

# Orlestone Parish Council

Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Andrew MacBean (in the Chair), George Sparks, David White, Ian Kirkland and the Clerk.

**Apologies** were received from Paul Settle, Mandy Mount, Anita Hollowday, Sebastian Barrow, Keith Taylor, and Ward Cllr Davison.

**Also present:** Nerine Headde, Nigel Whitburn and Margaret Barrow

## Presentation about Ashford – Hastings Railway Line

This was given by Nerina Headde, Development Officer of East Sussex Rural Community Partnership and Nigel Whitburn, Rural Transport Partnership Officer of Action for Communities in Rural Kent. They talked about their plans for the improvement of the use of the line and took questions.

## Minutes of Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2005

These were approved with one amendment.

## Councillors' Interests

None were declared for any of the items on the agenda.

## Matters arising

### (a) Larger Post Box for Bourne Wood

The Clerk had spoke to a local postman and written a letter to the Ashford sorting office.

## Finance

Current Account

|             |   |                 |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
|             | <b>Balance on 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | <b>3,561.89</b> |
| <b>Add</b>  | Appledore Computer depreciation contribution  | 100.00          |
|             | Leader+ Cheque paid in 16/03/05   | 3,290.00        |
| <b>Less</b> | David White (Website domain name)11.16; Timpsons (Brass Plaque, bus shelter) 72.99; Cllr Hollowday (Bus Shelter Opening Invitations & postage) 10.00; Forge Gardens Maintenance 20.00; Victory Hall Hire 12.00; Church Hall Hire 10.00; Gary Davies (bus shelter hard-standing) 497.50; A.McBean (Lamination of Bus Shelter & Forge Garden Maps) 37.00; Clerk's Pay and expenses 1,046.83; Victory Hall (Contribution to roundabout) 900.00 |                 |

**Balance 13<sup>th</sup> April** (3,561.89 + 3,390) – 2,824.49= **4,127.40**

**Cheques outstanding:** Saw Joinery (Bus Shelter stain & brushes) 67.75 and KAPC

Subscription 330.60

### **Cheques to approve:**

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Doug Cardno (new rate)               | 25.00  |
| E.Neighbour (Law of Allotments Book) | 18.95  |
| Church Hall Hire                     | 10.00  |
| Allianz Cornhill Insurance           | 917.70 |
| Printing@ New Romney (Newsletter)    | 134.00 |
| Flowers for Mrs J. Brown             | 50.00  |
| ABC Annual License Fee               | 31.00  |

**Total to pay this month=1,186.65**

**Deposit Account**

|            |   |                 |
|------------|---|-----------------|
|            | <b>Balance on 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>9,143.18</b> |
| <b>Add</b> | Interest April                          | 17.47           |
|            | <b>Balance on 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>9,160.65</b> |

**No.2 Account**

|            |   |                 |
|------------|---|-----------------|
|            | <b>Balance 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>1,350.00</b> |
| <b>Add</b> | VAT claim made on Phase 1 Payment MUGA  | 3,657.50        |
|            | <b>Balance on 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>5,007.50</b> |

[MUGA Wimpey 3<sup>rd</sup> Contribution £16,000 due on completion; Balance to pay on MUGA £22,865.50 (VAT on total project =10,055.5)]

**2005 Audit Process**

The receipts and payments for 2004-5 were complete and were ready to be sent to the external auditor after the internal audit was complete which would be done by Clare Vinson again before the next meeting.

**Planning**

**04/01182/AS Saw Joinery, The Street.** Various works and changes of use. Permission granted by ABC subject to several conditions.

**Application No. 05/00557/AS Whispers, Warehorne Road.** Single storey rear extension. This was supported.

**Application No. 05/00627/AS 3 Bunkley Meadow.** Single storey rear extension. This was supported.

**Police Matters**

Cllr Sparks reported that he had been to the most recent Police Liaison Committee and there was a new sergeant at Lydd who was interested in increasing contact with the villages. There was a discussion about the continued problem with the behaviour of some of the young people of the village and it was agreed to look into the possibility of getting ASBOs.

**Community Rural Warden**

The Clerk had been told that Orlestone would share with Woodchurch.

**Sports and Leisure**

**(i) MUGA**

The contractor was being slow in finishing the project because of the wet ground. Another letter had been written to try and claim all the VAT back.

**(ii) Drainage**

Several more quotes had been received.

**Highways and Drainage**

**(i) New Lighting in Conservation Area**

The views of the ABC Conservation Officer was awaited before a firm price could be supplied.

**(ii) Bench on Ashford Road**

The Chairman had asked Park Leisure for a quote for five.

**(iii) Adoption of Lancaster Close**

This was proceeding and should be complete by late summer.

**(iv) Hamstreet NNR car park.**

This had been repaired by Highways to some extent. The Clerk had received a request for a bench at the entrance to the wood. It was agreed to suggest this to English Nature, and at the same time ask for an anti-dog mess sign on the notice board at the entrance.

**(v)** The Clerk was asked to report a broken kerb stone opposite Costcutters.

**Administration**

The Risk Assessments were nearly complete. Cllr Settle had reported a problem with the allotments. It was agreed that an inspection would be carried out by the Clerk and the Chairman before any decision was made.

**Victory Hall Committee**

In the absence of Cllr Hollowday there was no report.

**Sub committees – Information Shelter**

Mrs Brown had been given her bouquet and had sent her thanks to OPC.

**Youth Club**

The Clerk had visited the Youth Club to inspect their equipment, which was listed as an asset of OPC, to conduct a risk assessment. It had been decided to replace the broken pool tables.

**Fireworks**

It was understood that Mr Burkin would still run the display even though he was leaving the Duke Head.

**Twinning**

Margaret Barrow came to show the gift that was being taken to Therouanne - a framed selection of copies of historic photographs of Hamstreet to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

**SAPP Meeting**

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting at ABC with the southern parish chairman, borough councillors and consultants working on the expansion of Ashford to discuss the preferred option to be put forward by ABC.

**Correspondence**

**1/ Contribution to Ruckinge Scout Hut**

A letter had been received from Peter Sillibourne asking for a contribution from OPC to the necessary improvements to the Scout Hut in Ruckinge. It was agreed to contribute £1,000 because very many children from Hamstreet use the facility.

**2/ KAPC Ashford Area Committee Minutes**

**3/ Letter from Kim Hills, Divisional Manager, Mid Kent Highways**

- 4/ Letter from ABC Housing re. Housing Needs Study
- 5/ Serpa Mailing
- 6/ Letter from ABC re. disposal of discarded needles.
- 7/ Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2005-8
- 8/ Parish Forum minutes
- 9/ Forward Plan of Key Decisions
- 10/ Housing News
- 11/ Ashford Development Update
- 12/ County Council Election 5<sup>th</sup> May, Statement as to persons nominated – posted on notice boards
- 13/ Notices of Parliamentary and County Elections 5<sup>th</sup> May – posted on notice boards
- 14/ Interaction
- 15/ Trafalgar Weekend 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October - circulated
- 16/ NHS Developing a rural health strategy - circulated
- 17/ Affordable Rural Local Housing – consultation sessions - filed
- 18/ Patients Participation Panel papers – circulated
- 19/ Letter from Chairman of Victory Hall Committee
- 20/ Bumble Bee programme request for funds

**Any Other Business**

(a) The Chairman announced his intention to stay on beyond the next Annual General Meeting.

**Date of next meeting (AGM): Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005 at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall.**  
Meeting closed at 9.50 pm