

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

January 04

Reports of Meetings 2004:

REPORT OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr MH Warne (Chairman) presided at the January meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in the Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall on 20th January 2004.

Due to complaints and concerns received regarding parking on Boyatt Lane, a meeting is to be arranged with HCC to consider the issue. It is intended to invite one or two residents to the meeting.

A police report had been submitted by PC Mark Smith which listed the following recorded crime in Otterbourne from 01/12/03 to 20/01/04: 2 dwelling burglaries; 1 non-dwelling burglary; 2 thefts from a local retail establishment, both of very low value; 1 arson which involved a stolen car; 1 theft from a vehicle ; 1 criminal damage to a shed; 1 offence of assault; 3 offences of a minor nature but recorded for statistical purpose. The crime rate is still low, although PC Smith expressed concern about the dwelling burglaries, hoping this is not the start of a series

Following the Notice that had been served on the Parish Council seeking a vehicle access across Common and other land, Cllr Warne updated members following the meeting he and Cllr Walford had had with solicitors.

The Council adopted the scales of allowances for travelling and subsistence which had been recommended by the Parish Remuneration Panel. Winchester City Council.

It was agreed to provide a youth shelter and basket ball end on the small parcel of land adjoining the recreation ground which land is proposed to be taken from Southern Water by way of a negotiated Licence.

A report submitted by City Cllr Mrs C Bailey. concerning Winchester District Local Plan, stated that the Local Plan Committee is now looking at Draft Policy Statements with which the Government intends to replace Planning Policy Guidance. Village Design Statements in their current format are not likely to accord with proposals in the Planning Policy Statements. The City Planning Department is trying to find out more detail so that those who have already done Design Statements will know what they need to do to update them. Those, including Otterbourne, who are about to start, will need further guidance.

A Pilot Scheme for Waste Disposal is being set up to evaluate results and part of the Thursday round in Otterbourne which includes Sparrowgrove, Regents Close and the Main Road on that side from Grove Road to Poles Lane has been chosen. Southdown is also part of the evaluation scheme. The intention is that by concentrating more on recycling we will gradually reduce and reuse before recycling. There is a timetable, part of which includes meetings with Parish Councils and displays in Parish Halls. The changes to collections would not start until October.

On highway issues, it was reported that a tour round the village had been undertaken with Colin Taylor, Chief Engineer, HCC, and of particular importance is resolving the flooding issues in Kiln Lane which matter will be highlighted by City Cllr Mrs C Bailey at the Flood Liaison Meeting tonight. The report also stated that Cllr Mrs C Bailey will also ask Southern Water for an update on Chickenhall Lane Pumping Station.

Cllr Warne reported that the open surface electricity cable to the floodlights for football practice at the recreation ground had been the subject of discussion with the contractor who agreed to bury the cable free of charge. This work will be done at a the time when part of the proposed new underground cable is laid across the recreation ground.

Reported that Mr John Pitman, Chairman of Otterbourne Village Hall Committee, had approached Cllr MH Warne regarding the possibility of extending the car park on land adjacent to the hall. To determine ownership of the subject land, Cllr Warne is to study the Conveyance regarding the land on which the Village Hall was built.

The budget for year 2004/2005 was unanimously agreed and to Precept on Winchester City Council for the sum of £27,675. (the same as year 2003/2004).

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

February 04

Reports of Meetings 2004:

REPORT OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr MH Warne (Chairman) presided at the February meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in the Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall on 17th February 2004.

Immediately prior to the meeting, Councillors MH Warne and R Zebedee met with Pol. Con. M Smith and 4 local youths to discuss the Council's proposal to provide a youth shelter and basket ball end on the additional land, adjoining the recreation ground, to be provided under License from Southern Water. Study of brochures were undertaken and dimensions of the play area were suggested by the youths and accepted. The Council advised that the proposed development would require planning permission and permission of Southern Water. Also that costs of the shelter and equipment would be met from the Parish Council Open Space Fund held by Winchester City Council.

PC Mark Smith submitted the police report for the period 19 January to 17 February, indicating 6 reported offences in Otterbourne during the period and concluded by stating that the reported crime rate is still low in comparison to surrounding areas.

County Cllr Mrs Ann Bailey reported on several matters including drainage, anger expressed regarding salting of roads and the complaint of the intrusive height of road signing at Highbridge. She also reported that that the budget meeting had produced a Council Tax increase of 6% but Fire and Rescue budget is to be precepted separately.

City Cllr Mrs Charlotte Bailey Reported that people will soon be able to view Planning Applications and maps on Winchester's web site and to make comments on-line. Electors will also be able to get Planning Application forms and to view the leaflets available. Winchester has produced a newsletter called Planning Talk which will be published every two months and contain news and comments. Cllr Mrs. Bailey reported on an all day, conference , which gave a very good overview of Project Integra. It covered the targets for recycling, the cost of continuing to landfill, the infrastructure in place and planned for Hampshire, the new possible markets for recycled goods, best practice in Hampshire, how to get us to recycle more biowaste and how much of each type of waste goes in our bins. She also reported that she asked questions about our Transfer Station and expressed concerns about the increasing traffic through the village and urged that Integra look again at the need for more Transfer Stations which would be smaller and serve a smaller area. On M3 Noise, Mrs C Bailey advised that she had discussed the content of the Council's representation at the Environmental Health Department and that a letter had been sent to the Highways Agency asking that the criteria for road resurfacing take into account the impact of noise levels on residents. Following a meeting with the Flood Liaison Meeting, Mrs C Bailey reported that some useful booklets have been published by the Environment Agency, and on local issues , HCC has cleared out the pipe under the road at Kiln Lane which has cleared the flooding there. The road will now need resurfacing. Neil Broadbent of HCC, is talking with Patrick Aust of WCC , to try and solve the problems near Williams Garage. Cllr Mrs C Bailey further reported that she went to a 'Meet the Managers' meeting at Winchester to once again ask for the trains to be reinstated at Shawford.

Mrs PB Cole submitted her written report on the recent meeting of Otterbourne Conservation Group which included the following matters. A trophy for Otterbourne Primary School has been purchased in memory of Madge Goodall , has been remounted and will be given to the Headmaster, Mr M Graveling. Sponders Mede Nature Reserve is very wet but not flooded. It was reported that rubbish in the gorse bushes and general litter spoilt the whole Common area and that the Group is willing to take part in a general clear up around the village. Chairman to arrange date if bags can be obtained and rubbish collected at end of litter pick. A new bird box is to be erected in a Yew hedge.

Ampfield Heritage Trust had offered to donate a native tree and the Group decided on a Beech to be planted in the Old Churchyard. Work on the towpath, by Itchen Navigation, is continuing but some water is still leaking over the path. The report continued by stating that 2 egrets had been seen near Kingfisher Lodge. Plovers seen at Eastleigh Airport, Hobbys at the waterworks and a huge roost of Pied Wagtails seen near the entrance to the Airport. A new Owl box has been erected in a barn at Old Churchyard. Draft of the village plan was made available to Conservation Group members to borrow if interested.

Following the Notice that had been served on the Parish Council seeking a vehicle access across Common and other land. Cllr Warne reported that it is hoped that the terms of the Council's Counter Notice will be accepted and the matter proceed to a satisfactory conclusion.

The terms of a Licence to use the small parcel land adjoining the recreation ground were agreed, also, the proposal to erect a youth shelter and basket ball end which had been the subject of discussion and agreement at a meeting between Cllrs Warne, Zebedee and PC Mark Smith and 4 youths

The Chairman spoke to members of the public concerning their complaints of flooding containing raw sewage at the Sponders Mede/ Williams Garage area and undertook to write on the matter in strong terms to the Environment Agency and to Southern Water.

Councillors MH Warne and P Walford, with some parishioners in attendance, met with representatives of HCC on site on the 9 February, concerning the problem of car parking on Boyatt Lane. No immediate solution seemed possible but to cut into the bank at the allotments and provide a retaining wall and herring bone parking bays. HCC to cost the scheme and to be viewed by a traffic expert at WCC.

Councillors -MH Warne and R Zebedee had an informal meeting with Ian Ritchie and J Goodchild of Otterbourne Sports Club to discuss changes in the structure of local football which would have significant implications for the club. From 2004/05 season the Hampshire Football League (HFL) in which OSC play (Div.2) will be discontinued and the first stages of merging with the regional Sydenhams Wessex League (SWL) on a temporary basis will commence. This is the next level up the 'football pyramid' which eventually leads through other leagues to the Football League. In order to play in the higher SWL on a permanent basis, the club will need to meet a number of criteria regarding ground facilities by season 2006/07. For Otterbourne Football Club's status their ground requires such improvements as permanent floodlights, a covered stand for approximately 150 people and a fixed boarding around the pitch. The Sports Club is of the opinion that grants will be available from Sports England and other bodies to assist in the financing of such facilities. No financial support is required of the Parish Council. In the event that the club was unable to meet the ground criteria by 2006/07, it would be demoted to the Southampton Senior League which the club consider would result in loss of players' income as well as status. For the Parish Council it was stated that before any changes were considered it would need agreement of Southern Water as owners of the recreation ground.

It was reported that the Steering Committee and Team Leaders are occupied proof reading of the first draft of the Parish Plan Appraisal and it is hoped that progress on this particular aspect of the draft plan can continue to meet the deadline of 8 March. On the Village Design Statement news has been received of a new schedule and status being planned by the Government to come into effect from July 2004 and the Steering Cttee. are investigating just what is entailed by this change.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of Otterbourne Village Hall Committee held on 2 February was received and, amongst many matters, stated that ditches continue to be cleared and there was a good flow of water during the heavy rain at the weekend; and Southern Water had attended, as requested, and sorted out the problem with the manhole outside the emergency door.. The treasurers report showed a profit to date of £4,565.49 and profit of £ 1, 144.14 from the Brass Band concert. It was recorded that the City of Winchester Brass would, on 1 March 2004, be changing their name to Otterbourne Brass. Also, it was unanimously agreed that a donation of £500 be paid to Otterbourne Brass in recognition of their efforts in raising such a profit for hall funds. People of all ages attended Carols around the Christmas tree and the Committee were pleased to welcome the Revd. Paul Baird for the first time as Priest-in-Charge of St Matthew's Church, Otterbourne.

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

March 04

REPORT OF THE MARCH MEETING OF OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr MH Warne (Chairman) presided at the March meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in the Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall on 16th March 2004.

Cllr Warne reported on the meeting held on 4 March with Hampshire Waste Services/Integra and HCC which revealed little information other than a recycling plant is not now to be built at the Poles Lane site and there will be no difference to lorry traffic. Also, the proposed office block may not be provided at the Poles Lane site but an office building may be rented elsewhere. Cllr Warne also reported that letters had been sent to Southern Water and to the Environment Agency concerning flooding containing raw sewage in the Sponders Mede/Williams Garage area in lower Otterbourne.

A police report submitted by, PC Mark Smith stated that only one offence had been recorded in Otterbourne for the period 15 February - 16 March. The actual offence was possession of cannabis. The report stated that Chandlers Ford is again suffering from dwelling burglaries; over 20 have been committed this -year alone. Concern was expressed that the offender might just branch out and explore and end up in Otterbourne! This development will be watched for.

County Cllr Mrs A Bailey reported on the HCC budget of increase 4.7% and on the Library modernisation in Winchester. She also reported on the 6 injury accidents on Otterbourne Hill during the 3 years prior to the traffic calming scheme and the 1 injury accident since the scheme was completed. Mrs, A Bailey further reported that road works are being carried out on Otterbourne Hill to try to improve leakage from springs.

City Cllr Mrs C Bailey submitted a report on the following matters. Route Management Strategies are being developed by the Highways Agency and there is one for the M3 which will be a matter for consultation in June. HCC has already commented and asked the Highways Agency to bring forward the date for resurfacing with a low noise, particularly between Junctions 10 and 13. Following a meeting of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee and a morning Conference there will be a 3 month trial period from April to June when aircraft will climb at a greater gradient, gaining height more quickly and move onto the final approach at 4 miles distance rather than the present 2 miles and intercept the 'downwind' leg at not less than 3000 feet above sea level. This should make a difference to the noise that we hear and should also move the planes on to the correct path before it reaches us. From July to September the planes will revert to the current practice and a feedback form will be available for our comments. A consultant from Southampton University will be monitoring noise at 3 places to the South and 3 to the North of the airport throughout the whole period which will provide objective measurements. A Planning Delivery Grant of £570,445 to WCC from the Government for next year is to be made in recognition of the great improvement made to the Planning service. A substantial amount of the grant will be used to improve the Enforcement Service. The Inquiry in to the Winchester District Local Plan will commence on 8th June in the Guildhall. The Inspector visited Winchester on 16 March to check arrangements and explained that people who still had objections that had not been resolved could choose to make no further comments as the Inspector will have copies of all letters, write again to set out objections or ask to speak at the Inquiry. Cllr Mrs C Bailey's report concluded by stating that an outline application has been submitted for 2,000 houses on Barton Farm. This site has not been released by HCC and is therefore currently against policy. It must still be processed in the usual way and all considerations taken into account. It should be dealt with within 15 weeks otherwise it will go to appeal for non-determination. If it is refused it will go to appeal. Of concern to Otterbourne, from a reading of the developers plans, all the refuse from these extra 2,000 houses is planned to come to the Otterbourne Transfer Station.

The report of the February meeting of Otterbourne Village Hall Committee confirmed that the new Justices' Licence for 2004/2005 has been issued by the Licensing Magistrates. Also, that WCC had inspected the hall under regulations connected to both Performing Rights and Theatre Licence and the inspecting officer was very complimentary. In future the same authority would be issuing the licence to operate the bar. John Pitman and Bryan Foot agreed to attend the Chairs' Forum on Modern Legal Framework Changes in Charity Law to be held on 12 May. The Treasurer, Diana Axford advised the monthly update on balances and reported that the insurance premium had been paid in the sum of £3,049.04. John Pitman, Chairman, advised that due to the date of the European Elections the Variety Show would now be staged on 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12 June. The hall committee have completed the purchase of 144 cups, saucers, small plates and dinner

plates for the large hall. Agreement was reached on purchasing specially made cushions for the chairs in the large hall at a cost of £15 per cushion to include fire proofing. Mr John Marchesi advised that WCC were looking favourably at our application for a grant towards providing a recreational area on the other side of the ditch near the hall. In this respect the Parish Council had been asked to furnish a letter declaring their willingness to give the Village Hall Committee a

grant in the sum of £1450. Michael Warne Chairman of the Parish Council, advised that it had been minuted that the Parish Council would support such an application and he would consult with his colleagues and Clerk to ensure a letter was forwarded to WCC.

It was further reported that Team Leaders were returning copies of the draft Village Appraisal following proof reading and making amendments where necessary. It was hoped to have a final copy ready by the April meeting. Richard Stansbury is to be contacted with a view to selecting photographs for the final report. Once the Appraisal is complete work would need to start on preparing a PLAN covering the next five years to ensure most of the desired outcomes could be achieved. The

Parish Plan would need to be adopted by the Parish Council before publication and the Countryside Agency would also need to give approval before going to print. The project team would also need to formulate a procedure for presenting the PARISH PLAN to village. On the proposed Village Design Statement, a meeting had been held on 12 February. with Forward Planning. WCC, about the implications of the Government introducing a new schedule and status for the Village Design Statement. It was agreed that the deadline of July 2004 could not be met to complete a Design Statement and as a village we would have to abide by the new regulations but no written information has yet been received. Two new aspects we would have to deal with were 'sustainability' and an 'environmental study'. The project team await more information.

Following the Notice that had been served on the Parish Council seeking a vehicle access across Common and other land, and the Council's Counter Notice, a plan is awaited showing the route of the casement for vehicle access.

The Licence Agreement to use the small parcel of land adjoining the recreation ground has been signed by all parties. The erection of a youth shelter and basket ball end thereon will be financed from the Open Space Fund held by WCC but planning permission will be needed for the proposed development.

The replacement of a damaged seat at the recreation ground and provision of a bench seat at Sponders Mede Nature Reserve have been agreed to be installed on 17 March.

The proposed supply of electricity to Southern Water by underground cable across the recreation and burying open surface cable to floodlights is awaiting permission for access.

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April 04

The Chairman read letters from both Southern Water and the Environment Agency concerning flooding that had taken place near Williams Garage, and in view of contradictions in the letters is to write to the authorities again.

Cllr Zebedee reported that two lights had been installed on the path from Regents Close to Main Road and that the Parish Council had agreed to pay £800 towards the total cost of £1,600.

City Cllr Mrs C Bailey reported that a Pilot Scheme for Recycling is due to start in October but the only part of Otterbourne affected will be the Thursday round at the Waterworks Road/ Sparrowgrove Copse area. There will be lots of information given out before the pilot starts. As a result of the Chief Engineer WCC, visiting the parish and viewing problems, two schemes have been added to the 2004/05 work programme for resurfacing. These are some of the footway on Otterbourne Road and part of Poles Lane. Poles Lane and Kiln Lane are also being assessed for improvements because of the number of injury accidents over 3 years. Mrs Bailey also advised that she will try and make sure that the cable laying in the village will not leave verges in a bad state. HCC was given special permission for the Transfer Station at Otterbourne to be used on Good Friday but no prior consultation had taken place with the Parish. On buses, Mrs Bailey stated that Stagecoach will no longer run the no. 5 bus from Winchester to Chandlers Ford. The route is already served by the nos. 9 and 47 so is not viable and as HCC already subsidise the no 9 bus they see no need to help the no. 5. Cllr Mrs C Bailey completed her report by stating that the new May timetable for Shawford Trains has not reinstated any of the cancelled trains despite many representations being made. There was no consultation on that timetable but the next one which will come into effect in December has been published in draft form and comments can be made by 14 May. Further cuts are proposed. Mrs Bailey and Parish Cllr R Zebedee went to a Rail Passenger Committee meeting in Bournemouth when previously submitted questions were not properly answered but they were able to put forward some relevant points and speak individually to the Service Director of South West Trains. The Shawford Rail Users Group is doing great work and enlisting the support of Mark Oaten MP, HCC and WCC.

Mrs PB Cole reported on the April meeting of Otterbourne Conservation Group. A seat in memory of Les Marrant had been installed on Sponders Mede Nature Reserve. Pair of Mallards and rabbits present and frogs spawn has gone. The gorse has been cut back on Otterbourne Common but trees left at request of police. Rats on reservoir had been dealt with. 5 new boundary posts - 1 lockable to be erected near allotments to prevent car parking and to protect Otterbourne Common. A new sign erected, painted and varnished at the Old Churchyard and an additional sign erected at the top of Kiln Lane prohibiting lorries over 3 tonnes. The Chairman is to speak to Neil Broadbent, HCC, about repair of cast iron finger post. Otterbourne Conservation Group to take part in Church Patronal Festival Competition - growing the best Pumpkin Seed. The AGM will be held on 7 May in the Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall commencing 7.30.

Following the Notice that had been served on the Parish Council seeking a vehicle access across Common and other land, and the Council's Counter Notice, a plan is awaited showing the route of the easement for vehicle access.

Provision of a youth shelter and basket ball end on land held under Licence at the recreation ground agreed in principle. Funding of the development to be provided from the Open Space Fund held by WCC and the proposed development subject to planning permission.

Nothing yet reported regarding the problem of car parking on Boyatt Lane. Awaiting suggestions and costs from HCC.

The replacement of a damaged seat at the recreation ground and provision of a bench seat at Sponders Mede Nature Reserve has been undertaken.

Work on the proposed supply of electricity to Southern Water by underground cable across the recreation ground and burying open surface cable to floodlights to commence 26 April.

Agreed to purchase 5 extra boundary marker posts (1 lockable) to be erected near the allotments to protect Otterbourne Common and prevent parking.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Mr MH Warne (Chairman) presided at the April meeting and the Annual Assembly of Otterbourne Parish Council held in the large hall at Otterbourne Village Hall on April 20th 2004.

The Annual Assembly was held at Otterbourne Village Hall with Cllr MH Warne in the Chair.

The Chairman, Cllr Michael Warne, welcomed all to the meeting and advised that the unaudited accounts should be referred correctly to the year 2003/2004 and not 2002/2003 shown on the agenda. The Chairman's report for the year 2003/2004 referred to the changes in the composition of the Council with the recruitment of Mr Michael Creagh to replace Mrs Mary Davis which meant that we have 7 councillors against the full complement of 9. 4 councillors including the Chairman wish to stand down for various valid reasons Cllr Warne was pleased to say that a number of parishioners have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council which should enable future vacancies to be filled. The question of the flooding which took place in the lower part of the village a few weeks ago has had a response from the Environment Agency who claim that the developer of the 'Brooklyn' site with 14 flats has taken steps to ease the flow of the Bourne stream and to protect the properties in Brooklyn Close. They are also insisting that the flow of water from the proposed flats at 'Brooklyn' will be no greater than that from the former property. We have also very recently received a reply from Southern Water on the sewerage question, in which they claim the weather conditions on the occasion of the recent flood were exceptional and that the sewerage system was overloaded, by excessive rainwater. Southern Water have also said that the 'Brooklyn' with 14 flats will not overload the sewer line as storm water from the original building will in future flow into the Bourne stream. As there seems to be a contradiction in the letters we will go back to both for an explanation. Southern Water have further said that the planned refurbishment of the Chickenhall Works and the Brambridge pumping station has now been delayed until the period 2005-2010 because of more stringent environmental requirements imposed by the European Union Habitats Directive. The Chairman stated that the Council has dealt with a whole range of other subjects during the past year and colleagues who lead our three working committees will speak on these later. Finally, fellow Councillors and the Clerk were thanked for all their work during the year and for all the support received.

Cllr Peter Walford, Chairman of Planning and Transportation Committee, submitted a report which stated that the booklet on planning produced by Winchester City Council, on the subject, was most useful in establishing the basic principles when applied to your own property. Central Government has been prominent in establishing Guidelines that all local authorities should follow but the interpretation of these guidelines can vary from one area to another and it is the job of Councillors on the Winchester City Planning Committee to advise the Planning Department the interpretation they should follow. Otterbourne consists of two settlements in planning terms with Kiln Lane forming the dividing line. The area to the south is deemed to be Countryside whilst the remainder is considered Urban. In the Countryside area development is not normally allowed but existing houses can sometimes be developed. The Urban area can be developed subject to the local plan. The local plan that is currently being discussed only contains 3 comparatively small areas for development but redevelopment of Brown Field sites could also take place. Where development does take place it will have to comply with current regulations covering density and social housing. Any development of 5 or more dwellings would need to incorporate 30 per cent of social housing and the density should not be less than 30 dwellings per hectare. The whole planning process is

constantly changing and we have little idea where it will be in 12 months time. The Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) has now been changed to Planning Policy Strategy (PPS) and we are not clear as to what this will mean in the future. We have been pursuing a claim made by PGC Construction claiming access across a strip of common land forming part of Otterbourne Common. The ramifications were so great that we thought it to be in the interest of the village to seek legal advice. We instructed White and Bowker accordingly and discussions are well advanced and are ongoing.

On roads and transport, Cllr Walford's report stated the last year has seen a number of road improvements. Otterbourne Hill has been resurfaced, Kiln Lane has been repaired and the entrances to the road across the Common and to Cranbury Estate have been improved. They still have problems with underground streams on the hill which bubble to the surface and cause ice problems in cold weather. We are still trying to find an answer to the parking problem in Boyatt Lane. The three terraces of houses are currently occupied mostly by young people who often have one or more cars. They have no garages and therefore park in the road. The congestion is now causing problems with buses, fire engines and ambulances. HCC are recosting a scheme that we put forward in 1995 to provide spaces in the bank near the allotments but the cost last time was over £40,000 so it is doubted if the funds will be available. Cllr Ian Phillips, member of the Planning and Transportation Committee, reported on the 46 planning applications received last year of which most were accepted. We reviewed 21 applications for alterations and extensions to existing houses. We also had a revised application for 14 flats at 'Brooklyn'. Most of these alterations tend to be for an extra room/bedroom. One of the busy categories last year was conservatories, a total of 11 applications were received and all approved. Most conservatories are hidden from view and do not destroy the village view. The next grouping is 11 applications for a miscellany of reasons: Agricultural building to light industrial; Installations at Southern Water; Integra Transfer Station. Poles Lane; Change of land use for mobile home. In addition we had 3 applications involving trees. Clearly, a wide variety of applications and all with the potential to alter the village. Cllr Phillips recommended that residents take every opportunity to make their views known if they receive notification of a planning application either in writing to the planning authority and/or the Parish Council. We have a lovely village and we wish to preserve its appearance. In conclusion Cllr Phillips advised that the new Parish Plan and Village Design Statement will help with planning issues.

Cllr Roger Zebedee, Chairman of Amenities and Recreation Committee, reported on a large number of matters including the proposed clearance and seeding of land, owned by the Parish Council, behind the village hall for use as a public open space; and a proposal to erect a youth shelter and basket ball end on land adjoining the recreation ground and recently held under Licence from Southern Water. Both schemes to be funded from the Open Spaces Fund held by Winchester City Council. Changes in the local football leagues structure due in 2006 will have an impact on Otterbourne Football Club. The changes basically mean that to retain their current status OFC would need to have enhanced facilities, which if approved, would be funded by the club/grants. These include permanent floodlights, 150 seater stand and perimeter boarding. The current ground lease from Southern Water which expires in December 2005 precludes any building structure other than the pavilion. Renegotiation is required to commence in September 2004 and the Parish Council has not yet therefore been required to make a decision on this issue. Contrary to local rumour the current cable laying by the recreation ground is not for floodlights but for the new Southern Water treatment plant. On general comments on the recreation ground, Cllr Zebedee stated that the Council are indebted to our two volunteer litter pickers, Jean Eyers and Brenda Zebedee, for regularly keeping the area clean, although it would be much better if everyone took litter home. The litter pickers job is not helped by a minority of inconsiderate dog owner who allow their pets to foul the pitch and other areas. Please use the red bin provided. The Parish Council pays for the WCC Dog Warden to patrol the area who will prosecute offenders. Cllr Zebedee concluded by a report on Public Transport in the following terms. He as Parish Transport Representative works with HCC and WCC councillors to monitor bus/train services affecting us. Recent loss of bus 5C (Chandlers Ford-Winchester) service - peak hour service only.

Member, with City Cllr Mrs Charlotte Bailey, of Shawford Rail Users Group to maintain and improve services from the station. Chandlers Ford Station a great success. Both stations provide free parking. These services compliment the bus services through the village.

Cllr Alan Graham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the accounts for 2002/2003 were satisfactorily audited both by our independent internal auditors, Haines Watts. and by our external auditors. the Audit Commission and proceeded to report and explain the unaudited accounts for 2003/2004. Cllr Graham also reported that the Precept on Winchester City Council for each year were the same in the amounts of £27,675.

Mrs Mary S Davis, Parish Council Co-ordinator, updated and reported on the progress of the Parish Plan and stated that Ian Stockdale, with the help of his wife Cheryl, produced an Appraisal which has now been amended and is ready to take to the next stage - a Plan for Otterbourne to cover the next 5 years, which has to be completed before end of October 2004 and adopted by the Parish Council before this date. By adopting the Parish Plan Otterbourne Parish Council will be able to submit the views of villagers to the local authorities on matters which affect the life of the village of Otterbourne. One very important area of work still remains to be tackled that is the Village Design Statement and Mrs Davis stated that volunteers are needed to help and reminded the Assembly that this document will add weight when planning matters are dealt with by WCC. Mrs Davis added that the Government is changing the concept of a Village Design Statement from July 2004 and we await the new requirements with interest.

PC Mark Smith submitted a report of crime figures for the period 1 April 2003 to 30 March 2004 during which period 90 offences were recorded which is comparable to the previous years figure of 83 offences. A breakdown of the 90 offences was itemised under 9 headings and concluded by advising that the village still has a low crime rate when comparing to Chandlers Ford (not including Valley Park, Knightwood, or the Leigh Road area) for the same period, they had 846 reported offences which included 46 dwelling burglaries.

Questions and matters were raised from the floor concerning parking on Boyatt Lane, location of development areas in the parish, rumour regarding development on Southern Water field, inadequacy of Southern Water drainage, accounts and the village plan. Members responded to the questions and matters raised.

Cllr Warne thanked all for coming and the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

May 04

Mr MH Warne (Chairman) presided at the May meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in the Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall on May 18th 2004.

Mr Michael H Warne was unanimously re-elected Chairman and Mr Ian Phillips unanimously re-elected ViceChairman at the May meeting of the Parish Council held in The Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall.

Mr David Wilkins, 1 Oakwood Close, and Mr R Jeffery, Trevose, Otterbourne Hill, were unanimously co-opted to serve on the Parish Council making a full complement of 9 members

County Cllr Mrs A Bailey reported that she will be attending the meeting of the Environment Policy Review Committee on the 30 June at HCC when the Highways Agency will attend. Mrs Bailey asked that any questions on the M3 be submitted to her before the end of May. She also reported that there are rumours of proposed development at Elderfield and of a stadium to be erected at the recreation ground. Council members advised that nothing was known as regard proposed development at Elderfield and that a 125/150 capacity shelter may be erected at the recreation ground subject to necessary permissions.

City Cllr Mrs C Bailey reported that a Shawford Trains Meeting had been held in London with SouthWest Trains with a representative of HCC and with a representative of Shawford Rail Users Group representing Mrs C Bailey. Agreed that 1 new train on the summer timetable will be stopping at Shawford and that the winter timetable will have 2 additional trains each way. Some success was obtained. On aircraft noise, Mrs C Bailey reported that complaints are still being received from the Sparrowgrove area and are to be logged

City Cllr Murray Macmillan submitted a report stating that the vexed question of interpreting realistically the Planning Guidance contained in Planning Policy Guidance has created serious debate and now ensures that sustainability and character are the highest considerations. The City Council will continue to resist inappropriate high density applications. The rapid growth of Southampton Airport has necessarily led to increased air traffic with noise impact a real environmental issue. Cllr Macmillan recently met the Managing Director and Senior ExecutiveS of the Airport Management Company who accepted fully their responsibilities in minimising its effect and as part of their role, they commenced on 1 April a six month impact trial including the first three months of steeper take off and landing routes to be followed by three months of standard approach and take off.. It is vital that any residents affected adversely by these tests contact the Airport confirming time and dates in order that meaningful conclusions result. Credit was expressed to the local Police Force that crime is maintained at a relatively low level in the Parish and Cllr Macmillan has recently written to the Chief Constable expressing the Council's appreciation for the Force's effort and results. Cllr Macmillan remains concerned about traffic speed and incidents particularly in Poles Lane, Otterbourne Hill and Hursley It is intended to fully review the situation next Municipal year and any local suggestions would be welcomed. The remorseless increase in Council Tax is again of great concern and whilst we continue to push for sensible alternatives at Government level, we intend to request an early review of proposed spending with a commitment also to a simultaneous three months moratorium on additional cost and staffing levels. Local discussions will be implemented and suggestions for savings to be encouraged. Cllr Macmillan concluded by reporting that he will look forward to continuing his work within the Parish and will remain available at all times to help with any problems.

Mrs Pamela Cole reported on the AGM of Otterbourne Conservation Group, held on 7 May, and which was well attended. The Chairman, Michael Warne, gave his report detailing the work of the Group over the past year and received a vote of thanks for his work, from the floor. The accounts had been audited and found correct. Michael Warne was re-elected Chairman for another year.

Following the Notice that had been served on the Parish Council seeking a vehicle access across Common and other land, and the Council's Counter Notice, terms of agreement has been reached and a final draft document is being prepared by solicitors for signature.

Cllr Warne is working on a planning application and funding from WCC for provision of a youth shelter and basket ball end on a small parcel of land adjoining the recreation ground.

Suggestions and costs are awaited from HCC regarding car parking on Boyatt Lane.

Correspondence concerning illegal parking on Otterbourne Common was discussed and decided to seek legalisation of the present position in order to keep cars off Boyatt Lane. Cllrs Warne. Walford and Zebedee to meet with legal officer of WCC on 19 May.

Dragons teeth boundary marker posts are to be installed near the entrance to the allotments.

Reported that the final draft of the Parish Plan had been completed for ratification by the Parish Council in July and subsequently by the Countryside Agency. Following responses to the recent questionnaire which was issued as part of the preparation of the Village Plan , indicating that there was a need for young people to have some say in village affairs, the Chairman and members were pleased to welcome Miss Stephanie Hutton. of 24 Greenacres Drive, as observer and hoped that she will attend future council meetings.

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

June 04

MH Warne (Chairman) presided at the June meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in The Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall on June 15th 2004.

It was decided to exercise the discretion of the Parish Council not to require Members to complete a Register of Members Interests annually but only at essential times.

County Cllr Mrs A Bailey reported on the Casualty Reduction Scheme which will include white lining on Kiln Lane; the new Recycling Centre; the Children's Bill of last year which will provide for County Councils responsibilities; the Bike to Work Day 16 June; the provision of screen magnification in libraries.

City Cllr MP MacMillan expressed his thanks to former City Cllr Mrs C Bailey for her past help, and reported that new City Cllr George Beckett will attend meeting of Compton and Shawford PC and he, Cllr MacMillan, will attend meetings of Otterbourne PC. He also reported on the speed of traffic and injury caused on Otterbourne Hill, and that it will take a year to ratify membership of City Council committees Cllr MacMillan reported on his membership of committees and that he will sit on the Airport Committee. In conclusion he reported that he had attended a night shelter for 17 people in Winchester.

Cllr MH Warne reported on the poorly attended meeting of Otterbourne Village Hall Committee when the existing Committee was re-elected. Cllr P Walford reported that he is to attend a meeting of the Winchester and District Parish Councils on 16 June and invited any of the members to also attend.

Following the Notice that had been served on the Parish Council seeking a vehicle access across Common and Other Land, a document granting the required casement is ready for signature.

A planning application is being prepared by Cllr Warne for the provision of a youth shelter and basket ball end on a small piece of land adjoining the recreation ground, which land was recently the subject of a Licence from Southern Water.

Concerning parking on Boyatt Lane, the Council are still awaiting a reply from HCC regarding the suggested possibility of cutting into the bank at the allotments, providing a retaining wall and herring bone parking bays. also costings.

The matter of illegal parking on Common land was subject of a site meeting of interested parties on 15 June, when it was proposed that an casement is needed across Common land for a vehicle access to within the curtilage of 1 Hilltop Cottages. The Parish Council are awaiting the views of WCC who are considering the matter.

The Parish Plan, and Action Plan Results of returned questionnaires, are to be in a final draft to the Parish Council for ratification at the next council meeting.

The route of the underground electricity cable across the recreation ground to Southern Water has been agreed and a document granting an casement for the cable is to be signed shortly.

Boundary marker posts have been installed on Common land near the allotments to protect the Common and prevent parking.

The police have been informed of the theft of 6 of the 8 bolts from the seesaw at the recreation ground and warning notices have been displayed advising against use of the seesaw.

Independent auditors Messrs Haines Watts have successfully completed the internal audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2004 and necessary documents signed for onward transmission for external audit in due course by the Audit Commission.

REPORT OF OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 19 JULY 2005

Chairman Michael Warne presided at the meeting. The first item concerned the burst water main on Thursday 14 July causing temporary road closure through the village. A letter of thanks will be sent to Elderfield whose residents were very helpful in warning people and protecting against the flood where possible.

Cllr Smith requested clarification of parking facilities following two enquiries from residents. The Village Hall car park is for the use of Village Hall users. The 'Free Car Park' on Cranbourne Drive is a public car park. The Oakwood Avenue Recreation Ground car park is a public car park.

County Cllr Charlotte Bailey reported that follow-up had been made with Highways for the installation of the safety barriers at the foot of Otterbourne Hill/Kiln Lane junction. It was hoped work would start in the next two weeks. An order has also been raised for the additional drainage and patching to Otterbourne Hill and another to resurface the Pole's Lane roundabout. Regarding Integra, HCC had advised that all recyclables should go directly, ie loose, into the recycle bin; excess can still be bagged and left beside if necessary. Cllr Bailey had raised several questions to the Highways Agency on noise from the M3 regarding the criteria required for resurfacing with the low noise surface, the amount of litter and frequency of collections and noise mapping. Southampton Airport had published its Master Plan up to 2030. The runway will not be lengthened but passenger numbers will triple over the next 25 years and flights will increase to an average of 16 per hour. Hampshire Ambulance NHS Trust is suggesting radical reorganisation of its service: the proposal is to reduce ambulance stations from 19 to 3 at Nursling, Basingstoke and Cosham. The 84 standby points for ambulances around the county will still be retained. Public consultation time is over the next four weeks.

Cllr Smith reported as representative for Air Transport. A copy of the Southampton Airport Outline Master Plan – Draft for Consultation' was presented. There was concern that this was more of an informative document to BAA's agreed itinerary. Also noise concerns relating to Eastleigh and Southampton were addressed but not the northern villages. It was noted that there was no independent body overseeing the plans or the trials. Otterbourne Parish Council representatives will approach other Parish Councils, WCC and EBC to request the appointment of an independent regulatory body and arrange a meeting with the Head of the Consultative Committee. The overall aim is to ensure that the routings are not profit driven but achieve maximum benefit for the community as a whole.

Cllr Phillips reported as representative for Otterbourne School Board of Governors. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr Graveling, Headmaster, who retires at the end of the Summer term after 21 years. Mrs A Langrish, the new Headmistress will take up her appointment in the next few weeks.

A response had been received from White and Bowker Solicitors advising on the new draft lease for the Recreation Ground. Changes had occurred in the Land Registration Act and a few amendments needed addressing. The lease will last for a further 21 years

A letter had been received from EBC agreeing to the offer of £1000 from the Parish Council towards costs for the erection of the toilet. A term of 10 years was proposed in consideration of the payment which was agreed.

Regarding the easement for 1 Hilltop Cottages, advice had been sought from White and Bowker Solicitors and WCC. A proposal had been made to offer an easement to outside the property with condition that responsibility to keep access clear rests with the owner.

Regarding the land to the front of St Matthew's Church, a response is awaited from WCC who are examining the possibility of establishing an occasional car park.

A letter had been received from the Eastleigh and Otterbourne Cricket Club requesting funding for three items. A donation of £200 from the Parish was agreed. A further £100 recently received from the WDAPC with stipulation that it be spent on the 'Youth of your Parish' was also donated.

An Invitation List for the Civic Service on 16 October had been received from Compton and Shawford Parish Council for updating

Mr Ian Stockdale reviewed the Parish Plan and progress on the items identified within it. A number of items had been started including the youth facilities, two additional notice boards, the Welcome Pack, the monthly updating of the website and items relating to the Church, however there were many other areas still for consideration. In particular, the Village Design Statement needed a team of volunteers and funding to get underway. Cllr Warne agreed to draft a single-side A4 newsletter for distribution to all households to improve communication within the village and include a request for volunteers to implement the Village Design Statement and other Parish Plan items.

The planning application had been submitted for the provision of the youth shelter and basketball/goal end on land adjoining the Recreation Ground. The orange notice is posted at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Three quotations have been received from play facilities providers and Monster Play Systems was approved as having the best specifications and comparative price at £17,820 which is to be funded from the Open Space Fund held by WCC. The addition of an integral solar light and also a litter bin to the area were discussed and agreed. Two quotations have been received for site clearance and a third is awaited before decision. Feedback and participation from young people of the village is encouraged and PC Mark Smith will be consulted to arrange this.

A quotation had been received for reconditioning and repairing the Parish benches and this was approved. The inspection report for the children's play area at the Recreation Ground detailed several small items requiring repair and also the safety surface to be topped up with woodchip. It was proposed that, given the cost of overall replacement of the children's play facilities in the future, a fund should be started from the 06/07 precept onwards. Williams garage had kindly agreed to a Parish notice board alongside their own. A further notice board is to be positioned on the verge at Cranbourne Drive near to the school footpath. Quotations from three suppliers had been received for hardwood, man-made timber and aluminium boards. Council approved two double-fronted hardwood boards. Quotations for dog bins and a new bus shelter for west side of Main Road near Poles Lane are still progressing.

Parish Clerk, 20 July 2005

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

September 04

Mr Michael Warne (Chairman) presided at the September meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in The Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall on 21st September.

It was reported that the Parish Plan had been ratified by the Countryside Agency, who also

made it known that the work of compiling the Plan had been well done. A photocopy of the Plan is to be delivered to every household in the parish.

PC Mark Smith reported on the 30 recordable offences in the parish during the period 20 July to

21 September, which included a spate of burglaries, but stated that the recordable offences, although higher than normally experienced in the parish are still relatively low and Otterbourne is still in a low crime area.

Concerning the problem of parking on Boyatt Lane, City Cllr Murray MacMillan reported that he had spoken to HCC, who might have capital available for a possible scheme, and is to meet with HCC next week and report back to the Parish Council. He also reported that he is to attend a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee next month to discuss aircraft noise and will report on the meeting to the Parish Council.

Mrs Pamela Cole, Transport Representative (Buses) reported on the changes to bus services from 26 September. Solent Blue Line Service B! (formerly 47) Southampton-Winchester; 9/9A Service Southampton/Hamble-Eastleigh and part this route renumbered 49/49A. All particulars and times published in the parish magazine.

Mrs Cole also received two copies of letters from residents concerning aircraft noise which are to be copied to City Cllr Murray MacMillan.

Mrs Cole further reported on the meeting of Otterbourne Conservation Group (OCG) held on 26 July.as follows:

Paths had been cut back and some levelling done on the Old Parsonage path at Sponders Mede Nature Reserve; a lawn mower had been purchased; water vole seen again in Bourne stream;

a grant of a easement over Common land was about to be signed and it was assumed that planning permission would be sought for 1 dwelling; posts are to be erected around the Common to prevent invasion by travellers, these will cover area of Hilltop and Belmont Cottages. public notices had been posted advising work to be done at Kiln Lane churchyard; County Cllr Mrs Ann Bailey was dealing with the problem of overhanging branches on Otterbourne Hill; OCG hoped that Hazel and Birch would replace Turkey Oaks that are to felled in Otterbourne Park Wood; the Group agreed that parking outside Enterprise House, Main Road, would need to be watched.

Concerning the the problem of parking on Boyatt Lane, the Parish Council are awaiting a report from City Cllr Murray MacMillan regarding possible funding by HCC of a parking scheme.

Agreed in principle that the minutes of the Annual Assembly be circulated to every household together with the notice of meeting and agenda.

Negotiations for renewal of the lease of the sports ground have commenced with Southern Water and the Council have written to Otterbourne Sports Club requesting particulars of their proposed permanent floodlighting and a covered stand. Should the development proposals be acceptable to Southern Water,

the matter would require the approval of the Parish Council and is likely to be a contentious issue. Planning permission will also be required from Winchester City Council

Cllr MH Warne, is to attend a HCC Climate Change Seminar on behalf of Otterbourne Conservation Group, which matter will be reported to the Parish Council in due course.

The application by Blake Laphorn Linnel for vehicle access across Common and Other Land has been agreed and the applicant's solicitors, White & Bowker, have sent a cheque to the Parish Council in the sum of £3,827.05 being reimbursement of fees and compensation of £1,000.00.

The open surface cable to the floodlights at the recreation ground has been buried in small lengths from the tower to Southern Water's fence. The remainder held in abeyance pending future developments by the Sports Club.

The Parish Council has withdrawn its planning application for a youth shelter and basket ball end at the recreation ground and sought advice as to the correct manner of presentation on a resubmission to include a tree survey.

Regarding the provision of a toilet on the allotments at Boyatt Lane, nothing further has been heard from Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) but they have now started to install a water line from Pitmore Road through their allotments and into ours adjoining. Still awaiting costing of toilet from Head of Estates EBC. The rough estimate of £6,000 was based on the location being near a foul drain but EBC say this is not the situation.

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

October 04

Mr Michael Warne (Chairman) presided at the October meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held on 19th October 2004 in The Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall.

Following the resignation of Mr Alan Graham, Mr Roger Gray of 21 Greenacres Drive, Otterbourne, was co-opted to serve on the Parish Council making a full complement of nine members. Mr Gray also agreed to serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr Julian Perkins, Team Manager of the hostel Elderfield, Main Road, Otterbourne, attended to receive and answer any questions relating to Elderfield. His responses to questions revealed that a team of 13 staff provide full cover; accommodation provides 21 beds and have to achieve 90% occupancy; nursery closed down due to health and safety regulations but produce grown for their own consumption and funding being reviewed at Sparsholt; has background information on all referrals; residents personal development plan has proved to be good; no interest in housing development at Elderfield at present; field at Elderfield owned as to two thirds by Church and one third by Langley House Trust; Housing Corporation grants of £200,000 made available for major works of repair to Elderfield properties; some residents tagged and not subject to a curfew. Cllr Warne thanked Mr Perkins for use of the field for cricket and for Elderfield residents clearance of litter from Kiln Lane.

A letter had been received from Police Constable Mark Smith enclosing copy of a letter posted to the residents of Stone Terrace and Ivy Cottages, Boyatt Lane, concerning the parking issue outside their immediate properties. The copy letter stated that the area around Otterbourne Common has a major parking issue and the Parish Council has been previously requested to investigate the costing for off road parking bays near the allotments, Boyatt Lane, for resident's use, however the costing was prohibitive but the Parish Council are still investigating the matter. The sole reason for the letter to residents was to ask if they do park outside of these terraces then they consider other road users. When a number of vehicles park in this location, traffic from Allbrook is being forced to drive into on coming traffic especially near the blind bend by Hilltop Cottages, which could have dire consequences. If complaints are made to the police about the manner of parking it might lead to the issue of fixed penalty tickets for any offences found. The letter concluded by asking for consideration to other road users, and strongly advised that you speak to relevant Authorities over your concerns for parking in the area if you feel that it is a problem that needs addressing.

County Cllr Mrs Ann Bailey reported that she had attended the Winchester Water Festival on

1 August which was an interesting event to remind us of the value of water. Also that she had attended a Fire and Rescue Service Conference in Manchester during the first week of September and that a new National Framework had been drawn up which will give the Service a wider role. As well as tackling fires there will be a greater emphasis on prevention as well as responding to traffic accidents, collapsing buildings, environmental emergencies, and terrorist attacks etc.. Mrs Bailey also reported that 1 October was a significant day for the disabled. The Disability Discrimination Act came into full effect. HCC has been anticipating this Act for some years with work on access to school buildings and other places where the public are accommodated. Mrs Bailey also gave an update on Rights of Way and the re-opened Inquiry regarding Byways Open To All Traffic (BOAT) and that the Inspector has now confirmed that the path -Sparsholt to Farley Mount-should be a BOAT but the proposal for traffic regulations still stands and this will stop four wheeled motorised vehicles from using the route. The Crawley-Littleton BOAT proposal has been referred to the Secretary of State. The Hampshire Definitive Map is now almost completed making it possible for footpath claims to be dealt with more quickly in future.

Mrs Bailey's concluding remarks stated that she had seen the plans for the work on the library. Jewry Street, that the South Hants Structure Plan is to be discussed by HCC next week and that the Integra Conference revealed that the volume of waste is still rising.

Mrs Pam Cole, Transport Representative (Buses), reported that the Solent Blue Line evening buses on the B 1 (old 47) route had increased to a half hour frequency but reverted to hourly frequency in the evenings.

Nothing was reported regarding the problem of parking on Boyatt Lane but the matter is still being investigated.

An easement for a vehicle access across unregistered Common land owned by the Parish Council, has been granted and completed. The Council is to apply to the Land Registry for registration of the Common.

The meadow land next to Otterbourne Primary School , owned by HCC, is to revert to a school nature reserve and Otterbourne Conservation Group is to have it inspected.

A letter had been received from Top of the Hill Cricket Club enclosing a quotation from S.A. Landscapes for repair, service and hire of equipment for use on the cricket outfield at Elderfield in the sum of £820.00. The letter also advised that this last season the club registration was for 96 children. The Council agreed to grant £721.04 to the Top of the Hill Cricket Club being the balance in The Lloyds TSB Youth Club Monies a/c and close the account their being no more money for disposal to local youth bodies.

A meeting is to be held with City Planners seeking advice regarding the re-submission of the parish planning application for provision of a youth shelter and basketball end on land adjoining the recreation ground.

Land at the rear of the village hall has been cleared and seeded for use as a public open space at a cost of £5,800 provided by Winchester City Council from the Open Space Fund.

It was reported that Sustrans propose to use the road across the Common as a cycleway and widen the junction with Boyatt Lane and in this connection a copy of the conveyance and plan of the Common is to be passed to HCC in the interest of ownership and the extent of boundaries.

The Council agreed to redeem the fixed rate loans on the pavilion and car park at the recreation ground estimated in the sum of £9,486.56.

Otterbourne Parish Council Meeting

November 04

Mr. Michael Warne (Chairman) presided at the November meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in The Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall on Tuesday 16th November.

Cllr Warne reported that the Clerk, Dennis Richman, had written giving notice of his resignation due to health problems and age which was accepted with regret and on which he expressed appreciation of his capable service over a period of over 16 years. Cllr Warne also reported that the vacancy had been advertised in the Hampshire Chronicle and in the Parish Magazine.

County Cllr Mrs Ann Bailey reported on the following matters. Review of School Capacities:

The Education Policy Review Committee wanted to give Ampfield Primary School three years in which to establish itself. The Executive Member for Education however decided that the proposal was too expensive and decided to close it. Romsey Infant and Junior schools are to

be merged into a primary school. Cllr Mrs Bailey attended the recent area traffic meetings where she raised all the traffic issues that have been brought to her attention. Trees and hedges growing over footpaths are a problem this year after all the rain and it would help to remind householders that they are all responsible for keeping their own vegetation cut well back from roads and footways. Mrs Bailey has asked again for the next stage of park and ride to be placed higher up the agenda. A date has been agreed for the Executive Member for Education to visit Shepherds Down School to discuss the Motorway noise issue when Patricia Caffryn will be attending in her role as School Governor and Parish Councillor on Compton and Shawford Parish Council. An extra Full HCC meeting was held concerning the Hampshire Structure Plan to discuss the one issue of how Hampshire should be developed in the coming years. South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) has produced a Plan with a very short consultation period. HCC did not feel that it was necessary to raise the baseline figure for the number of houses to be developed in the next plan period and that the most important message for SEERA is that major infrastructure should be provided in advance of any development rather than afterwards as happens as present. Cllr Mrs Bailey attended a Climate Change Conference which showed some convincing graphs of global warming. It is hoped that Planning Authorities will be more aware of this because the chances of flooding in the future will be greater especially if there is overdevelopment in the South East. Concerning Bank Holiday working at Integra, Poles Lane, Cllr Mrs Bailey consulted a number of people on Poles Lane who agreed with her that the planning conditions for the Integra site should be observed Mrs Bailey therefore objected to the temporary lifting of the 'no working on bank holidays' regulation at Christmas and New Year. This relaxation of the Condition was allowed at Easter time. This is not fair for the village and will destroy what should be a quiet time for all residents. Cllr Mrs Bailey is to raise the concerns expressed on the speeding of traffic in Poles Lane and other issues with HCC.

City Cllr Murray MacMillan reported on the speed of traffic on Poles Lane, also, on the effectiveness of flashing signs regarding excessive speed elsewhere. He also reported that the long awaited development scheme for the Friarsgate area in Winchester has been agreed but it will be a long time before development commences. Cllr MacMillan further reported that no funding is available from HCC for resolving the parking problems in Boyatt Lane but he and Cllr Warne are to meet WCC regarding the matter when some funding could be available. In conclusion Cllr MacMillan stated that he had a meeting of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee concerning aircraft noise and is to attend a further meeting on 19 November to consider a report on the effective analysis of aircraft sound impact for representations to be made to Eastleigh Borough Council regarding aircraft routes.

Cllr Roger Zebedee reported on a Transport Meeting he had attended at HCC concerning noise and train services and Mrs Pam Cole reported on the park and ride buses.

Cllr Michael Warne reported on progress with the Parish Plan which had gone to printers for publication of 650 copies at a cost of £2010.00.

A report of the meeting of the Patient Participation Group of the Twyford Practice (PPG) held on the 4 November was read. Dr John O'Sullivan had discussed the future of the PPG with his partners when it was agreed that generally they would not like to see the work of the Group fold. It was suggested that there would have to be some changes. It was agreed that the PPG would continue to operate with communication achieved through the Parish Magazine and/or web site, if available. Meetings would be changed to daytime and both the practice managers and a doctor (by rota) would be available to attend. Cllr Warne to publicize a letter in the Parish Magazine.

A report was read of the meeting of the Otterbourne Village Hall Committee held on 1 November, which included the following matters. Tickets for the Christmas Brass Band Concert had sold out and the band, Otterbourne Brass, has a good following. Carols around the Christmas Tree will be on Tuesday 21 December, commencing 6.30 pm and it is hoped that villagers will join the pantomime cast and committee to give voice to carols. Construction of the car park extension is nearly complete and decoration and works to keep the halls in good condition are ongoing.

It was agreed to grant £200.00 to Otterbourne Conservation Group for conservation measures taken at the Old Churchyard, Kiln Lane.

The proposal by Sustrans to use the road across the Common as a cycleway is to be the subject of consultation with the Parish Council by Eastleigh Borough Council.

The issue of illegal parking on the Common has been resolved by the installation of boundary marker posts to prevent access.

Negotiations for renewal of the lease of the sports ground to Otterbourne Sports Club are in abeyance pending receipt of plans of proposed developments by the Club.

Concerning the Parish Council's proposal for the provision of a youth shelter and basketball end on land adjoining the recreation ground, it was agreed to engage a landscape architect, who would also act as clerk of works, if the proposed development was approved. Agreed that the fee would be an estimated £1,000.00 and that funding for the whole scheme (estimated at £20,000) would be provided from the Open Space Fund held by WCC.

On finance, the balance of the Youth Club Money held by the Parish Council, in the sum of £722.42, was paid to Top Of The Hill Cricket Club to assist costs of repair, service and hire of equipment, and the parish accounts for the year ended 31 March 2004 have been approved as satisfactory by the Audit Commission.

REPORT OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Michael Warne (Chairman) presided at the December meeting of Otterbourne Parish Council held in The Bianchi Room at Otterbourne Village Hall.

Following the retirement of Parish Clerk, Dennis Richman, on 31 January 2005, the new Parish Clerk, wef 1 February 2005, will be Mrs Julie Ayre, Parsonage Barn, Bunstead Lane, Hursley, Winchester S021 2LQ (tele; 01962 - 775481)

A written report had been received from PC Mark Smith, dated 21 December 2004, itemising the 19 offences recorded within the parish since 19 October 2004. The report also stated that although the 3 burglary dwelling offences are of concern they are still low in comparison with other surrounding parishes, and overall the parish has a low crime rate. The report concluded by describing some changes to the way policing will occur within the area. As from 1 February 2005, Sector Policing will be the new method. Basically the policing for the area will be split between Response and Sector Officers. Response Officers will work from Winchester and will provide 24 hours a day, seven days a week cover and will be deployed to jobs needing urgent police attendance, whereas Sector Officers will carry out duties similar to that of current Local Community Officers, although they will attend urgent deployments. What it means to the village is that PC Smith will no longer be the "beat" officer, but that he will have responsibility for the village, although his area will encompass all that covered from Twyford. Due to PC Smith's "beat" being one of the busier ones operating from Twyford and Alresford, two other officers will also join PC Smith with responsibility for Otterbourne. As all officers will work on an individual shift pattern (six on four off) it has been designed to give maximum cover to the parish by all three *officers*.

County Cllr Mrs Ann Bailey stated that she will continue to watch for and examine Integra planning applications. With the volume of waste recycling creeping up there is bound to be increased pressure to bring more to the Integra site in Poles Lane. Mrs Bailey also reported that Hilliers have won a Best Building Award for the Visitor and Education Pavilion. Cllr Mrs Bailey concluded her report by advising that she had attended a seminar to explain the significance of the Freedom of Information Act which will come into force on 1 January 2005, which could affect around 100,000 authorities and have significant cost effect.

City Cllr Murray MacMillan reported that he had not yet met WCC regarding parking on Boyatt Lane and possible funding of a parking scheme. On highways he reported that ditches in Poles Lane have been cleared and that at top of Silkstead Lane should be cleared early next month. Cllr MacMillan also reported that the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee had carried out an analysis of noise findings and that the trials did not receive many objections. Airport is looking into changes of line of take off flight paths approaching from North of Winchester and recommendations to be made to Eastleigh Borough Council. More information next month when it is hopeful of a real beneficial noise change. Report being prepared re air traffic.

City Cllr George Beckett reported that the works on Main Road will be finished by Christmas and h/tpask for proper works of reinstatement to be carried out. Cllr Beckett also reported on Planning Policy concerning densities when two cases had been overturned by the Inspector who determined lower densities than proposed by WCC. Lower densities may apply in the future and not necessarily up to requirement of the Government Planning Policy Guidance 3. Cllr Beckett to make enquiries regarding water leak on West side of Otterbourne Hill.

REPORT OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Pam Cole reported that the Otterbourne Conservation Group held their autumn talk given by Barbara Hillier on 7 December. The talk took members on a filmed walk around Chandlers Ford in 1901. All found it fascinating and the changes in the area - loss of trees and provision of a great deal of housing - were profound.

Members were informed by Cllr Michael Warne that 850 copies of the Parish Plan were now being printed and that the printers had indicated that if more copies were required later, a further tranche of start-up costs would be charged.

Concerning the renewal of the lease of the recreation ground, it was reported that 2 copies of plans had been received from Southern Water (freeholders) with operational comments and from Jack Goodchild, Otterbourne Sports Club. Cllr Warne reported that there was a need to meet with OSC to check on access to the ground and the car parking question, also, that there were indications of strong local resistance to the proposed renewal of the lease. With regard to the Sports Club proposed alterations to football pitches, a letter had been received from Southern Water expressing several concerns regarding the Club's proposals, a copy of which had been sent to OSC.

It was unanimously agreed to donate £110.00 towards the publishing costs of the church magazine and a donation of £420.00 towards maintenance costs of St Matthew's churchyard including lighting for the path to the West Door.

Regarding the provision of a youth shelter and basketball end on land adjoining the recreation ground, it was reported that TGD Landscaping Ltd had been engaged who will require site plans and other details. It is hoped to meet with the contractor sometime in January.

A report on the proposed long distance cycleway stated that Sustrans (Sustainable Transport) had offered HCC money to spend this year on 2 aspects - the Eastleigh-Winchester route and continuing the cycle path to Thornden School, but the situation is confused. However, planning is proceeding under aegis of Eastleigh Borough Council. Also reported that there is still a need to acquire a strip of land by Main Road - south of Boyatt Lane junction. Cllrs Warne and Walford are to meet with Eastleigh Borough Council on site on 5 January.

The outstanding loans on the pavilion (£5,887.61) and car park (£3,629.02) at the recreation ground were repaid to Public Works Loan Board on 1 December in the sum of £9,516.63.

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