

## ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 in The Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

**Present:** Andy Othen (Chairman), Mike Wady (Vice-Chairman), Sid Gittens, Tony Isted, David Lancaster, Vicky McKissock, David Weeks and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

**Also Present:** Kent County Councillor Mike Angell & Borough Councillors Aline Hicks and 'Brad' Bradford and Lee Small (Warehorne Parish Council)

1. **Apologies:** had been received from Mags Wellsted-Boorman (unwell) and Steve Shorter (working), it was agreed that these apologies be accepted. Apologies had also been received PCSO Luke Smith who had provided a report and Peter Davison (OPC's Planning Adviser on Ashford's Draft Local Plan 2030)
2. **Declarations of Interest:**  
Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (relating to items on this agenda made in order to comply with the Kent Code of Conduct): None were made at this point from Councillors present.  
Declarations of Significant Interest (relating to items on this agenda made in order to comply with the Kent Code of Conduct): Mike Wady: conflict of interest with the HDSLAs.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018:** Sid Gittens proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be accepted as a correct record signed by the residing Chairman; David Weeks seconded this proposal, which was agreed by all present.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018:** *Items for discussion only; no decisions can be made under this agenda item.*
  - i) Section 106 Funding Victory Hall Play Area: The evaluation panel had met on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the tenders received for the play area. After viewing all the tenders (which were anonymous) one was agreed, this is now in the process of being 'tweaked'. It was noted that the winning tender was from Kompan; ABC are to release an official statement in due course. The Victory Hall Committee had recently held their AGM, during which it thought that work for the play area would begin in August. Their newest piece of equipment – a basket swing, may be donated locally.

**BREAK** A short break was held to allow questions from members of the public present,

5. **Silent Soldier Campaign: Discuss Possible Purchase:** Mike Angell is to provide an application form to help with funding. Prices provided from Ian Jarvis of the Dorset British Legion being:
  - i) Company business £250 with Corporate Partnership Agreement (CPA) which will show the companies name next to the 'In Support RBL logo' or individual.
  - ii) Individual no CPA £100During discussion it was noted that Mather & Smith, a local company based in Hothfield had provided ABC with silent soldier silhouettes which had been placed in the memorial gardens in Ashford Town. Mike Wady offered to investigate their suitability and costs as those from the Dorset British were of an unknown quality. Borough Councillor Aline Hicks advised that those from Ian Jarvis were likely to be very thin and only suitable for short term use.  
Kent County Councillor Mike Angell highlighted that the poppy day launch would take place on 25<sup>th</sup> October and that the Royal British Legion were to put a display at the County Show. During discussion it was noted that the local WI group and the primary academy were planning on making poppies to put up in the village. The Chairman agreed that he would look into the provision of large ones to put on lamp-posts similar to ones that he had seen in another village.
6. **Reports From Representatives of the Community:**  
**Borough Councillor Aline Hicks:** circulated leaflets from Marsh Link explaining that they were increasing awareness of their train travel service. She reported that she had recently attended a wellbeing

day in Hamstreet Surgery and highlighted that a number of residents had voiced an interest in a 'green gym' (*Green Gyms are fun and free outdoor sessions where one is guided in practical activities such as planting trees, sowing meadows and establishing wild life ponds*).

During a brief discussion Aline and Brad agreed to find out if the 'traditional' lamp heads that had been removed by Highways when they had repaired/maintained street lighting in the village could be returned. Mike Wady highlighted that trees around Cotton Hill House required cutting back and two benches in the area were falling apart and unsafe. It was further noted that the Old Lancaster Close play area was overgrown and needed cutting back. Aline is to mention this to ABC's maintenance team Aspire, but understood that trees would not be cut back until September due to wildlife issues.

**Borough Councillor Brad Bradford:** apologised for his lack of attendance to meetings explaining that he usually had a 'group' meeting on Mondays to prepare for cabinet meetings held on Tuesdays but would attend when he could. He reported on a community transport pilot scheme in which a mini-bus for community transport was being trailed in Rolvenden; if successful a public launch would follow.

**PCSO Luke Jones:** had provided a report (made available to those present), it noted that during the past month crimes remained low, the main crime being burglary.

## 7. **Members Reports:**

**Highways:** It was noted that Highway Stewart, Darren Anderson would attend a site meeting to discuss highway issues in the village when he was free; at the moment he was extremely busy with pothole blizting. Darren had further reported that Natural England owned the hedgerow in Bourne Lane and that there was no registered owner for the footpath/kerbs by Bournwood Stores; it was not maintained by KCC Highways. During discussion it was highlighted that those responsible for the kerb lived locally and the Clerk was requested to contact them and ask if they could repair the kerb.

**Johnsons Corner:** Two benches had been installed one new and one donated (second hand), unfortunately the new one had been stolen; David Weeks had removed the donated one and was looking after it until it could be properly secured. Charles Flisher had provided details of how the funding he received was spent. He had been informed of OPC's disappointment in the quality of work, which he had passed on to the contractor with his own comments.

## 8. **Correspondence Received:**

- An email from Orlestone WI highlighting that they were arranging a litter pick in Hamstreet from 10am on 8<sup>th</sup> August.
- An email from Graham Woodcock on behalf of the HDSLAs asking if OPC would pay the deposit for the new MUGA surface, he explained that funding from ABC had been promised but to get things moving a deposit had to be paid. If OPC paid this, HDSLAs would reimburse OPC. It was agreed that the deposit be paid.
- An email from the Vice-Chairman (Graham Woodcock) of the HDSLAs, noted that the HDSLAs did not believe the funding agreed during May's AGM between OPC and HDSLAs was an acceptable resolution. (email had been circulated prior the meeting). He noted that a letter from the HDSLAs would be sent to OPC explaining their position.
- It was noted that a call had been received regarding a padlock missing from a fuse box by the old 'Chocolate Box' shop, this had been highlighted to the HDSLAs who it was believed were responsible for it. *During this agenda item Cllrs Mike Angel, 'Brad' Bradford & Aline Hicks left the meeting*

## 9. **Planning Update, Applications Received:**

**Draft Local Plan 2030:** It was highlighted that the inspector's had provided post hearings advice (29<sup>th</sup> June 2018). In summary: they advised that some six sites be deleted. They noted that there was a shortfall in ABC's delivery of housing. S31 and S37 remain in the draft local plan.

Ref S31; it was asked how the football pitch, parking and outdoor classroom be laid out and incorporated into the development to minimise their impact. The Inspectors noted that measures relating to the integration with the housing, effects on the topography of the site, landscaping and minimising the paraphernalia associated with these uses be considered for inclusion in the policy. They also noted that the size of the landscaped buffer with the woodland should be specified.

Outline planning applications to develop s31 and S37 had been put forward; OPC had commented on these. Borough Councillor Aline Hicks advised that until the draft local plan 2030 was finalised and agreed, applications in it will be put on hold. Due to the scale of the proposed developments in Hamstreet, they will go forward to a planning committee for discussion and OPC can make representations as these.

**Update: Application No 18/00775/AS**

First Floor side extension; 7 Quince Orchard, Hamstreet, TN26 2HB

During a site meeting it was agreed that there were no objections to this application but ABC be made away of the concerns of some residents.

**10. Finance:**

**A Budget Update/Review:** was circulated to those present.

**Authorisation of Cheques:** David Lancaster proposed that the following cheques be authorized, Sid Gittens seconded this proposal. It was further agreed that the Chairman could authorise cheques that required signing before the next meeting.

**Landscaping:** During a brief discussion it was agreed that Mike Wady be provided with funds when he required them for the purchase of a solitary soldier silhouette and improving the landscaped area by the flag pole outside Pound Lees car park. It was also agreed that if funding was required before the next meeting for landscaping Forge Gardens that this be released.

**Water Damage to Sports Pavilion:** An insurance claim had been made for the burst water pipe in the toilets of the sports pavilion. The Chairman had provided photographs of the damage and Graham Woodcock had obtained quotations for the work which had been passed to OPC's insurers. The insurance company had accepted D Croker's quotation (£2066.00) and he had been instructed to do the repair work. OPC will pay for the work to be completed and will be reimbursed minus the excess (£250) from their insurers.

To	Details	Amount	Cheque No
			

**11. Date of Next Meetings:**

Planning Meeting: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm (if necessary)  
Parish Council Monthly Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting Concluded 9.22pm

Chairman's Signature: