



Oliver's Battery Parish Council meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2025 at 7.30pm at St Mark's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery.

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

Item		ACTION
26/23	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest. Apologies from Cllr Almond & Cllr Leach. There were no declarations of interest at this time.	
26/24	To adjourn for public participation and County and District Councillors reports.	
26/24.1	There was one member of the Public in attendance who wanted to discuss the matter of road accessibility in and around Oliver's Battery. The main concern is for wheelchair users who cannot get from Oliver's Battery to Badger Farm doctors' surgery due to the lack of accessibility. It was suggested that he raise a concern with Hampshire highways authority and if needed the Parish Council will look to support him with this.	The Clerk
26/24.2	To discuss the progress and resolutions from the last meeting. It was NOTED that there were no outstanding matters on the Action list.	
26/24.3	To receive the County Councillors report, this is available on the website. Southern Water are carrying out major works to increase the capacity of the Yew Tree Reservoir between Compton and Oliver's Battery. There are several public rights of way in the area which will be affected, and the Hampshire Countryside team will try to ensure there is minimal impact upon these routes. However, the construction works are envisaged to take around 18 months and there will be some closures with temporary diversions. Southern Water have only recently contacted the County Council, and the countryside team have asked them to communicate with the local community Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – securing a strong future for Hampshire and the Solent. Hampshire County Council will publish their preferred options for LGR later this month. There will be an opportunity for publication engagement this summer before preferred option/s are submitted to government. The link below to gives the latest updates, timelines, Q&As on the Devolution and LGR process underway across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.	

26/25	To approve the minutes of the meeting held 06/05/2025 RESOLVED: A copy was signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.	
26/26	Finance and Council matters.	
26/26.1	To discuss the progress of resolutions from the last meeting: see Actions	
26/26.2	Payments were accepted for April and May 2025 including bank statements. <u>Payments for June 2025</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG Salary -£827.03 • BG Backpay-£ 3,673.67 • EA Salary -£1,163.18 • Grass and Grounds -£476.54 • P30 HMRC -£373.56 • SLCC Locum expenses -£115.26 <p>Cllr Kirkby suggested that twenty thousand pounds should be transferred from the Unity trust account to the Lloyds bank savings account, Clerk will make the transfer and will notify the Council once this has been done.</p>	The Clerk
26/26.3	To receive the budget reconciliation as of 30th June 2025 Cllr Kirkby proposed, Cllr Blundell seconded and all agreed.	
26/26.4	To receive an update, form the Events Working Group. Marriane Foster has been in contact with the Clerk and has informed the Council that, moving forward, the Events Working Group will no longer operate as part of the Parish Council. Due to a shortage of volunteers, the group will now function as an independent community organisation. Should they require support in the future—particularly in terms of funding—they will approach the Parish Council and are willing to submit grant applications where they meet the eligibility criteria.	
26/26.5	To receive an update, form the Sustainability Working Group. There was no report submitted this month.	
26/26.6	To receive an update from the Tree Warden Cllr Gaster submitted a report this month and that can be found on the Council website. Cllr Gaster updated the Council regarding the Tree Survey, this has now taken place and once the report has been compiled it will be sent to the Clerk to be distributed.	Cllr Gaster
26/27	Planning Please see the planning report available on the website. Cllr Blundell informed the Council there has been no further planning applications since the last meeting, and that the previous objections had now been submitted. Cllr Gaster discussed his concerns regarding the lack of Bungalows that are available in Olivers Battery, and this should be a consideration when receiving future planning applications.	
26/28	Communications	
26/28.1	Further communication has been received regarding the Badger Farm Community News publication. There is a temporary suspension due to a staffing issue and this subsequently effects the publication dates of the proposed Oliver's Battery Newsletter. Cllr Kirkby is in communication with BFCN and will offer an update when he knows more. It has been agreed that publication dates will be reviewed in September at the next Council meeting. However, on that basis OBPC will aim to produce the first publication October 1 st 2025.	Cllr Kirkby
26/29	Recreation Ground, Wildlife Conservation Area and the Battery	

26/29.1	<p>It was agreed that the Clerk will create a 'How to Guide' and Policy for managing the Defibrillator. Monthly checks need to be carried out and logged on 'The Circuit'. Currently Grass and Grounds are checking the battery status each month. The Clerk will include this in her report for September.</p> <p>The Benches have now been painted with Varnish as previously agreed.</p>	
26/29.2	<p>Actions have been identified as per the written report submitted by Cllr Leigh-Jones, this report is available on the Council website.</p>	
26/29.3	<p>Cllr Leigh Jones has obtained quotes as agreed for the 'No Dogs' signs for the recreation ground and Wildlife area, The cost is £127.54.</p> <p>Cllr Leigh-Jones proposed we order the signs for the above cost, Cllr Kirkby seconded and all agreed.</p> <p>Once the signs have been ordered Cllr Leigh-Jones will send the Invoice to The Clerk for payment.</p> <p>Cllr Leigh Jones is going to meet with Cllr Kirkby regarding a handover of the information and outstanding tasks at the recreation ground Due to Cllr Leigh-Jones stepping down from the Parish Council in July.</p>	Cllr Kirkby
26/29.4	<p>Two companies have been approached to provide a quote for the Carpark line marking, at this point only one has returned a quote. The Clerk will endeavour to receive a second quote in time for a decision at the September meeting.</p>	The Clerk
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26/30	<p>The Lengthsman scheme</p> <p>There is no update regarding the planned work for the Lengthsman scheme, Once the Clerk receives the dates this information will be circulated.</p>	The Clerk
26/31	<p>Items for consideration.</p> <p>It was NOTED that there were no outstanding matters or Actions</p>	
26/32	<p>Exempt Business</p> <p>Exempt Business: RESOLVED 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>Cllr Laming and One member of the public left the meeting at 20.56</p> <p>Meeting finished at 21.10</p> <p>Date of the next meeting is 16th September 2025- Please note there is no meeting held in August.</p>	