

# Orlestone Parish Council

## Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006

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

**Also Present:** Ward Councillor George Weller and two members of the public.

**Apologies:** Sebastian Barrow, County Councillor Mike Angell and Ward Councillor Peter Davison.

**Minutes of meeting held on 24th April:** These were approved.

**Councillors' Interests:** The Chairman declared an interest in the Fairfield Terrace Planning Application and took no part in the discussion.

Matters arising

**(a) Dog fouling problem:** dog fouling of the grass in the Bunkley Meadow area had reduced. A new problem along the Warehorne Road pavements had been reported to ABC and their Dog Warden would be patrolling in that area and routes from there.

**(b) Provision of new allotments:** only one additional villager had come forward requesting an allotment since the last meeting. It was agreed to wait another month to see if any more applicants came forward.

**(c) School Governors' Report:** the new Chairman of Hamstreet School had offered to come to a future meeting of OPC. The Clerk would invite him to the next.

### Finance

<b><u>Current Account</u></b>	<b>Balance 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>1,622.51</b>
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Add ½ Precept + CF Grant	6697.60; Recycling Credits 2900.84; VAT repayment	
		2331.22.

Less	Transfer of VAT to No 2 Account 1750.00; C of GS £10.00; KAPC £355.20; D, Cardno £25.00; Doug Cardno £25.00; ABC Pound Leas Licence Fee £31.00; Action in Rural Sussex (Grants towards CCTV and Cycle Racks)£200.00; Victory Hall Funds £12.00; Church of Good Shepherd 10.00; Insurance Premium £965.55.	
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**Cheques to approve:** Land Registry - voluntary registration of allotment land 30.00; Friends of St Mary's 25.00; Printing at New Romney 134; Doug Cardno 25; Victory Hall 24, Church of GS 10.

	<b>Balance 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10,168.42</b>
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### Deposit Account

	<b>Balance 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9,041.51</b>
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Less	Transfer to No. 2 9,000.00	Add Interest 14.87
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	<b>Balance 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>56.38</b>
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### No.2 Account

	<b>Balance 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8,628.03</b>
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Add	Transfer from Deposit 9,000.00; HDSL A Grant 15,000.00; Transfer of VAT from Current 1,750.00	
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Less	Drainage Works Payment (VAT 2,606.57 payable) 17,501.25; Drainage Works Payment (VAT 1,750 reclaimed) 11,750.00	
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	<b>Balance 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5,126.78</b>
<b><u>OPC Youth Club Account</u></b>		
	<b>Balance 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>4,103.69</b>
<b>Add</b>	Cheque 100.00, Cash 557.00, 109.50	
<b>Less</b>	Cheques 94.76, 83.09, 787.25, 86, 144, 591.47, 141.99	
	<b>Balance 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>2,941.63</b>

**(a) Planning**

**(i) 06/00618/AS Hamstreet School mezzanine etc.** Approved by ABC.

**(ii) 06/00657/AS 23 Bournewood.** Loft conversion including front and rear dormers. Refused by ABC.

**(iii) 06/00336/AS Land north of Restharrow.** Erection of one dwelling. Withdrawn by applicant.

**(iv) 04/01182/AS Saw Joinery.** Approval by ABC of brick types.

**(v) 00/01211/AS Dukes Head.** Notice of appeal for the removal of condition 05 of Planning Permission to allow the conversion of warehouse (barn c1900) into an unrestricted dwelling. It was agreed to send the comments made to Application 05/01820/AS to the Planning Inspectorate.

**Planning Application 06/01000/AS 3, Fairfield Terrace.** Erection of a double garage and store with games room above. It was agreed to support this application.

**Police Matters:**

Concern was expressed that police cars were speeding through the village more now the A2070 was blocked by the road works. GS would discuss this with them.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

The Clerk had attended the meeting the previous week. Only minor crimes had been reported.

**Community Warden**

Concern was expressed that the warden was not being informed of criminal incidents in the village. IK would investigate this. A resident had expressed concern about children cycling along the footpath on Warehorne Road from the new development, which would be reported to the warden.

**Sports and Leisure**

**(i) MUGA:** this was being used increasingly by independent tennis players, and a new five-a-side football team.

**(ii) Floodlighting:** the order for the works should be placed at the next meeting.

**(iii) Drainage of Pound Lees:** The reseeding had taken place and the grass was growing well. More works were still to be done in the autumn and the field would not be available for football matches until 2007.

**(iv) Pavilion:** a Design & Build price had been obtained.

**(v) Tennis Club:** interest in social play had been less than anticipated. A coaching session had been arranged for children in early August. Places were available to book via the Clerk. Mike Angell had offered a grant of £500 from KCC. It would be decided soon whether to accept it. More enthusiastic volunteers were needed.

**(vi) Country Fair:** this had been successful, though as yet no figures were available. The costs had been higher than previous years because of the new venue so profits might not be so high. The evening events had gone well. Councillor Weller and the Chairman congratulated the HDSLAs and all who had helped on a magnificent effort.

### **Highways and Drainage**

**(i) School Parking:** a meeting would be held on site with interested parties in early July to look at the problem.

**(ii) Access to Southern Water Pumping Station:** it was agreed to write to Southern Water asking that the track, which had been damaged by their heavy plant, be repaired.

**(iii) Leak at stopcock:** this would be reported by KT.

**(iv) Missing road-signs:** AC reported missing signs at the crossroads and by Johnson's Corner, and an overgrown sign by the Victory Hall. KT reported that all the signs at the crossroads should be replaced and that one would be part of that scheme. He would report the others.

**(v) Weeds on Village Way:** these were getting out of hand. KT to report again.

**(vi) Hedges:** it was agreed that one householder be asked to cut back his hedges.

**(vii) Exit from A2070 to Tenterden:** this issue was discussed again. It was agreed to contact the Highways Agency about it.

**(viii) Bus Stop on Ashford Road by Bankside:** IK offered to chase this up as it was causing a hazard to small children walking to school.

**(ix) Drainage by Cotton Hill House:** IK offered to raise the issue of the flooding of the grass by the duck-pond with ABC.

**Communications: Newsletter:** the next issue was being put together. A letter from residents re. the value of the newsletter was passed to DW.

**Notice Boards:** new maps had been ordered with the approval of the Chair and Vice-chair.

### **Public Participation**

A resident of Lancaster Close had come to discuss the issue of children playing ball games on the grass by the play area. He asked that it should be tolerated if the children were well behaved and agreed that ball games should not be allowed in the Play Area. A notice is to be erected to this effect.

A resident of Orlestone View came to express his concerns about the danger to children playing in the road. It was explained that OPC has no powers over the estate, but it would consider the possibility of writing to the residents pointing out the dangers to parents and drivers.

**Victory Hall Committee:** there had been no meeting.

**Sub-committees: Youth Club:** training had been undertaken by the helpers to allow less able people to attend the club. They would be accompanied by mentors so they would not take too much of the volunteers' time. The committee had run the refreshment stall at the Country Fair, which had gone well.

**Fireworks:** MM had written a draft constitution for the committee, which was necessary to open a bank account. It was approved with minor amendments.

**Footpaths (a) Byway through Orlestone Forest:** this had been inspected by the Clerk and the Chairman and found to be in a very bad condition, impassable to pedestrians and cyclists, owing to its overuse by 4x4 vehicles and trail bikes. IK would attend a briefing with County Council Mike Angell about the issue, and he suggested that AC should be appointed OPC's representative on any suitable forum to discuss the problem. IK suggested that any evidence of misuse of the byways should be recorded. It was agreed to write to Shadoxhurst and Woodchurch asking for their support in resolving the problem.

**ABC Building Design Award:** it was agreed to enter the village information centre and bus shelter for this award. AH would complete the application form.

**St Mary's Churchyard:** concern had been raised about the decrease in the mowing of the grass, and it had been suggested OPC could offer to help financially in some way. It was noted the area is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council. The Chairman would discuss the issue with the vicar.

**Correspondence:** Letters re. KCC Grants; Minutes of Standards Committee meeting; Rural News; KCC e mailing network; Minutes of KAPC Ashford Area Committee; Minutes of Parish Forum; ODPM Local Authority Bylaws: a discussion paper; KAPC Mailing; ACRK Mailing; VICK Paper; Ashford Town Centre Area Action Plan; Notice of intention to adopt Kent & Medway Structure Plan; Minerals Development Framework.

#### **Any Other Business**

- (a) **Village of the Year:** MM thanked AH for showing the judge round the village.
- (b) **New Railway Timetable:** the changes were very minor, involving only a minute either way at Hamstreet, allowing all the trains to stop at Appledore again.
- (c) **Bus Shelter on Ashford Road:** the possibility of installing a bus shelter on Ashford Road by Bankside was raised for discussion.

**Date of next Meeting:** Monday 3rd July at 7.30pm Victory Hall.

**The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.**