

# Orlestone Parish Council

## Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 after Planning Meeting

**Present:** Andrew MacBean (in the Chair), George Sparks, Paul Settle, Mandy Mount, Anita Hollowday, and the Clerk.

**Also present:** Community Wardens Graeme Whittington and Shuna Body.

**Apologies:** David White, Keith Taylor, Ian Kirkland, Sebastian Barrow, County Councillor Mike Angell and Ward Cllr Davison.

### Community Warden

The Chairman welcomed Graeme Whittington, the new community warden for Hamstreet, shared with Woodchurch. He introduced all the councillors, mentioning all their special responsibilities. Shuna Body explained that she was the supervisor of all the Ashford community wardens, having herself been a warden at Lydd. She attends weekly meetings at ABC with the Fire Service, Police, Housing and Street Cleansing teams, which could be helpful if a multi-agency approach was needed for a problem. The Chairman invited them both to stay on for the remainder of the meeting.

### Minutes of Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005

These were approved with some minor corrections.

### Councillors' Interests

Cllr Settle registered a change in his interests.

### Matters arising

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

The result of the survey was still awaited.

#### (b) Railway Services

The final decision on the improved service to Hamstreet was awaited. The Clerk had requested that the name of the station be changed from Ham Street to Hamstreet, and this was being considered by the marketing department of Southern Railways..

### Finance

#### VAT

OPC was taking advice from a VAT expert to establish whether it would be possible to claim VAT back on purchases made with money donated to OPC by HDSL A.

#### Current Account

**Balance on 13<sup>th</sup> May** **8,646.28**

**Add** Recycling Credits(1,200 glass, 862 Paper) 2062.22;

**Less** Doug Cardno 25.00; Colin Howland (Tidyman)19/11/04-22/05/05 £432.22; Church Hall Hire 12.00; Ruckinge & Hamstreet Scouts & Guides £1,000.00; Lewis Brockway (Twinning gift) 40.00; E. Neighbour 18.95; Friends of St Mary's 25.00.

**Balance 13<sup>th</sup> June** **9,155.33**

**Cheques to approve:** Doug Cardno 25.00; Clerk 1,025.13; Victory Hall Hire 12.00; Bliby Plastics (Bus shelter/notice board) £28.20.

## Deposit Account

	<b>Balance on 14<sup>th</sup> May`</b>	<b>9,177.59</b>
<b>Add</b>	Interest June	15.47
<b>Less</b>	Transfer to OPC No. 2 Account (to cover MUGA Stage 3 Payment)	8,400.00
	<b>Balance on 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>793.06</b>

## Orlestone Parish Council No.2 Account

	<b>Balance 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5,007.50</b>
<b>Add</b>	Transfer from Current Account	8,400.00
<b>Less</b>	MUGA Stage 3 Payment	13,395.00
	<b>Balance 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>12.50</b>
<b>Add</b>	VAT claimed back on Stage 3 Payment paid in 16/06/05	£1,995.00

### **Cheque to approve: £7,782.61 Stage 4 Payment MUGA (inclusive of VAT)**

MUGA Wimpey 3<sup>rd</sup> Contribution £16,000 due from ABC now; Balance remaining to pay on MUGA: 2.5% retention, due in 6 months £1,687.89 incl. VAT.

## OPC Youth Club Account

	<b>Balance 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>4,164.15</b>
Add Cash 50.73	Less 52.50 cheque	
	<b>Balance 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>4,162.38</b>

## 2005 Audit Process

The accounts were still with the external auditor.

## Planning

Cllr Sparks reported the decisions made in the previous meeting.

## Police Matters

### Neighbourhood Watch

The committee had requested funding for new signs. It was agreed to give £50.

### Speedwatch

This was being re-launched at a meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the Police College in Maidstone. Cllr Sparks and the community wardens would attend.

### Policing from Tenterden

The local police were now base in Tenterden rather than Lydd.

## Sports and Leisure

### (i) MUGA

This had been opened at the Country Fayre. The Clerk was in charge of booking the courts out for the time being. An increase in her hours from 9 – 10 per week was approved to cover this. The court could not be used during hot weather for at least a year because the surface would be too soft and could be damaged. It had been used for netball and tennis already. It would also be used for football practise, and Cllr Mount had contacted ABC to organise coaching for the Youth Club children in the summer holidays.

### (ii) Floodlighting

Suitable quotations are being sought, some additional funding may be necessary and sources are being explored.

### **(iii) Drainage**

It was agreed that the drainage works on the Pound Lees football field should go ahead, with OPC putting in the order for works. The field would be out of use for 12 months.

### **Highways and Drainage**

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

The ten street lights to be replaced were agreed, four north of the railway bridge, and six in the village centre. ABC would be asked to go ahead.

#### **(ii) Bench on Ashford Road and by MUGA.**

The Clerk would contact Park Leisure.

#### **(iii) Adoption of Lancaster Close**

This was proceeding and should be complete by late summer. A problem with the play area had been reported.

### **Administration**

The Licensing Act and its impact on facilities in Hamstreet was discussed.

### **Communication**

The newsletter would be distributed soon. The website was not officially online yet.

### **Victory Hall Committee**

Cllr Hollowday reported that there had been no meeting this month because many people were on holiday.

### **Youth Club**

Cllr Mount reported that the Youth Club would be open on Tuesday afternoons in the summer holidays, and they would use the MUGA. She invited the Community Warden to attend the Youth Club.

### **Fireworks**

OPC could not cover the insurance if the event was not held on its land but cheap cover was available from the suppliers of the fireworks.

### **Allotments**

These had been inspected and the situation had improved.

### **Kent Village of the Year**

Cllr Mount reported that Hamstreet had got through the first round. The Business judge had been round, the Community would attend soon – Cllr Hollowday would receive them.

### **Payphone, St Mary's Close**

BT had contacted OPC with plans to either make this payphone cashless or to turn it into a broadband enable kiosk. This would be investigated.

### **Railway Station**

This had now become a listed building, after much delay.

### **Correspondence**

- 1/ Interaction – Cllr Barrow
- 2/ KAPC Mailing – Cllr Settle
- 3/ DEFRA Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 –
- 4/ Greater Ashford Development Framework draft – Cllr Settle
- 5/ Local Development Framework draft – Cllr Settle

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Conservation Area**

ABC's Conservation Officer had responded to the request in OPC's Wish List to extend the Conservation Area. The Clerk would contact her to establish what to do about the Warehorne Parish Boundary.

#### **Rubbish in The Street**

There were concerns about certain households putting their rubbish sacks out days in advance of Collection Day. Shuna would raise this with ABC.

#### **General Needs Housing**

The allocation of the new houses being built on the Parker Farm Site would be starting soon. The clerk would contact A.B.C. Housing with regard to the lack of progress on the promised Draft Nomination Agreement.

**Date of next meeting : Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall.**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm