

Orlestone Parish Council

Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 23rd January 2006

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

Apologies: Paul Settle, Keith Taylor, Mandy Mount and Ward Councillor Peter Davison.

Also Present: County Councillor Mike Angell

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th November 2005: These were approved.

Councillors' Interests

None.

Matters arising

(a) Rubbish in The Street: The residents of No 2 West View, The Street were leaving their dustbin outside their house obstructing the pavement. This would be reported to ABC if it continued.

(b) Cotton Hill House

A trial of the new management system of some sheltered housing had just started.

(c) Post Box, Ruckinge Road

The Clerk would ask Royal Mail when this would be changed.

Finance

Current Account

	Balance 11th November	9,698.48
Add	Nil	
Less	Doug Cardno £25.00; Victory Hall Hire £12.00; Colin Howland (Tidyman) £380.87; E. Neighbour (Clerk) £1,096.43	
	Balance 13th January	8,184.18

Cheques to approve:

Doug Cardno 25.00; Victory Hall Funds 12.00.

Deposit Account

	Balance on 14th November	11,243.66
Add	Interest (December) 20.33; Interest (January) 21.04	
	Balance on 13th January 2006	11,285.03

Orlestone Parish Council No.2 Account

	Balance 11th November	10,849.66
Add	Brett's Grant 10,000.00	
Less	Pilcher (Earthworks) 5,740.53; Trevor May Stage 4 Payment MUGA 7,782.61	
	Balance 13th January 2006	7,326.52

Cheque to approve: Pilcher (10% Deposit for Drainage Works) £3,013.60; Trevor May Contractors Ltd (Balance remaining on MUGA : 2.5% retention, due 6 months after completion) £1,687.89 inclusive of VAT.

OPC Youth Club Account

	Balance 1st September	3,913.90
Add	Cash (374.45, 249, 373, 853.78)	1,850.23
Less	Cheques(238, 120.50, 91.47, 264.23, 138.59, 336, 30.75, 20, 185.93, 171, 720, 338.22)	2,654.69
	Balance 1st December	3,109.44

Planning

(a) **05/01993/AS 28 Bournemouth.** Conversion of garage to a bathroom. Erection of a double garage. This had been dealt with since the November meeting by individual consultation. The application had been supported with the following comments: 1/ The Velux roof-lights in the garage should be installed in the rear elevation instead to improve the appearance of the front elevation; 2/ If a septic tank is installed then it should be completely sealed with the outlet above ground level as this area is prone to flooding.

Decisions:

(b) **05/01127/AS 1 Sunnyside, Warehorne Road.** Fence fronting property – retrospective. Refused by ABC

(c) **05/01820/AS Dukes Head.** Removal of condition 05 of planning permission 00/01211/AS to allow the conversion of warehouse/barn into an unrestricted dwelling. Refused by ABC.

(d) Daly International had sent a pre-consultation for further antennae for Vodaphone on the mast behind Fairfield Terrace. The Clerk had sent in the same comments as for the previous application by NTL.

Police Matters

A number of letters had been received from the Kent Police Authority concerning the re-organisation of the local police force, notification of changes of staff and a justification of the police's share of the Council Tax. Also the minutes of the Police Parish Forum had been sent to the Clerk and to Cllr Sparks.

Speedwatch

OPC had been offered a free three month trial of the new scheme. After discussion it was agreed not to proceed with this.

Community Warden

Communication between the police and the warden was still a cause for concern.

Sports and Leisure

(i) MUGA

The courts had finally been completed just before Christmas.

(ii) Floodlighting

This would be delayed until spring because the costs were greater than expected.

(iii) Drainage of Pound Lees

OPC had been successful in getting a grant of £10,000 to go towards the works from ABC. The letter of order would go to Ivan Pilcher plus the 10% deposit. The works should be completed by spring.

(iv) Country Fair

Plans were well underway for this. It would take place two fields further south than Pound Leas. The bigger area would allow more activities to take place.

(v) Pavilion

Two prices for Design and Build were being obtained.

Highways and Drainage

(i) Highways Seminar

The Clerk attended this and met the liaison officer for the Ashford Area, Caroline Barnes. This officer would request reports on a monthly basis of outstanding work in Orlestone to be dealt with by Councillor Keith Taylor.

(ii) Crash Statistics

The Clerk would request accident statistics for Orlestone Parish and the roads into Ashford from Highways particularly with regard to the A2070 and the old A2070.

(iii) Hedge along Bourne Lane

The hedge along ABC-owned land would be laid by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers in due course. The cutting of the rest would be requested to be included in the Section 38 Agreement for Lancaster Close Phase 2 Works.

(iv) Hamstreet Woods NNR

A letter had been received from G. Wilkinson on behalf of English Nature concerning the Dedication of land on Hamstreet NNR for public access under S16 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. This should not affect the use of the reserve by the public. The entrance from Bourne Lane was currently closed to allow the existing bridge to be upgraded.

Communication

It was agreed to update the Welcome Pack and ensure it was delivered to the new village residents in Orlestone View along with the quarterly newsletters.

Victory Hall Committee

The committee had been given more funds towards the works on the disabled toilets. Work on the foundations was due to start very soon.

Planning Application 05/02131/AS Land south-west of Greenholme, Cock Lane.

Erection of a new detached house. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of overcrowding of the plot, parking in front of house, loss of front garden, loss of open space in a conspicuous position on the village green, and for the use of interlocking roof tiles.

Planning Application 05/02079/AS Land adjacent to Magnolia Cottage, Warehorne Road.

Erection of 4 bed detached dwelling. This was supported.

CCTV for Hamstreet Station

Nerena Headde of the Community Rail Partnership in Rye had been successful in obtaining grants to fund the CCTV. It should be installed in late April. She had also been

offered another grant for bicycle racks for the station and had asked OPC to contribute. It was agreed to offer £100.

Meeting Point for Young People

Some relevant papers were passed to Cllr Hollowday to pass to the Youth Club.

Meetings Attended

Parish Forum

Cllr Sparks attended this meeting at the Civic Centre. The most important subject was the review of parish boundaries. It was agreed to discuss this again at the next meeting.

Local Needs Housing

The Chairman had attended this.

Primary Care Trust Consultation on Re-organisation

The Chairman had attended this.

Correspondence

1/ Kent & Medway Consultation Document on new Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts in Kent and Medway, and list of consultation events; 2/ Interaction; 3/ Kent Police Association council tax and policing plan consultation for financial year 2006-7; 4/ Clerks & Councils Direct; 5/ Kent Fire & Rescue Service Risk Management Plan; 6/ ABC Housing News; 7/ Voluntary Infrastructure Consortium Kent (VICK) Improving support for Kent's Voluntary Sector; 8/ Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future; 8/ Letter from Supt Peter West of Kent Police; 9/ Minutes of the State of the Borough Debate; 10/ ACRK Kent Village of the Year Competition; 11/ Kent & Medway Structure Plan – consultations on proposed modifications; 12/ Alterations to Electoral roll; 13/ Kent Highways Works Schedule; 14/ Early Years and Childcare News; 15/ Recycle for Kent Exhibition Unit available to book free of charge; 16/ Ashford Local Board Meeting on Council Tax on 6th February at 7pm at Highworth School; 17/ Statement of Community Involvement from ABC; 18/ Forward Plan of Key Decisions. 19/ Marshlink Matters; 20/ Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework consultation. 21/ KAPC Ashford Area Committee Agenda 01/02/06 at 7.30pm Civic Centre.

Any Other Business

The Headmistress of Hamstreet school had written requesting a contribution from OPC towards equipment for the kitchen to provide freshly produced meals for the children. It was agreed to donate £500.

Date of next meeting: 27th February in Victory Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.