it is important that new or converted buildings...respect the character of the area in which they are situated. (Settlement Design Guidelines 56.)</p> <p>While relating to development from a one to 2 storey dwelling, SK3 and SD1 in the OBVDS, state that such dwellings should only be permitted where the roof height and overall bulk of the resulting dwelling would not adversely affect neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Furthermore, Design Guidelines SK1 states that roof lines should remain low to avoid dominating the street scene, with a preference for Velux roof lights or small dormers.</p> <p>This application moves away for what is included in the OBVDS.</p> <p>The bulk and extent of the proposals mean the building would be overbearing as it has one storey bungalows on both sides and overlooks nearby dwellings, and adversely affect neighbours both adjacent to and behind this site.</p> <p>The height of the proposed roof (much of which would no longer be sloping) and extent of the dormers across the entire roof line would adversely affect neighbouring properties. This would restrict light and overlook no.66 for example and also overlook the gardens, and more importantly accommodation /bedrooms of neighbours in Sunnydown Road;</p>	

	<p>numbers 1 and 5 in particular.</p> <p>The ground slopes away from the rear 68 Old Kennels Close towards Sunnydown Road, hence the problem of overlooking is exacerbated in this case as well the overbearing nature of this proposal.</p> <p>The PC has spoken to neighbours in Sunnydown Road who objected to the previously withdrawn application (23/02700/HOU). They were not aware of this application and the PC asks that all those who objected to the previous withdrawn application are written to by the Case Officer as a matter of urgency to ensure that consultation has been adequately carried out.</p> <p>It is disappointing that no orange notice has been displayed. This was to be displayed on 29 June after being chased up but a notice was only displayed on 1 July 2024. This notice is a copy of the application on white paper which is likely to deteriorate if/when it rains. It is not obvious as it is attached within the shrubbery at the front of the property and not on a nearby telegraph pole which was used previously.</p> <p>24/01260/HOU 6 Downlands Road, Oliver's Battery: Storey front extension</p> <p>RESOLVED: No comment.</p> <p>Update on applications previously reviewed by the Parish Council</p> <p>24/00695/HOU 141 Oliver's Battery Road South: First floor extension, new porch, replacement windows and doors, bifold doors and raised patio to rear.</p> <p>Approved (but with proviso that the first-floor windows adjacent to 143 OBRS to be top opening only and glazed with obscure glass as per a suggestion put forward by the Parish Council.)</p> <p>22/00621/FUL 11 Mount View Road, Oliver's Battery: The erection of a pair of semidetached houses (1 x two bedrooms and 1 x three bedrooms), one 4-bedroom house and one 5-bedroom house, together with access, parking and landscaping.</p> <p>This application is ongoing.</p> <p>Bushfield Camp – Outline Planning Application. Ref 23/02507/OUT</p> <p>This application is ongoing.</p>	
25/39	Communications	
25/39.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	Nothing to report.	
25/40	Recreation Ground, Wildlife Conservation Area and the Battery	
25/40.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>25/91.1 & 25/105.1 Discuss in more detail the recent application to place a bench on the Battery for Mr and Mrs Butler. The bench will be ordered this week with a local supplier.</p> <p>25/105.4 Parish Council accepted the proposal for a small commemorative plaque to commemorate former Cllr. Ivan Arnold, and set a budget not exceeding £50. Cllr Leach ongoing. Budget updated to not exceeding £100. Cllr Leach will be placing the order soon.</p> <p>25/26.6 To obtain prices from Infinity Playgrounds Ltd to complete the listed remedial work.. On tonight's agenda.</p>	

	<p>25/26.7 To instruct Mr Peter Arnold to undertake all works identified in the bench refurbishment report. Action complete.</p> <p>25/26.9 To instruct Infinity Playgrounds to obtain quotation to replace the Recreation Ground open bin with one to match the other existing bins. Action complete.</p>	
25/40.2	To consider report based on Groundsman's weekly reports and agree actions.	
	The checklists had received from Grass and Grounds for June 2024 and Cllr Kirkby confirmed the checklist (along with the status of the Defib) have no issues to report.	
25/40.3	To receive reports on routine maintenance and ad-hoc tasks that have been completed (Standing Item)	
	<p>During the last month, the Handyperson Group have carried out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisation of new tree watering in the Recreation Ground continues. The SID is in use and the battery is being swapped out periodically. <p>Plans for July, weather permitting, is half yearly application of non-slip stain on the play equipment and staining the 3 bare wood benches. Plus continuing the watering programme.</p>	
25/40.4	To consider any further updates on an Inclusive Recreation Ground for all Ages projects.	
	There was nothing to report.	
25/40.5	To note results of Annual Play Area inspection and agree actions	
	<p>Infinity Playgrounds has provided two quotes (Q01510 and Q01504) in response to the annual play inspection report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the following items highlighted with quote Q01504</p> <p>Reinstate Grounds (Slide legs): Supply and installation of top soil and seed to the slide leg area at a cost of £72.00 Inc VAT</p> <p>Replace timbers on the hut (Remove Round Board) Option 1 but with original Saxon shield: Remove nails from timber and screw it back to the ramp and remove Round board that has rotten at a cost of £180.00 inc VAT</p> <p>Pull Up Bars Grass Mat: Lift the affected mats and supply and install top soil to level the grounds and cable tie mats back together and fix to the floor with plastic pegs at a cost of £237.60 inc VAT</p> <p>Muga Remedials: Please DO NOT provide a sign for the Muga. Replace basketball net with new Extra Heavy Duty CHAIN Basketball Net. Install rubber buffer to gate latch. Install missing fixings. Please could re-quote for this item without the replacement sign.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Not to proceed with these items from quote Q01504</p> <p>Power Wash Timber Unit: Power wash the timber Multiplay unit and power wash and remove weeds on block paving at a cost of £522.00 inc VAT</p> <p>Mulch Pad (Slide Exit): Supply and installation of weed suppressant membrane and supply and installation of Autumn mulch to the bottom of the slide area approximately 2m2. Supply and installation of top soil to the edges to prevent lifting and trip hazards at a cost of £355.20 inc VAT</p> <p>Grass Mat Cradle Swings (Option 1): Supply and installation of 18m2 of Grass Mat safety surfacing over existing mats at a cost of £1,411.20 inc VAT</p> <p>Rubber Mulch Cradle Swings (Option 2): Supply and installation of 18m2 of Rubber Bonded Mulch safety surfacing over existing mats at a cost of £2,244.00 inc VAT.</p>	Clerk

	<p>RESOLVED: To proceed with the purchase of a new bin quote Q01504 at a cost of £472.59 inc VAT.</p> <p>Monitor support chains to various play equipment and report when 40% worn and replace missing caps and inserts and tighten loose nuts and bolts. Ongoing.</p> <p>Ask Handyperson Group to cut back overhanging foliage (NB shield to be replaced).</p>	<p>Cllr Leigh-Jones</p> <p>Cllr Leigh-Jones</p>
25/41	Lengthsman Scheme	
25/41.1	Cllr Kirkby commented that he believed that the Lengthsman did not visit on the 20 th June. The Clerk said he would be contacting the lead parish to find out what happened with the visit.	Clerk
25/42	Items for Consideration Only	
25/42.1	No reports were received.	
25/43	To discuss correspondence received during the month and items for the agenda at the next meeting.	
25/43.1	<p>Correspondence relating to new scythe from OBCG.</p> <p>RESOLVED: OBCG to be advised that a grant application is required.</p> <p>No other correspondence was received.</p>	Cllr Kirkby
25/44	Date of next meeting – 3rd September 2024 at 7.30pm	
	Meeting ended at 8.49pm	
25/45	<p>Exempt Business: To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the discussion of the following matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.</p> <p>There were no exempt items to discuss.</p>	