

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 4th November 2019 in The Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent.

Present: Sid Gittens (Acting Chairman), Julian Griffiths, Mags Wellsted-Boorman, Steve Shorter, David Weeks and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

Also Present: Kent County Councillor Mike Angell, PCSO Carin Andrews, Borough Councillor George Sparks, and Lee Small (Chairman to Warehorne Parish Council)

During a brief discussion those present agreed that in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Sid Gittens would act as Chairman for the meeting.

- 1. Apologies:** were received from Andy Othen (working) and Mike Wady (away); those present agreed that these apologies be accepted. Apologies were also received from Borough Councillor David Ledger
- 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): Mags Wellsted Boorman – member of the HDSLAs.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings Held on Monday 14th October & Wednesday 30th October 2019:** Under agenda item 8, 'HDLA' was changed to read 'HDSLAs' following this alteration Mags Wellsted-Boorman proposed that the minutes from the Parish Council's meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed/authorised by the acting Chairman of the current meeting; David Weeks seconded this proposal, which was agreed by all present.
David Weeks proposed that the minutes from the Parish Council's Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 30th October 2019 be accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed/authorised by the acting Chairman of the current meeting; Julian Griffiths seconded this proposal, which was agreed by all present.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th & 30th October 2019:**
Over-Grown Tree in Bunkley Meadow: During discussion it was noted that the tree in question (not a horse chestnut tree) had still not been cut back and its roots were damaging the pavements. Julian Griffiths highlighted that the tree had a TPO on it. Councillor Mike Angell asked that he be provided with the details of the problem and he would arrange for the problem to be investigated.

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It was noted that the Chairman would attend the Remembrance Day Service at Ruckinge

- 5. Casual Vacancy For Parish Councillor:** The vacancies had been advertised in the parish magazine and a notice would be placed on the new noticeboard.
- 6. Reports From Representatives of the Community including a Quarterly Report From Kent County PCSO Carin Andrews:** Introduced herself to those present explaining that she was the new PCSO for the area. She provided a monthly update to those present and explained that she had been involved in incidents involving stray animals, theft from vehicles and theft of vehicles and fraud awareness campaigns.
During discussion it was noted that the local WI group and residents at Cotton Hills House may be willing to be involved in fraud awareness talks; the clerk is to pass contact details on to Carin so that she could make arrangements for such talks. *Following discussion Carin left the meeting.*
Councillor Mike Angell: reported that the new KCC Leader was Mr Roger Gough who was formerly in charge of Education, he had formed a new cabinet. Alongside his committee appointments Mike explained

that he was also acting at the Armed Forces Champion and would be working with the Army and Air Force; looking at un-employed youths and investigating the possibility of them joining the armed forces.

Discussion continued regarding traffic issues, parking and congestion with Borough Councillor George Sparks highlighting that he raised issues with parking on the pavement, when he could at ABC. The Chairman asked if he could try and organise more visits from traffic enforcement officers. *Following discussion Cllr Angell and Cllr Sparks left the meeting.*

NHW Updates: The following had been had been received since the last meeting:

- Marsh Road: 18th October between 5.30pm and 8.15am – two vehicle tyres damaged
- Kent's Rural Task Force run a rural crime week from 6th October to 13th October and dealt with issues relating to animal cruelty, badger baiting, hare coursing, night hawking, fly tipping and vehicle theft.

7. Parish Councillors' Updates/Reports:

Johnsons Corner: David Weeks reported that he had cut the grass and put up a new flag.

Victory Hall: Sid reported that he, David and Mike had attended the committee's monthly meeting. To date there no plans had been drawn up for a new village hall (OPC had offered to pay to have plans drawn up). During discussion it was noted that reference had been made in the application in Warehorne Road for 50 dwellings, that funds towards a new village hall would not be forthcoming from the S106 funding.

Firework Display: Due to bad weather conditions the display had been postponed and would be held on Saturday 9th November. *Following the meeting it was agreed by the majority of Parish Councillors via an online vote that OPC would pay for the fireworks and the HDSLAs would give a donation towards the cost.*

War Memorial Committee: Julian Griffiths reported that he would be placing a request for information for the Memorial in the next issue of the Parish Magazine and on OPC's website and Facebook page. The Committee hoped to have names of those involved complete by the New Year. A meeting will be held in January and information was to be provided by the Heritage Officer at ABC. Once the number of names to be put on the memorial had been agreed, the size and design of it could be investigated.

Forge Gardens: Sid Gittens reported that he and David had now put the new noticeboard in position at Forge Gardens with the help of Saw Joinery. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks for their help.

Water Supply at Allotments: It was noted that should the application for development along Warehorne Road be agreed; funding had been set aside for the allotments in Hamstreet which would pay for a water supply to be provided.

Play Park Lancaster Close: Mags reported that the tarmac surface to the play area was green and slippery causing it to be a hazard to those using it. The Clerk was asked to put in a request that it be cleaned.

Men in Sheds The Chairman reported that a new self-help group had started in Hamstreet called Men in Sheds who met every Thursday from 9am in the pavilion. They had set up a football walking team and were looking into regular litter picks.

Street Light: The street light on the crossroads was now in place and working.

8. Correspondence Received: *not covered under other agenda items.*

- Community Project Manager: Simon Harris had provided an update on the Ashford Cycling and Walking Strategy (tabled). He noted that the overarching strategy and delivery plan had gone out to consultation during the summer. He asked that if any routes could be identified locally that he be informed.
- A thank you email had been received from June McKay for the grant to the Over 60s Club.
- ABC Briefing Notes (tabled): gave details regarding
 - i) An article in the London Evening Standard which noted 'Ashford is Booming'
 - ii) Ashford Town Centre having two new dedicated police officers.
 - iii) Notice that 6th & 7th December there will be a five-minute digital projection on the side of International House and the town centre will host a trail of magical illuminated trees.
 - iv) On 14th December there will be a procession of giant baubles starting at 5.30pm at Elwick Place.

9. Planning Update, Applications Received:

Application No 18/00056: Land between A2070 and railway north of Warehorne Road, Hamstreet; outline planning permission for development of 50 dwellings.

It was noted that ABC's Planning Committee were meeting on Wednesday 6th November; this application was due to be discussed under agenda item 5a. It was noted that Julian Griffiths would be speaking on behalf of OPC and Lee Small on behalf of WPC they with Borough Councillor David Ledger would put forward arguments against the development.

Application No 18/00644: Land to the north of St Marys Close and east of, Ashford Road, Hamstreet, Kent. 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

A representative from OPC had been invited to a meeting being held at Kroner House at Eurogate Business Park on 28th November to discuss the proposed facilities for the primary academy in the application. It was highlighted that Julian Griffiths and the Clerk would be attending. *NB The meeting scheduled for 28th November was cancelled and will be re-scheduled.*

10. Highways Update: The following points were highlighted:

- The hedging outside 2 Quince Orchard had not been cut back; the clerk is to put forward a request to have this done.
- Overhanging trees and hedging on left hand side before Birchett Lane. A request will be made to have this cut back.
- Garden waste from a dwelling in Lancaster Close had been left in Bourne Lane; the Clerk was asked to contact the owner and ask that this be cleared away.
- Overgrowth of hedging and trees from Church Road to Sugar Loaf. Clerk to request that this is cut back.
- Bourne Lane - It was highlighted that the branches of the Ash Trees near Rosehaven were touching power lines. The Clerk was asked to contact Piers Griffin from Natural England and ask if there was an update regarding discussions with Redrow regarding the management of the hedgerow in Bourne Lane and to highlight the issues with trees touching power lines in Bourne Lane and request a site meeting.

11. Finance:

Budget Update/Review: was circulated to those present.

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

To	Details	Amount	Cheque No

12. Date of Next Meetings: The following was agreed:

Planning Meeting:	Monday 18 th November 2019 at 7.30pm (<i>if necessary</i>)
Parish Council:	Monday 2 nd December 2019 at 7.30pm