



**MINUTES OF OLIVERS BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM, ST. MARK'S CHURCH HALL, OLIVERS BATTERY, SO22 4EZ.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D. Kirkby (Chair), Cllr. C. Leach, , Cllr. T. Gaster, Cllr. K Lakin

Also Present:

Cllr. J. Warwick (Hampshire County and Winchester City Councillor)  
 Cllr. A. Brophy (Winchester City Councillor)  
 J. Sheehy (Parish Clerk)

ITEM		ACTION
<b>79</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ironside &amp; Cllr Almond due to previous engagements.</p> <p>Apologies were also noted from WCC Councillor B. Laming.</p>	
<b>80</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	
	<p>There were 9 members of the public in attendance.</p> <p>Mr David Killeen, former chair of Hursley Parish Council addressed the meeting raising concerns over the proposed Bloor Homes development and confirmed that Hursley Parish Council were currently in the process of drafting a response.</p> <p>Mr Earnie Shelton raised concerns over the proposed local development whilst other residents in attendance voiced concerns over the lack of publicity and engagement shown by the developers. Concerns were raised over the sustainability of the proposed development, the impact on local property prices and the loss of green and open space.</p> <p>Members discussed the consultation documents that had been circulating locally and the outline planning application in relation to the local plan and developer motivations in relation to local government reorganisation.</p> <p>The Chairman encouraged residents to participate in the consultation and watch for updates in the local WhatsApp Channel (Oliver's Battery Announcements), Facebook and email contacts list.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to submit a response to Bloor Homes and issue guidance to residents.</p>	Cllr Kirkby
<b>81</b>	<b>DISTRICT &amp; COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b>	

	<p>Reports had been received from the District &amp; County Councillors and circulated to members in advance. The Chairman drew attention to the item concerning pavement parking. You can read more or respond to the strategy consultation at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/road-safety-strategy">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/road-safety-strategy</a></p> <p>Cllr Warwick confirmed that</p> <p>Cllr Gaster raised a concern about a pothole that had emerged on Badger Farm Road. Cllr Warwick confirmed that Badger Farm Road (from Pitt Roundabout to Meadow Way) has been booked for a closure and surface repairs from 16<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March. Residents can report all highway issues via the Hampshire County Council website or via the Our Hants app.</p>	
<b>82</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026</b>	
	<p>Members received the minutes of the previous meeting and subsequently:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to confirm the minutes as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<b>83</b>	<b>ACTION LIST</b>	
	Members reviewed the previous resolutions and actions. The clerk would include an up to date action list in the next agenda.	Clerk
<b>84</b>	<b>FINANCE REPORTS</b>	
<b>84(a)</b>	Members received the budget report up to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026.	
<b>84(b)</b>	Members received and noted the payments list up to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026.	
<b>85</b>	<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS</b>	
	No grant applications had been received.	
<b>86</b>	<b>COMMUNITY EVENTS WORKING GROUP</b>	
	Members discussed the community events working group and noted correspondence received notifying the Council that the local easter egg hunt would not proceed this year despite the necessary funds being approved in principle at the Council Meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> January, subject to a grant application. Members expressed support for the continued running of local community events.	
<b>87</b>	<b>SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP</b>	
	There were no further updates on this occasion.	
<b>88</b>	<b>TREE WARDENS REPORT</b>	
	Members were informed that tree works had recently been carried out at the recreation ground by the parish council's nominated contractor. Cllr Gaster had met with contractors on site and suggested the tree surveys be updated to ensure all trees on the battery were included in the maintenance schedule for 2027.	
<b>89</b>	<b>QUOTES</b>	

<b>89(a)</b>	<p>Members considered a quote from Infinity Playgrounds for timber replacements and replacement football goal corner brackets and nets and relining the car park.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the quote of £1137 including VAT for replacement football goal corner brackets and nets &amp; timber replacements.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to accept a quote of £1368 including VAT for the relining of the car park.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>89(b)</b>	<p>Members received a quote for a solar powered speed indicator device from ElanCity.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the quote of £3107.99 including VAT</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<b>90</b>	<b>LOCAL PLANNING MATTERS</b>	
<b>90(a)</b>	<p>No new planning applications had been received by the parish council.</p>	
<b>90(b)</b>	<p>It was agreed to undertake a survey to provide up-to-date, accurate, factual information on residents' views on potential development sites in and around Oliver's Battery.</p> <p>More details including the timing will be brought to the March Meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Leach</p>
<b>90(c)</b>	<p>Members had discussed the Manor Parks public consultation during the public participation item. Members discussed the merits of conducting a resident's consultation.</p>	
<b>91</b>	<b>BUS SHELTER GRANT UPDATE</b>	
	<p>Members received an update from the Chairman. Members noted that a grant had been proposed for the refurbishment of the local bus shelters in the responsibility of the parish council, with Cllr Almond obtaining prices and fine tuning the proposal, with grants up to £15,000 available. Members noted the end of February deadline.</p>	<p>Cllr Almond</p>
<b>92</b>	<b>LEASE NEGOTIATIONS</b>	
	<p>Members were informed of an outstanding lease negotiation relating to an electricity substation that needed to be agreed.</p>	
<b>93</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<p>The next meeting was noted as being Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.</p>	

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:48pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_