

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of Orlestone Parish Council Held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Pound Lees, Hamstreet.

Present: Mr Andrew (Andy) Othen (Chairman), Mr Michael (Mike) Wady (Vice-Chairman), Mr Sidney (Sid) Gittens, Mr Julian Griffiths, Mr David Weeks, Mr Basil Smith, Ms Margaret (Mags) Wellsted-Boorman and Mrs Susan Stiffell (Parish Clerk)

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

1. Apologies: None received

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 HDSL A & Mags Wellsted-Boorman member of the HDSL A.

3. Discuss Planning Applications Received Including:

19/01774: Squirrels Wood, Ruckinge Road, TN26 2NW:

Single storey rear extension, roof extension and side extension, demolition of garage and construction of detached garage.

The plans were made available to those present. During discussion it was noted that there were no objections to the application on Ashford Borough Council's website. It had been noted that there was a public right of way where the development was planned and the applicant would have to ensure that this was moved. Mike Wady had visited the site and had not been aware of any problems to the proposal. Those present agreed that they had no objections.

19/01759: Court Lodge Farm, Church Lane, TN26 2NW

Construction of a link extension between to agricultural barns and change of use of two barns to a single dwelling.

The plans were made available to those present. During discussion it was noted that there had been no comments made on Ashford Borough Council's website, except those by official organisations i.e. Street Scenes and Open Spaces Officer. It was noted that Mike Wady had visited the site and seen no objections to the proposal. Those present agreed that they had no objections to the application.

19/01734 & 19/01732: Sir Edward Streets Wood, Orlestone Forest, Malthouse Lane, Warehorne, Kent

Formation of a pond for Great Crested Newts.

During discussion it was unanimously agreed that both applications be supported.

19/01788 Land between Woodchurch Road and Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent

Outline application for up to 250 residential dwellings

During a brief discussion it was highlighted that over 100 objection comments had been placed on Ashford Borough Council's website. Concern locally regarded the flow of traffic that the development could create through Hamstreet. Those present agreed that the application be objected to and the following issues raised:

- i) Increase in traffic flow through the village due to construction traffic going through Hamstreet.
- ii) Increase in traffic flow from future residents of the new development which could lead to congestion.
- iii) The doctors surgeries in Hamstreet and Tenterden being unable to cope with the extra demands.
- iv) Parking issues relating to more people using the Hamstreet Train Station.

Updates:

The Folkestone & Hythe Places and Policies Local Plan: Consultation on Main Modifications had been received and was made available to those present.

Regulation 18 consultation on Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Local Plan Options Report had been received. The public consultation will run until 21st February 2020 and was made available to those present.

Application No: 18/00644: Outline Planning Permission to develop opposite Hamstreet Primary Academy.

It was highlighted that a letter had been sent to Oliver Peel which noted who had been commissioned to do the traffic survey by the Parish Council (in response to his query regarding the traffic survey at ABC's planning meeting). Oliver Peel had highlighted that the next step in the process was for the S106 Agreement to be agreed and signed. Once this is done outline planning permission is issued. Following that (within 3 years) the reserved matters needed to be submitted. These cover the following:

- Appearance
- Landscaping
- Layout
- Scale
- Access routes within the site.

Discussion was held regarding drainage issues; it was noted that when the drainage plans were submitted these would need to be examined in depth.

4. **75th Anniversary VE Day: Friday 8th May 2020 – Discuss Possibility of Holding a Commemorative Event:** Mags explained that she had tried unsuccessfully to get permission to close Ashford Road by Pound Lees so that a street party could be held there. As this had not been possible, she suggested that Pound Lees car park be used. During discussion it was agreed that the event would be opened up to the village and a working group be set up. It was thought that an afternoon tea, with activities on Pound Lees recreation ground with a 1940's theme could be successful. Mags is to advertise the need for a working party to bring the idea forward and report back to members at the next meeting.

5. **Councillors' Updates/Reports**

Verge Posts: Notice had been received from the Friendly Fencer that he could not undertake the work to install the verge posts having been let down by a colleague who had a street works ticket which would have enabled him to do the work. Enquiries had now been made to another company and a quotation was being awaited.

War Memorial Meeting: Julian and Sid reported that they had been busy finding names to be placed on the memorial and had approximately thirty-two from WW1 and 12 from WW2. Their next steps being to ask for more names and to get views on location and design from residents. It was hoped that a link on OPC's website could be formed where residents could leave comments. A quiz was in the process of being organised as the first fund-raiser for the memorial.

Drain Clearance in Warehorne Road: Basil reported that unfortunately Highways had not visited and cleared the drains the day they had promised, which was frustrating as notices had been placed on social media. He further reported that some had now been cleared but there remained one that still required cleaning.

Street Lights: Mike was provided with details of a street light not working, he is to report the issue to Highways.

Forge Gardens: Sid reported that he had sourced some 'self-healing' backing for the noticeboard in Forge Gardens and the Parish Clerk would be ordering some.

Borough Councillor Updates: During a brief discussion, the Chairman asked those present to give thought on whether Cllr Sparks should be invited to respond personally to the letter sent to him regarding his support at ABC's Planning meeting regarding the application for development along Warehorne Road.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE HAMSTREET PAVILION