

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Orlestone Parish Council's Meeting held on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7pm in Hamstreet Sports Pavilion, Pound Lees, Hamstreet.

Present: Parish Councillors: Andy Othen (Chairman), Michael Wady (Vice-Chairman), Sid Gittens, Julian Griffiths, Steve Newton, Mags Wellsted-Boorman and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

Also Present: Borough Councillor David Ledger and George Sparks; Sarah Rothwell (Youth Worker) and a member of public.

Public Comments & Observations: *This being an opportunity for parishioners to speak or ask questions.* No questions were brought forward at this point of the meeting.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from David White and Basil Smith who were both away; those present agreed that these apologies be accepted. Apologies were also received from Kent County Councillor David Robey.

- 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): The following declarations of interest were received: Mike Wady conflict of interest with the HDSLAs, Sid Gittens: Hamstreet Men in Sheds, Mags Wellsted-Boorman member of the HDSLAs, Chairman: Involvement with the Hamstreet Junior FC,

All agreed that agenda item no 5 be brought forward at this point of the meeting.

- 5. Reports/Updates Received From Representatives of the Community:**

Sarah Rothwell: Senior Youth Worker: Introduced herself to those present explaining that she was new to the area having previously worked in Canterbury. She was based at the youth centre located behind the North School. She explained that she was involved in a programme regarding rural youth work delivery and Hamstreet had been flagged as a village that would benefit from this; it was explained what the youth work would consist of and how the long-term aim would be the reinstatement of the youth club.

During a brief discussion it was agreed that if there were any areas of concern Sarah would be contacted. *Following discussion Sarah left the meeting.*

- 3. Minutes From OPC's AGM Held on 9th May 2022:** Mike Wady proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record and be signed/authorised by the Chairman. Sid Gittens seconded this proposal which was agreed by those present.

- 4. Matters Arising From Minutes of The AGM Held on 9th May 2022**

- Trees on Pound Leas: Following requests for quotations again, one had been received from Aspire. It was agreed that time to respond would be given to the others who had been contacted and that when at least two had been received discussion would be held on next steps.
- 2 Quince Orchard: David Burford (ABC Building Surveyor) had reported that the tender for works was due to be sent out over the next few weeks saying via email 'The current status is that the appointed surveyors are preparing the statutory health and safety documentation for the tender document, which is due to be received this week. Once this information has been received the procurement team will prepare the document and send it out for advert. I anticipate that this will be sent out by the end of the month with a tender return date at the end of July beginning of August.'

During discussion concern was raised regarding the length of time it was taking to fill this empty property and it was noted that there were others currently also standing empty.

- Bunkley Terrace:

Surface - On 17th March an email was received from the PROW that the issue with the footpath surface being a tripping hazard was awaiting allocation of an officer. An update had been requested on 10th June 2022 via email.

Rubbish – On 17th May, Mark Goodman ABC's Environmental Contracts & Enforcement Officer reported via email that his team would visit the area and take part in a verbal exercise explaining how important it was not to put rubbish out too early. He noted that this location is on sack collections as there is no room for the provision of bins and they are unable to facilitate a location for their waste other than as currently provided.

During discussion it was noted that a bin could be stored at the end of Bunkley Terrace but it was thought that residents living here would not be keen and that there was no guarantee that the person(s) leaving their rubbish out would bother to use it. It was highlighted that the large tree at the end of Bunkley Terrace did not have an owner as the developer for the area had gone bankrupt. It was highlighted during a recent walkaround with a representative from ABC, that if the Parish Council wished, they could adopt the tree and then make arrangements to have it reduced or cut down.

5. Contd: Reports/Updates Received From Representatives of the Community:

Borough Councillor David Ledger & George Sparks: Discussion took place regarding communication with Parish Councils and local authorities:

The Chairman highlighted that members of OPC were at times extremely frustrated with local authorities when comments or questions raised, especially ones relating to planning applications, were not answered or seemed to be effectively ignored. It almost appeared that parish councils were not viewed as important stakeholders and consultation with them could be viewed as a tick box exercise. OPC were now looking at their Borough Councillors for advice.

During discussion it was highlighted that Borough Councillors were also at times frustrated and had experienced similar slights. This issue had been discussed by KALC. It was agreed that both David and George would chat further with the leader of KALC and that a letter for the Chief Executive would be drafted highlighting concerns. *Following discussion Borough Councillors Ledger and Sparks left the meeting.*

6. Parish Councillor Updates/Reports

Julian Griffiths: Noted that this would be his last meeting as he would be moving away at the end of the month. He had passed on information regarding the Highways Improvement Plan to the Chairman and Clerk and would be passing on information about a war memorial to Sid.

Sid Gittens: In Basil's absence Sid raised his concern about Warehorne Road and the volume of traffic it was experiencing and how the existing layout was not helping. It was agreed that the postponed walkaround with Kent County Councillor David Robey be reinstated so that various issues could be highlighted.

Mike Wady: highlighted that he and David Weeks had removed the rubbish from Jubilee Event some of which had been in the wrong bags which had split while at the dump. He noted that there were markings on various roads in the village where work is to take place. He asked that the Clerk report that the emergency exit from Bourn Lane into Lancaster was almost impassable due to overgrowth. *Following the meeting this issue was reported ref enquiry no 640686*

Mags Wellsted-Boorman: Noted that the 30mph sign when leaving the village was not visible and that the tree by Cotton Hill House needed cutting back. The clerk was asked to report these issues. *Following the meeting this issue was reported ref enquiry no 640675*

Allotments: It had been highlighted by David White that there was now water available in large containers for the allotment holders and that a pump had been set up by one of the holders to enable these containers to be filled. During a short discussion it was agreed that all costs be reimbursed.

7. Planning Update & Review Applications Received:

22/00884/AS: Orlestone Rise, Ruckinge Road, Hamstreet, Ashford, Kent, TN26 2NW: *Construction of a single detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.*

During discussion the plans were examined and it was noted that this piece of land had been put forward for development a number of times. There was concern regarding flooding potential as the land lay higher than the houses beside it in Carter Woods. It was highlighted that the banks on the road in front of this piece of land experienced a lot of water during heavy rain which had

caused erosion to the banks. This had resulted in the road being closed for a number of weeks while this was rectified and it was possible that this would problem would occur again. It was agreed the application be objected as the density and scale of the development, would unacceptably erode a green gap of high amenity value on the edge of the village. There was concern that the erection of two large dwellings could possibly be converted to four dwellings in the future and infrastructure on the site would unacceptably urbanise and over-intensify the existing low density of the Orlestone Rise site.

22/00746/AS: Ashtone Cottage, Hamstreet Road, TN26 2EB: *Proposed erection of carport and general alterations and two storey extension to rear. Prior discussion Steve Newton declared an interest in this application as the property lay beside his and did not take part in discussion.*

During discussion it was noted that the application could be seen as an overdevelopment of the site particularly as the dwelling has now moved from a 4/5 bedroomed house to a 6/7 bedroomed house. There was also concern regarding spread into the adjoining ancient woodland. Those present agreed that the application be objected to.

22/00792/AS Wyevale Garden Centre, Marsh Road, TN26 2JZ: *Hybrid application seeking full planning permission for the demolition of existing glasshouses and polytunnels and the construction of new; extension to existing buildings, new entrance, creation of children's play area and outline consent for the erection of up to 7 dwellings and construction of an outdoor activity centre.*

During discussion it was agreed that the application be supported but concern raised that the existing resident would be made homeless by the development.

22/00587/AS 15 Carters Wood, TN26 2NN: *Certificate of Lawful Development - Proposed - vehicle crossover.*

During discussion it was agreed that the application be supported.

Julian highlighted to those present that there was currently a public inquiry regarding the application for outline development for 145 dwellings on land between Appledore Road and Woodchurch Road, Tenterden. It was noted that OPC had previously raised concerns regarding the application. *Following the meeting details were emailed to members.*

8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Round Up & Analysis: During discussion it was agreed that the day had been successful, with many attending and there had been lots of positive comments on social media. Analysis: A dedicated rubbish monitor/collector would be needed for any future events of this type and an information chalk board by the entrance.

9. Correspondence Received: not covered under other agenda items

- Various briefing notes/updates had been received from ABC and KCC (these had been forwarded to members via email. Parish Magazine forwarded members.
- Various notifications of fraud circulating; no actual crimes seem to have been reported in the area but in Ashford in general there are numerous problems with cars being broken into or windows broken. Advice being; not to leave anything valuable in a car.

10. Finance:

Budget Review: circulated to members prior the meeting further copies were made available.

Authorisation of Cheques: Those present agreed that the Chairman had delegated authority to authorise cheques if required prior the next meeting.

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11. Items for Next Agenda/Any Other Business: None brought forward.

12. Date & Time of Next Meetings:

Full Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 11th July 2022 at 7pm

Planning Meeting:

Monday 18th July/15th August 2022 at 7pm *if required*

Meeting Concluded 9.19pm

Chairman's Signature: