

Orlestone Parish Council

Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 24th April 2006

Present: Andrew MacBean (in the Chair), Anita Hollowday, Mandy Mount, Adam Colton, George Sparks, Ian Kirkland and the Clerk.

Apologies: David White, Sebastian Barrow, Keith Taylor and Ward Councillor Peter Davison.

Also Present: County Councillor Mike Angell.

Minutes of meeting held on 27th March: These were approved.

Councillors' Interests: GS reported he had changed his employer. IK registered a non-prejudicial interest in the item about Parking at Hamstreet School as a resident of St Mary's Close, which is affected.

Matters arising

(a) Dog fouling problem: There was still fouling of the grass in Bunkley Meadow. Information was required about the owner of the dog responsible.

(b) Provision of new allotments: the owner of the land that could be suitable had been approached and was considering the idea. It was agreed that the likely expense was so great that at least ten residents would be needed to register a committed interest in an allotment with the Clerk to justify proceeding. This would be publicised.

(c) School Governors' Report: it was agreed to ask Hamstreet School Governors to provide a report at the AGM.

(d) Bus Stop on Ashford Road by Bankside: this had been reported to Highways who had said that it was ABC's responsibility and they would pass the complaint to them. The Chairman to take this up with A.B.C.

(e) Dates of OPC Meetings: it was reported that two members of the council knew they would be unable to attend meetings on the fourth Monday in the month over the next year. It was agreed that the first Monday would be a suitable replacement, and the venue would not need to be changed. The exact dates would be approved at the AGM but it would be likely to start from June.

Finance

Current Account	Balance 13th March	3,881.15
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Add Transfer from Deposit Account 1,000.00; Appledore PC contribution to stationery and computer depreciation 114.00

Less KCC Street Light Installation 655.55; Clerk's pay & expenses 1,144.09; CPRE Subscription 26.00; Action for Communities in Rural Kent 35.00; Victory Hall Hire 12.00

Balance 13th April	1,622.51
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Three cheques outstanding C of GS £10.00; KAPC £355.20; D, Cardno £25.00.

Cheques to approve: Doug Cardno £25.00; ABC Pound Leas Licence Fee £31.00; Action in Rural Sussex (Grants towards CCTV and Cycle Racks for Hamstreet Station) £200.00; Victory Hall Funds £12.00; Church of Good Shepherd 10.00; Insurance Premium £965.55.

Deposit Account	Balance 14th March	10,024.42
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	Less Transfer to Current Account	1,000.00
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	Add Interest	17.09
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Balance 13th April	9,041.51
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Orlestone Parish Council No.2 Account	Balance 13th March	4,225.03
	Add	4,403.00
	VAT on MUGA	
	Less	Nil
	Balance 13th April	8,628.03
OPC Youth Club Account	Balance 1st March	4,103.69

Planning

- (i) Notification of addition of two antennae to Fairfield Terrace Mast.** It was noted that there was nothing OPC could do to stop this going ahead.
- (ii) 16 Bournewood.** Single storey extension: granted by ABC;
- (iii) Packing Wood.** Felling license: supported by ABC;
- (iv) Hamstreet Surgery.** Extension Approval and letter from ABC;
- (v) Land adj. to Magnolia Cottage, Warehorne Road:** Erection of a 4-bed detached dwelling. Approved by ABC;
- (vi) 27 Bournewood.** Rear extension and loft conversion. Granted;
- (vii) 05/02131/AS Land south-west of Greenholme, Cock Lane.** Granted by ABC with 9 conditions.

New Application: AS/06/TEMP/0005. Hamstreet Primary School. Insertion of mezzanine floor in old school building and new conservatory type access on ground floor at main entrance. It was agreed to support this application.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Weald Neighbourhood Watch had invited representatives of OPC to attend their AGM. It was agreed to pass the invitation to the local branch.

Community Warden

It was agreed to invite the warden to attend the AGM.

Concern was expressed at the potential damage to vehicles in the car park caused by football being played by a certain group of youths. It was decided that if this continued then it should be reported to the police on the anti vandal line on 01233 660747

Sports and Leisure

- (i) MUGA:** This is now seeing more use .
- (ii) Floodlighting:** This should be installed during the summer.
- (iii) Drainage of Pound Lees:** The works were in progress.
- (iv) Pavilion:** A design & build price was expected soon.
- (v) Tennis Club:** A committee had been formed and social play had started. Potential members would be invited to join soon, once the details had been agreed with HDSL.A. Anyone interested in joining please contact the Emily Neighbour on 732975.

Highways and Drainage

- (i) School Parking:** A letter had been sent to County Councillor Ferrin to which a reply was awaited. Councillor Mike Angell agreed to deal with this matter.
- (ii) Water on Ruckinge Road:** KCC Highways had repaired this.
- iii) Water leak on The Street:** This should be fixed soon. Other leaks on the allotment land and Carter's Wood had also been sorted out after the Chairman had met with Mid-Kent Water.
- (iv) Warehorne Road improvements:** the Chairman had spoken to both KCC Highways and Lois Jarrett at ABC Planning about the new streetlights which were unsuitable. He had also reported the state of the road in this area, which was in a dangerous condition and would push for action to be taken. It was also noted that the new "Hamstreet" sign

did not mention Therouanne and it would be better if the 30 mph zone started by the bypass bridge not the railway bridge. It was agreed that a ward walk would help this and other issues to be made clear to the Highways engineers. Mike Angell offered to look into this.

Communications: Newsletter: This had been delivered in the last few days, along with the Rural Housing Trust Housing Needs Questionnaire. The Chairman encouraged as many people as possible to reply to this, even if they had no housing need at present.

Notice Boards: Action would be taken to maintain and improve the appearance of these.

Victory Hall Committee: no report.

Youth Club: the spring dance had been very successful and had raised £300. The children had been taking part in a photographic competition.

Fireworks: a bank account would be opened soon. It was agreed that AH and MM would be signatories on it.

Planning Meetings: it was agreed that it was more helpful to consider planning applications in a separate planning meeting, rather than at the normal monthly meeting to allow councillors to have a good look at the plans and make decisions without being in a hurry. The Clerk told councillors that she would inform them all as soon as an application arrived and they could come and look at the plans before the meeting at her house or online on www.UKPlanning.com

Affordable Local Housing Consultation: the Chairman would draft a response to this, requesting that 50% of General Needs Housing should be offered first to a candidate with a local need.

Correspondence: (a) Boundaries of Orlestone. ABC had asked for the views of OPC on which properties should have Orlestone in their postal address. After discussion it was felt that there should be no change to the current postal arrangements.

(b) Newsletter feedback: a resident had questioned the need to spend money on the OPC newsletter when there was already the parish magazine. It was pointed out that the newsletter is delivered free to all residents of Hamstreet and includes information not in the parish magazine.

Kent Parish Portal News; CPRE Mailing; Drought Update; Housing News; Defra Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act

www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localenv/legislation/cnea; Letters from Victory Hall Committee; SEERA South-East Plan; Agenda for Standards Committee.

Any Other Business

(a) Water supply to allotments: a unanimous decision was taken not to fund the installation of a water supply on the allotments.

(b) Mini-motos: these had been increasingly used around the village. It is illegal to use them in any public place and their use should be reported to the police.

(c) Ball games on Lancaster Close: it was agreed to put a sign on the grass area by the playground in Lancaster Close saying “No Ball games by order of Orlestone Parish Council”.

(d) Footpaths: the by-way from Hamstreet to Shadoxhurst was in need of repair. This would be inspected by the Chairman before the next meeting.

Date of Annual General Meetings: 22nd May in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.

Provisional Date of following meeting 5th June.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.