



Oliver's Battery Parish Council meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 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 Almond	Clerk – B Gibbs	Cllr Blundell
Cllr Gaster	Dist Cllr Brophy	Cllr Leigh-Jones
Cllr Ironside		Dist Cllr Laming
Cllr Kirkby		Dist & County Cllr Warwick
Cllr Leach		
	Six members of the public	

Item		ACTION
25/60	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest	
	Apologies had been received from Cllr Blundell and Leigh-Jones. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Laming and County and Dist Cllr Warwick. There were no declarations of interest at this time.	
25/61	To adjourn for public participation	
25/61.1	A number of parishioners spoke about planning matters generally and with particular reference to a planning application at 6 Pine Close (24/0186/HOU). They wished to make the following points. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development is for a dwelling needed to accommodate a large family. • It is not clear what role the Parish Council has in responding to planning applications. • We were surprised to see the Parish Council commenting on our application without contacting us. • Some of our neighbours are opposed to any development near them. • People are being encouraged to object to our application by others. • We are happy to make a contribution to the Community Infrastructure Levy if this is actually required. • What is meant by “over development” mentioned in objectors' letters. • We do not intend to affect the privacy of our neighbours. • We feel targeted by objectors. 	
25/61.2	To discuss the progress of public comments from the last meeting: see Actions List	

	<p>23/71.1 & 23/89.2 & 23/100.2 & 23/144.2 The Parish Council had asked that the district councillors to report back to Parish Council with news of the progress with the planting scheme at the Dentist's surgery in Oliver's Battery Road South outlined in planning application 22/00948/FUL.</p> <p>Cllr Laming said he would speak again with the planning department as well as Cllr Porter. Ongoing.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive of Winchester City Council asking why Cllr Porter had not responded to emails sent to her by the Clerk. Ongoing.</p>	<p>Cllr Laming</p> <p>Clerk</p>
25/62	To receive the County Councillor's report	
25/62.1	<p>To discuss the progress of requests to the County councillor from the last meeting: see Actions List.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
25/62.2	<p>Cllr Warwick had submitted a written report for the Parish Council that will be available on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council has responded to the Government's proposals to change the National Planning Policy Framework. The response included the following concerns to proposed significant uplift in housing numbers in our area</p> <p>The Hampshire Pantry is at Bushfield Farm. They have had a very busy first summer season when the farm shop and café looked very good.</p> <p>The Universal Services Select Committee was the final meeting of a series of meetings where the county council select committees have scrutinised the 13 savings proposals being brought forward to HCC's Cabinet for a decision on the 14th of October. The Select Committees asked Cabinet to reconsider four: reductions to community transport, removal of school crossing patrols, early cessation of contracts for homelessness grants and the closure of the smaller Waste Recycling Centres.</p>	
25/63	To receive the District Councillors' report	
25/63.1	<p>To discuss the progress of requests to District councillors from the last meeting: see Actions List.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
25/63.2	<p>The City Cllrs had submitted a written report for the Parish Council that will be available on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Cllr Brophy spoke about the following items.</p> <p>WCC residents' waste collection days are changing from October 7th with new waste calendars sent via the post. The new rounds prepare for the rollout of food waste collection next autumn.</p> <p>Winchester City Council has published a draft strategy for improving air quality and is asking for people across the district to have their say.</p> <p>It outlines the need to work collaboratively across the district and the wider region, to achieve cleaner air by 2030, making a commitment to go above and beyond UK national air quality targets.</p> <p>It outlines 13 actions under five key areas that should be considered to improve air quality across the district.</p> <p>Respond to the consultation before 27th October at www.winchester.gov.uk/air-quality-</p>	

	strategy-survey																			
	Cllr Kirkby asked the Clerk to publish this item on the Parish Council website.	Clerk																		
25/64	To approve the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on the 3rd September 2024.																			
	RESOLVED – Agreed as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman of the meeting.																			
25/65	Finance and Council matters																			
25/65.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List																			
	25/49.2 WCC currently have four different community grants schemes. Cllrs were encouraged to check whether any would be suitable for local community projects and initiatives. Ongoing	All																		
	25/37.4 Cllr Almond is working with the OB Countryside Group to apply for a CPRE grant.	Cllr Almond																		
	25/51.3 The Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Jayne Pickett & Tom and Marianne Foster for their help with the summer picnic. Complete																			
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	RESOLVED – to approve this expenditure.																			
	Amy Paterson is the overall coordinator of this event again and has produced all the artwork.																			
	The Events Group will be producing the location maps of the various scarecrows themselves using the Easter Egg Hunt Orienteering software so there is no need this year for a PC input (previously produced using Parish Online).																			
	The labels on each of the scarecrows will have a QR code that links to the PC Events tab so that the maps can be downloaded from there.																			

	<p>The Events Group have asked Cllrs Jan Warwick and Adrian Brophy to be the Scarecrow Judges this year.</p> <p>The Clerk has been asked to put up the final Scarecrow Map on the website on the 26th October as some entries are known to be very late in being registered.</p>	Clerk
25/65.4	To receive update from the Sustainability Working Group (standing item)	
	<p>Cllr Almond had submitted a written report.</p> <p>September's SWAP event - 26 households participated in the event. The aim is to involve more. Will consider promoting the event over the whole weekend, in case of poor weather. Next swap is planned for the Spring (Spring clear out).</p> <p>Community Bike Ride 28th September. This event was organised with Anne Forder and Cycle Winchester. Approximately 30 people joined in with the cycle ride and was felt to be successful. Further discussions to be had to organise future rides.</p> <p>A "Swish" and clothes swapping event will be taking place on Friday 22nd November, venue secured, awaiting confirmation regarding grant before other arrangements are made. Plan to advertise in next newsletter if grant confirmation received in time.</p> <p>Thermal Image Camera surveys to take place over the colder months - to promote again in newsletter and on FB page.</p>	
25/65.5	To receive an update from Tree Warden on visual inspections carried out.	
	<p>Cllr Gaster had submitted a written report.</p> <p>There was no need for any immediate work. However, he had obtained a quote from our approved supplier to remove a Cherry Tree and cut back branches overhanging Oliver's Battery Road South from the Battery. The work will not take place until early next year.</p> <p>RESOLVED – to accept the quotation</p>	Clerk
25/65.6	To receive an update on the Community Initiative	
	<p>Community Initiative Update - October 2024</p> <p>Cllr Leach submitted a written report and also spoke about the work she had done over the last few weeks including a visit to Oliver's Battery Primary School.</p> <p>"Miss Sarah Vittel, has recently been appointed as the Head Teacher. The school has 211 on its roll.</p> <p>Sarah is supportive of community links and is interested in learning more about Parish Council, to develop those links.</p> <p>I also suggested a chat to Jan Warwick as it was highlighted that the Zebra crossing outside the school needs repainting, as does all the other road markings on the roads, around the school entrance.</p> <p>She has been planning a major project on site such as a proper running track around the whole of the school grounds. It is at very early stages, but she suggested that it could possibly be a community asset in the future and something that the Parish Council could be involved with and support.</p> <p>The school has also started a Choir. She is keen on intergenerational link ups, so I suggested she get in touch with Rev Marianne Foster to see whether the new Choir could come and sing for the ReVive café. There is also the potential to come and sing at the Christmas Event.</p> <p>I spoke about the current Community Initiative, to gather in newer residents. She was most interested and wants to talk further. I wanted to talk to someone from the PTA, but</p>	

	<p>at the moment they do not have a link person. I might go to one of their meetings.</p> <p>We agreed to send electronic copies of our respective Newsletters to one another. I mentioned that our Newsletter Editor, was keen to get copy from the school, both staff and students.</p> <p>At the Open Afternoon, I spoke to one of the School governors about engaging newer residents. It was suggested to hold a toddler event at St Mark's with games, and picnic.</p> <p>I was impressed with the sense of focus, engagement and general 'on task' behaviour that was demonstrated by the children. Altogether a very useful first contact with the school.</p> <p>I will visit again soon to continue my conversation with the Headteacher”.</p>	
25/65.7	To consider the updated NALC Financial Regulations	
	<p>The Clerk led with this item.</p> <p>NALC had published a fresh draft of its model financial regulations in April 2024. It was promoting these as a new standard for parish councils to consider adopting. The regulations had been sent to all members and a copy is published on the website.</p> <p>A discussion took place on how best to consider the document. It was agreed to defer adopting the new regulations until members had had more time to consider them.</p>	
25/65.8	Speed Indicator Devices in the Parish	
	<p>Cllr Leigh-Jones had provided a written report.</p> <p>In a report to the September Parish Council meeting, members of the handy person group suggested that the batteries in the Speed Indicator Device (SID) are no longer holding charge for a suitable period of time. The device has a few features that are life expired and no longer work satisfactorily.</p> <p>There are three options for the continued use of speed management device in the parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave the device and aging batteries as they are and continue to operate until they fail completely. • Purchase new batteries for the current equipment. These seem to be available through online purchase for between £19.99 and £29.99. This may add some longevity in between recharges of battery but will not fix the recording issue with the device. • Purchase new speed management device for use in the parish. <p>In Cllr Leigh-Jones absence, it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting when a considered debate can take place.</p>	
25/66	Planning	
25/66.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	<p>25/52.2 24/0186/HOU 6 Pine Close, Oliver's Battery: First floor side and rear extension, porch canopy and elevational alterations. Cllr Blundell received delegated authority to compile material planning considerations for an objection to be submitted by the Clerk.</p> <p>Action Complete.</p>	
25/66.2	<p>To consider any planning reports and agree actions.</p> <p>New Applications notified since the September 2024 PC Meeting:</p> <p>None at the time of issuing this Report</p>	

	<p>Update on applications previously reviewed by the Parish Council</p> <p>24/01806/HOU 6 Pine Close, Oliver's Battery: First floor side and rear extension, porch canopy and elevational alterations.</p> <p>There have been eight public comments plus comments from the Parish Council at the time this Report was completed. The main concerns are about overdevelopment of a relatively small site, the overbearing nature of the proposed dwelling, privacy and loss of open views , out of keeping/character with the area and the potential setting of a precedent. A concern was also expressed about the submission and withdrawal of the same or similar application as the one being considered now.</p> <p>24/01524/HOU 113 Oliver's Battery Road South: Front and rear extension, partial garage conversion, extend tarmac driveway.</p> <p>There have been no public comments to date. Orange Notice was NOT displayed at the time this Report was produced. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the case officer. This notice was subsequently displayed but next to 109 Oliver's Battery Road South rather than from the lamppost adjacent to 113.</p> <p>24/01640/HOU 7 Compton Way, Oliver's Battery: Single storey extension and refurbishment to chalet bungalow, with new dormers, roof lights, new roofing, painted brickwork and upgraded windows and associated landscaping. Cladding and new glazing to rear garage and workshop.</p> <p>Orange Notice: displayed prominently. There have been no comments from the public to date.</p> <p>24/01060/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>There was no orange notice displayed at first and this was followed up. The notice was to be displayed on Friday 28 June. The view was that the proposed building would be overbearing and overlooking and affect neighbours behind the site as well as nearby; also, the documents do not make the boundaries adjacent to number 66 clear nor is the fact that the existing roof height is the top of a sloping roof not a second floor/level.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to submit an objection on the above grounds. Some objections have been about the overlooking and effect on light of the proposed dormer windows and removal of screening trees affecting privacy of the gardens of those with young families. Others have been based also on what is a proposed 5-bedroom house in effect meaning lack of adequate off-road parking.</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>Orange sign displayed originally and there were ten public comments plus the Parish Council's comments before closing date was amended. Following the amendment of the expiry date no further notice was displayed but the case officer confirmed that all those who had objected previously had been notified of that change.</p> <p>There have been 3 further public comments as well as the PC's additional comment regarding the need to remove the temporary spoil heap.</p> <p>Enforcement</p> <p>24/00109/BCOND – 3 Downlands Road. The Chair has asked Cllr Laming for clarification of the reason given for closure of the enforcement case, ie "not expedient to pursue".</p>	<p>Cllr Laming</p>
25/67	Communications	

25/67.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List	
	Nothing to report.	
25/68	Recreation Ground, Wildlife Conservation Area and the Battery	
25/68.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions List.	
	25/40.5 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. 25/40.5 Ask Handyperson Group to cut back overhanging foliage (NB shield to be replaced). Ongoing. One joist on the wooden equipment is loose and needs repairing/replacing. Cllr Leigh-Jones to obtain any necessary accessories and check whether the handyperson group can repair/replace the loose joist. Badly worn grass areas in the goalmouths – see Agenda item 7.5	Cllr Leigh-Jones Cllr Leigh-Jones Cllr Leigh-Jones
25/68.2	To consider report based on Groundsman's weekly reports and agree actions.	
	The checklists had received from Grass and Grounds for September and there are no issues to report.	
25/68.3	To receive reports on routine maintenance and ad-hoc tasks that have been completed (Standing Item).	
	Cllr Leigh-Jones provided a written report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic caps (varied size) for bolts on play area purchased • Steel pegs for goal nets purchased • Cable ties to lock nets on to posts and bar purchased. No report was received for the month of September from Handypersons group.	
25/68.4	To consider hiring the Recreation Ground Football Pitch	
	A local team has asked if it was possible to hire the recreation ground football pitch for 90 minutes at 8:30 on Saturday mornings for 14 boys to practice on. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to provide further details, including how many Oliver's Battery residents are in the team.	Clerk
25/68.5	To consider installing artificial grass to goal mouth areas.	
	Cllr Kirkby submitted a further written report. Earlier this year, the new football pitch was installed as part of the Recreation Ground Improvements Project. This has proved very popular and the grass in the goalmouth areas have already been worn away and these areas need to be refurbished. A quote had now been received from Infinity Playgrounds to provide an area of artificial grass in the goalmouth areas in order to provide better all year usage. RESOLVED – To place an order with Infinity Playgrounds Ltd for the supply of artificial grass goalmouths at a cost of £ £13,594.68 excluding VAT.	Clerk
25/69	Lengthsman Scheme	
25/69.1	There was no report to receive.	
25/70	Items for Consideration Only	
25/70.1	No reports were received.	
25/71	To discuss correspondence received during the month and items for the agenda	

	at the next meeting.	
25/71.1	No other correspondence was received.	
25/72	Date of next meeting – 5th November 2024 at 7.30pm	
	Meeting ended at 9.28pm	