

## ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in The Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

**Present:** Andy Othen (Chairman), Mike Wady (Vice-Chairman), Julian Griffiths, Sid Gittens, Mags Wellsted-Boorman, David Weeks and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

**Also Present:** Lee Small (Chairman to Warehorne Parish Council)

1. **Apologies:** were received from David Lancaster and Steve Shorter due to prior engagements. Those present agreed that these apologies be accepted.

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; Mags Wellsted-Boorman member of HDSLAs.

3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019:** The Chairman highlighted Borough Councillor George Sparks' report in the minutes and asked those present if they felt that this was a true and accurate record of what was said. Those present unanimously agreed that this was a correct record.

During discussion it was noted that Cllr Sparks had also made the following points that had not appeared in the minutes:

- i) Southern Water would be receiving £1,000 per property to pay for sewage improvements, so they would be contractually obliged to improve the existing facility.
- ii) Only the access for the proposed development opposite Hamstreet Primary School would be discussed when the application for development opposite the primary academy went to ABC's Planning Committee.
- iii) Cllr Sparks was asked if he would speak on behalf of the Parish Council when the application for outline development opposite the primary academy went to ABC's planning committee. Cllr Sparks refused this request.

It was noted that funding reimbursed to Sid Gittens under finance was also for the base of a bench seat that he had built to be placed in Forge Gardens. The top copy of the minutes were altered so that this was noted. It was highlighted that Redrow had been mis-spelt; this was corrected on the top copy.

Following discussion and alterations, Sid Gittens proposed that proposed that the minutes from the Parish Council's meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman; Julian Griffiths seconded this proposal, which was agreed by all present.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June:**

- Discussion was held regarding Borough Councillor George Sparks remarks that he would **be voting to support** application no 18/00644 (Outline application to consider the access from Ashford Road only and the construction of up to 80 new homes, an up to 60 bed care home, approx. 60 car parking spaces adjacent to Ashford Road, SuDS, wetland and associated education centre/events space, pedestrian and cycle linkages, associated open space and football pitch with associated covered shelter, drainage infrastructure and new landscaping) when it is discussed at ABC's planning committee meeting; most likely on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

During discussion, members noted that it could be seen that Cllr Sparks had pre-determined the application and was not being neutral. As a member of ABC's Planning Committee his judgement should have been reserved for ABC's planning committee meeting where it would be expected that various arguments would be listened to before a decision was made. He has prejudged the application; made up his mind and shown that he was not being either rational or objective.

The accuracy of some of the facts that Cllr Sparks had presented during the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, were questioned, ie £1,000 per dwelling to go to Southern Water and only the access road would be discussed at planning committee (reference: application no 18/00644).

Following discussion, it was agreed that this issue of pre-determination could not be ignored and the Parish Council must be seen to support those living in the parish. By a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed that the Monitoring Officer and Borough Councillor David Ledger be notified.

- A thank you card for the flowers sent to Sylvia Cardno in memory of her husband was circulated to members

## 5. **Planning:**

**Update:** No decision had been made regarding Application No: 19/00776: Land west of Viaduct Terrace, Warehorne: Erection of 8 dwellings with associated access and parking. As agreed during the last meeting OPC had logged an objection to the application.

S106 Funding Relating to application No 18/0056: Land North of Warehorne Road: No response had been received from the emails sent to Oliver Peel (7<sup>th</sup> June & 10<sup>th</sup> July) which asked how much 106 funding was likely to be raised from the proposed development and if this figure was around £500,000. It also asked for clarification on what 106 funding expenditure had been agreed and questioned each item of funding not going to Warehorne or Hamstreet.

### **Planning Applications Received**

Application No 19/00988 & No 19/00989 - Change of Use: Agricultural to Dwelling – Barn 1 & Barn 2 to residential dwellings at Court Lodge Farm, Church Lane, Hamstreet.

The Plans were circulated to those present. During discussion it was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to either application but a request that any damage to Church Lane that occurred during works be made good. The narrowness and lack of passing spaces of Church Lane would be highlighted.

19/00147/TP Land between 37 Bank Side and Ashford Road: T1 & T2 Ash – lost 40% foilage to Ash dieback. Fell to ground level and poison. T3 Ash – dead – fell; G1 prune away from structure y 3 metres minimum. G2 – crown lift to 3 metres and push back from path edge by 1 metre. Crown lift to 6 metres over road and street lamps. Cut visibility splay for road signs.

During a brief discussion it was agreed that a request be placed for similar work on the opposite side of the road.

**Review Planning Application No 000644/18:** Proposed Development Opposite Hamstreet Primary Academy; Land to the north of St Marys Close and east of, Ashford Road, Hamstreet, Kent.

It was noted that the application was likely to be discussed at ABC's Planning Committee Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019. A new proposed road layout for the application was circulated. During discussion it was noted that residents would be pushed to park their cars further along the road and that entering and leaving Lancaster Close and Bank Side would be difficult due to sight lines. It was agreed that once it was confirmed that the application was going to be discussed at ABC's planning committee meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July as many residents as possible would be informed, this would be done via flyers and social media. Lee Small offered to print the flyers.

6. **Street Cleaner Vacancy: Discuss Role & Possible Replacement:** It was noted that Colin Howland had tendered his resignation. He worked on a self-employed basis for 2 hours each week picking up rubbish in the village and was paid £10 per hour. Those present agreed that the vacancy be advertised locally.
7. **Village Caretaker Scheme:** The current scheme being run in which Warehorne PC were part of had no room for Hamstreet. During discussion it was agreed that thought be given into the job description.
8. **Members Reports/Updates:**  
Highways:

Kieron Leader (Highways Technical Officer): in reply to an email sent regarding the possible provision of a loading bay outside the Indian restaurant and a request for recommendations on how to deal with the problem of large vehicles parking in Hamstreet's Main High Street.

He noted 'physical objects on the edge of the carriageway' could be put in place to prevent HGVs damaging the footway and drainage system. A Parish Council can approach KCC direct on this issue. The Clerk had responded by asking him who the parish council should contact.

Kieron also highlighted that the provision of a loading bay would not stop large vehicles from parking indiscriminately especially if they were dropping off/collecting from the other side of the road.

The following report had been received from Cllr Mike Angel who had forwarded an email from Lisa Willoughby (District Manager): 'Drainage: The Street, Warehorne Road, Ruckinge Road and Ashford Road Full cleansing - Cleansing works and CCTV survey has commenced. Still waiting for the works report on Ashford Road. A new chamber is required at the junction and broken pipe between the cottages have been identified which require remediation works. Job has been raised and now waiting on start dates. There are 3 dig outs still be completed on Ashford Road opposite the school'

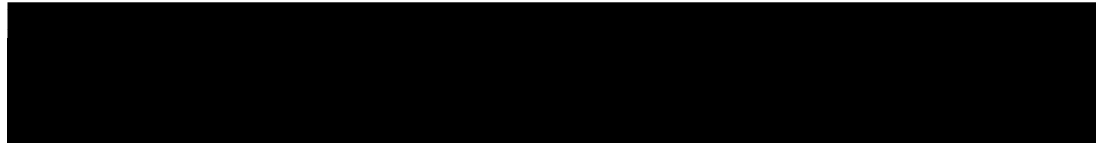
Red Ensign Flag & Union Jace Flag: Had been purchased and were passed to Mike Wady.

#### 9. Finance

**Sponsorship to Over 60s Club:** A completed form was circulated to those present. During discussion it was noted that over £700 had been provided to the club during the last financial year and that previously the club had been provided with funding from some of the profits from the Festival of Transport. It was noted that funding were being requested for 'general funds. Those present agreed that this item be discussed further during the next meeting.

**Authorisation of Cheques:** Sid Gittens proposed that the following cheques be authorised, Mags Wellsted-Boorman seconded this proposal. It was further agreed that the Chairman could authorise cheques that required signing before the next meeting.

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#### 10. Any Other Business:

Sid Gittens: highlighted that the street signs were covered by trees that needed to be cut back. This will be highlighted to Highways. He had received a request for a Rowen Tree to be planted in memory of a Mrs Dunk. A suitable site will be looked investigated.

Julian Griffiths: reported that a war memorial meeting was in the process of being organised.

Mags Wellsted-Boorman: reported that a new noticeboard for Forge Gardens was in the process of being sourced.

Mike Wady: reported that the tree by the pill box in Bourne Lane needed cutting back as it was affecting site lines. He highlighted that a tree by Cotton Hill Walk had been cut back and its remaining root was to be taken away but until this was done a fence was around it.

#### 11. Date of Next Meetings:

Planning Meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.30pm in Hamstreet Sports Pavilion

Parish Council: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in Hamstreet Sports Pavilion