

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Parish Councillors: Andy Othen (Chairman), Mike Wady (Vice-Chairman) David Farrell, Sid Gittens, Sadie Michell, Steve Newton and the Parish Clerk (Sue Stiffell).

Also Present: Kent Councillor David Robey, Borough Councillor David Ledger and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Basil Smith who was away; Mags Wellsted-Boorman and David White who were both unwell; those present agreed that these apologies be accepted. Apologies were also received from PCSO Katherine Richards.

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: Sid Gittens: Hamstreet Men in Sheds, Chairman: Involvement with the Hamstreet Junior FC, Sadie Michell proprietor of The Cosy Kettle; Mike Wady conflict of interest with the HDLSA.

It was agreed by those present that agenda item no 5 be brought forward.

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

Kent County Councillor David Robey: David reported that Kent County Council were examining their accounts and looking at possible budgets to withdraw. There were many issues that were affecting their expenditure which would necessitate the removal of some services.

During discussion the following issues were highlighted:

- i) Provision of a loading bay in the main high street: David is to follow this up with Highways.
- ii) The lay-by in front of the bus stop in Ruckinge Road having double yellow lines as cars were parking there which resulted in access problems for buses and users. David is to make enquiries into this possibility.

Following discussion Kent County Councillor David Robey left the meeting

Borough Councillor David Ledger: During discussion it was noted that ABC's training session regarding the new planning system had been rescheduled. The clerk is to request notes from the session.

NHW: various notices/emails had been received. No crimes seem to relate to the parish but generally there had been a number of car thefts in the borough. There had been an attempted burglary in Warehorne Road on 6th October but nothing taken.

Public Comments & Observations: *This being an opportunity for parishioners to speak or ask questions.* Discussion took place regarding application no 21/00845 which had been for a Certificate of Lawful Use at The Coppers, The Street, Hamstreet, TN26 2JH - For Lawful Development Certificate for the Stationing of Caravan as Temporary Living Space Within The Curtilage of the Dwelling House. It was highlighted that various conditions in the decision notice were not being adhered to and that various breaches were occurring. The Clerk was asked to contact ABC's enforcement team and ask for this to be investigated. *2 members of the public and Borough Councillor David Ledger left the meeting*

3 **Minutes From OPC's Meeting Held on 3rd October 2022: To be Authorised As Being A Correct Record:** Mike Wady proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 3rd October 2022, 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 Meeting Held on 3rd October 2022.**

- No 2 & 5 Quince Orchard – Empty Local Authority Housing: Both gardens of the properties had been tidied up. No 5 Quince Orchard is to be discussed at Court on 2nd November for release of tenant. The work to No 2 Quince Orchard is substantial consequently it is unlikely to be occupied until early 2023.
- 106 Funding Ref Development off Warehorne Road Application No 18/00056: A virtual meeting had been held to discuss S106 funding available within this application. Notes of the meeting had been circulated. The Clerk will arrange another discussion/meeting in the New Year.

5. **Parish Councillor Updates/Reports**

Steve Newton: highlighted that he had received approval for the trees that he had requested under ABC's Green Canopy. The Clerk is to chase for a reply regarding the trees that OPC has requested. He noted that the sucker vans had been in the centre of Hamstreet during the past few days. During discussion it was noted that the drains in Romney Road were too narrow for the 'suckers' and drains here were causing issues. It was highlighted that no improvements had been made to the drainage infrastructure which were expected to cope with the various developments in the village.

Dave Farrell: highlighted that road works in Ashford Road relating to the Nightingale development were due in February 2023.

Sid Gittens: noted that he was seeking further advice regarding the design for the war memorial. Work to Forge Gardens was ongoing and he and Mike would be organising a Christmas Tree for the area. It was agreed that this be put up at the end of November.

Mike Wady: highlighted that a gate had been installed at the bus shelter to prevent unwanted usage at night. This would be shut and locked at dusk and unlocked in the mornings. He noted that problems with parking in the main high street continued. During discussion Sadie offered to ask the various businesses located in the main high street to put their 'boards' in such a way to help prevent cars parking on the pavement.

Highways Improvement Team: An email from Kieran Doble, Highways Community and Engagement Officer, had contacted OPC regarding their Highways Improvement Plan (HIP). He has asked for it be put forward again in the new format. He highlights that HIPs are a living document to discuss improvement options and funding opportunities. The Clerk to complete this and circulate it to members before submitting it.

Firework Display: The Clerk reported that the display was well attended with no reported issues. Donations were generous with enough received to cover the cost of the display, hire of marque and other costs. She passed on Mags thanks to all members who helped out on the night.

7 **Planning Update & Review Applications Received:**

PA/2022/2680 & PS2022/2538: Bromley Green Farm, TN26 2EQ

Proposal: Installation of replacement waste treatment plant and associated drainage.

During discussion it was noted that there were currently no comments on ABC's planning portal. No objections were made.

PA/2022/2556: Hillside Rucking Road, TN26 2NW

Proposed demolition of existing garage. Erection of front and side extension, additional first floor and front entrance atrium.

During discussion it was noted that there were currently no comments on ABC's Planning portal. No objections were raised.

Update

Application No PA/2022/2181: Harts Cottages, Bourne Lane, TN26 2HH

Proposal: 3 bed dwelling with amenity space and car parking. Existing access reused onto Bourne Lane

Decision: Currently under consultation. OPC have objected to the application due to the lack of proper access to the site.

Application No: PS22/00953: Ham Leas Farmhouse, Marsh Road, TN26 2QW

Change of use from agricultural land to a detached dwelling for use as a holiday let.

Decision: Currently under consultation. OPC had commented raising various concerns.

10. Correspondence Received: not covered under other agenda items. The Clerk had circulated via email to members various notices from Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council including an Environment and Waste Briefing; Highways Winter Information; Cost of Living Briefing Note; Scam Alerts;

- An email had been received regarding a pothole on the footpath outside Hamstreet Village Hall. Following investigation it was found that this footpath is the responsibility of the Hall Committee who are to arrange for its repair.
- Regular Urban Parish Meetings: It had been suggested that urban parishes meet quarterly for chats. OPC's interest had been passed on.
- An email has been received from Anne Prebble who helps look after the planted boxes in the village asking for funds for the supply of paint so that they can be painted. During discussion it was agreed that clarification was needed about who was responsible for each one as it was thought that perhaps those sponsoring would like to be more involved. *Following the meeting Anne reported that funding was no longer required as paint had been donated.*
- An email has been received from Paul Settle who noted 'Flood Warden: As a result of Julian Griffiths moving away, I find myself as the sole responsible person. As we enter the Autumn and Winter, I have had to reconsider my position. My plans, partly due to Covid travel re-arrangements, mean I do not expect to be available within the village for a number of weeks. It therefore seems to me appropriate that my name is removed from any lists etc. as I will often be unable to respond to contacts or carry out any necessary surveys.' The clerk is to forward this information on to the Facebook Hamstreet Flooding page.
- Details of a Planning Information Workshop being run by KALC to be held on Thursday 10th November – circulated to members via email.

11. Finance:

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

Grant Application Form: An application from the bowls club had been circulated prior the meeting. During discussion it was noted that the club had received a grant previously and members wanted to fund different groups rather than the same ones. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the next meeting if the club were unable to obtain funding elsewhere. During discussion it was agreed that the groups who received regular annual grants be asked for a breakdown on what they had spent their grant on and what they planned to spend their next grant on.

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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12. **Items for Next Agenda/Any Other Business:** No items brought forward; it was agreed that the Clerk be notified of any items that required discussing at the next meeting and for these to be put on the agenda. The Chairman suggested that the next meeting be kept minimal with Christmas drinks held after. It was agreed that the Cosy Kettle be asked to supply refreshments and that the Borough Councillors be given a formal invitation.

13. **Date & Time of Next Meetings:**

Full Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 5th December 2022 at 7pm

Planning Meeting:

Monday 21st November 2022 at 7pm *if required*

Meeting Concluded 9.15pm

Chairman's Signature: