

Orlestone Parish Council

Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 30th August 2005

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

Apologies: Paul Settle, Mandy Mount, Keith Taylor and Sebastian Barrow,

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th July 2005

These were approved.

Councillors' Interests

The Chairman left the room when his planning application was discussed.

Matters arising

(a) Larger Post Box for Bourne Wood

Royal Mail had confirmed that they would be providing a larger box at Bournewood in due course.

(b) Conservation Area

ABC had responded to the suggestions for the extension of the Conservation Area by saying they would be incorporated into the review, which would be undertaken in the next few years. It was agreed to write back to ask to be involved in that review from the beginning.

(c) Rubbish in The Street

Further action would be taken to discourage rubbish being left in The Street before collection day.

(d) General/Local Needs Housing

Five of the nine Housing Association Properties in the new Wimpey development had been allocated to people with a local connection. A large number of people had expressed an interest in the properties. ABC had decided to undertake a formal local needs housing survey in the next year, which could result in the provision of further local housing in Hamstreet in due course if a suitable site could be found.

(e) Sheltered housing accommodation

OPC had contacted ABC after the previous meeting with the concerns of the residents of Cotton Hill house about the future of the residential warden. The matter would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive of ABC on 22nd September at 7pm in the Civic Centre. Anyone wishing to make a comment to the committee on this subject should contact the committee secretary on 01233 330504. It was agreed to encourage residents of Cotton Hill House to make representations to this committee.

Finance

Current Account

	Balance on 13th July	8,065.00
Add	VAT Repayment 622.10	
Less	Doug Cardno 25.00; Victory Hall Hire 12.00; Neighbourhood Watch Signs 50.00 Tree Surgeon 75.00	
	Balance 12th August	8,525.10

Cheques to approve: Audit Fee (61.25 VAT) 411.25; Doug Cardno 25.00; Newsletter printing 134.00; Victory Hall 12.00

The external audit fee had almost trebled this year because the turnover of OPC had been over £50,000 due to the construction of the MUGA.

Deposit Account

	Balance on 14th July	794.52
Add	Interest August	1.51
	Balance on 12th August	796.03

Orlestone Parish Council No.2 Account

	Balance 13th August	17,987.50
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No transactions this month

£7,782.61 Stage 4 Payment MUGA (inclusive of VAT) not yet made

Balance remaining: 2.5% retention, due in 5 months £1,687.89 incl. VAT.

OPC Youth Club Account

	Balance 1st June	4,162.38
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Quarterly Statements only

It was agreed to return surplus monies to the Deposit Account from the No.2 Account.

Planning

(i) 03/1573/AS Pound Leas MUGA Floodlighting. Notification of approval of details of floodlighting installation. Copy to be passed to HDSL A.

Police Matters

Cllr Sparks reported that there was new contact for Hamstreet at Tenterden Police Station: PC John Garrard. He should be contacted via the Ashford Police Station:610555.

Neighbourhood Watch

Four new signs had been put up in Hamstreet using the grant provided by OPC.

Speedwatch

Cllr Sparks reported that a new scheme was now available operating in a different way. It was agreed that Hamstreet should apply to be included.

Community Warden

Cllr Sparks would contact Sgt Stanner to discuss liaison between the Community Warden and the police.

Sports and Leisure

(i) MUGA

This was being used steadily. It was agreed HDSL A needed a maintenance programme to keep the court clean. The final payment had not been made to the contractor because there were still some outstanding defects to be dealt with.

(ii) Floodlighting

Quotations had been received for this work. OPC would place the order in due course

(iii) Drainage

The works should be starting in October. A site meeting with the contractor would take place soon.

iv) Golf

HDSL A had agreed to ban the practising of golf on Pound Leas

Highways and Drainage

(i) New Lighting in Conservation Area

The works should be undertaken soon.

(ii) Recycling

Concern was expressed that the glass recycling bins were not being emptied frequently enough; the matter would be brought to ABC attention.

(iii) Bunkley Terrace

Loose bricks were reported in the alley.

(iv) Walking Bus

It was agreed to write to the school to express concern that the use of the Walking Bus may have problems due to the lack of suitable volunteer parents.

Communication

The next newsletter would be at the end of September.

Victory Hall Committee

There was no report.

Application for Listed Building Consent No. 05/1300/AS Woodville, The Street. Renewal for change of use of 1 room in Woodville from commercial to residential (returning house to original footprint). Supported.

Application No. 05/850/AS Meadow View Farm, Marsh Road. Erection of a conservatory. Supported.

Allotments

It was agreed to approach Mid-Kent water for a quote to provide water on site.

Greater Ashford Development Framework

The Chairman and Clerk had responded to the 18 options on behalf of OPC.

Footpaths

The Clerk had passed on the results of Adam Colton's survey to KCC who would deal with most of the issues. The provision of a stile at the end of Cotton Hill Rise would be followed up.

Correspondence

- 1/ Kent War on Waste – 6 ways to reduce your household waste leaflet.
- 2/ KAPC Ashford Area Committee minutes
- 3/ ABC response to Wish List from Economic Development Officer
- 4/ ABC response to Wish List from Research & Development Manager
- 5/ Local Board Meeting on Care of the Elderly and Junction 10
- 6/ Ashford Rural Trust Newsletter
- 7/ Interaction
- 8/ E communications from ABC – more mailings to be sent out electronically
- 9/ Forward Plan of Key Decisions

Date of next meeting: 26th September 2005 in Victory Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm