

Orlestone Parish Council

Meeting held at the Victory Hall on 27th March 2006

Present: Andrew MacBean (in the Chair), Anita Hollowday, George Sparks, and the Clerk. Ian Kirkland and Borough Councillor George Weller arrived late.

Apologies: Mandy Mount, David White, Sebastian Barrow, Keith Taylor, Ward Councillor Peter Davison and County Councillor Mike Angell.

Also Present: Rita Brockway, Adam Colton and Graham Whittington.

Community Warden: Graham Whittington gave a report of his activities in the village recently.

Minutes of Meeting held on 27th February: These were approved with some minor alterations by IK. It was agreed to clarify some of the points made in the minutes of this meeting rather than amend them as it was agreed they were a true record.

Councillors' Interests :None were declared.

Matters arising:(a) Vacancy on Parish Council

There had been no requests for an election so OPC had been given the authority to co-opt a new councillor. Two applications had been received. The candidates were interviewed separately and after a discussion it was agreed by a majority of the councillors present to appoint Adam Colton. Rita Brockway was thanked for her interest and encouraged to re-apply when a further vacancy came up in the future. AC joined the meeting.

(b) Rubbish in The Street: the problem had improved.

IK arrived at 8.30pm.

(c) Dog Fouling in Bunkley Terrace: this had been reported to the ABC Dog Warden but as the timing was not know it had not been possible to catch the offender. It was agreed to try and establish more exactly what time of day it was happening.

(d) Provision of new Allotments: several sites had been considered and it was agreed to approach a local landowner.

Finance	Current Account	Balance 27th February	8,147.18
Add: Nil Less: Doug Cardno 25.00; Newsletter Printing 134.00; Victory Hall Mowing 635.00; Street Lights (ABC) 3,113.75; Church of Good Shepherd 10.00; Victory Hall Hire 12.00; Office Supplies (Viking Direct) 36.28			
		Balance 13th March	3,881.15

One cheque outstanding: Kitchen donation to Hamstreet School £500.00

Cheques to approve:

Church Hall Hire 10.00; KCC Street Light Installation 655.55; KAPC Subscription 355.20; D.Cardno 25.00; Clerk's pay & expenses 1,144.09; CPRE Subscription £26; Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK, KRCC as was) 35.00; Victory Hall Hire 12.00; Victory Hall Extension Donation £1,000.

It was agreed to transfer £1000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account.

Deposit Account	Balance 14th February	11,306.12
Add Interest 18.30; Less Transfer to No.2 Account	1,300.00	

Balance 14th March **10,024.42**

Orlestone Parish Council No.2 Account

Balance 27th February **2,625.03**

Add Transfer from D.A. 1,300.00

Transfer from C.A. 300.00

Less Trevor May(MUGA final payment) 1,687.89

Balance 13th March **4,225.03**

VAT on Pound Leas Projects

VAT had been reclaimed on the entire MUGA project [*the final refund of £4,400 came in the day following the meeting, totalling £10,055*]. This was possible because all the funds had been provided by donors to OPC other than HDSL A. OPC had been informed that VAT could not be reclaimed on projects funded by HDSL A. The reclaimed VAT and the funds provided by HDSL A would therefore go towards the earthworks, drainage, floodlighting and the pavilion, on which VAT would be payable.

OPC Youth Club Account

Balance 1st December **3,109.44**

Add Cash 632.90; 644.00; 129.50; Cheque 1641.50

Less Cheques: 306.08, 282.49, 97.22, 670.00, 144.45, 301.41, 252.00

Balance 1st March **4,103.69**

Planning

(i) 05/00918/AS New Bungalow as Mountain Bungalow.

Notification of approval of amendment by ABC - separation of garage from house.

(ii) 06/00107/AS 36 Lancaster Close. Change of use to residential curtilage. Refused.

(iii) Minutes of Planning Meeting held on 06/03/06. These were approved.

Sports and Leisure

(i) MUGA: It was agreed to publicise its availability more widely. AC would put something in the local paper column from time to time.

(ii) Floodlighting: This should be installed during the summer.

(iii) Drainage of Pound Lees: The works should be starting soon.

(iv) Pavilion : A design and build price was being sought. AH would investigate new government grants earmarked for sport.

(v) Tennis Club: A meeting had been arranged for 7.30 pm 3rd April in the Church Hall to set this up.

Highways and Drainage

(i) School Parking: A letter had been sent by the Chairman to KCC and copied to interested parties suggesting improvements to signage on the Ashford Road north of the school. Ward Borough Councillor Peter Davison supported the idea. The parking situation had been improved by the presence of the Community Warden at busy times, and it was agreed a police presence would help. GS had requested this from P.C. Jarrard.

(ii) Water on Ruckinge Road: This long-standing problem had worsened. It would be reported to Highways as it was a Highways drainage problem.

(iii) Water leak on The Street: This would be reported to Mid-Kent Water.

Communications: Newsletter: D.W. had asked for further contributions to the newsletter which would be delayed this quarter.

Publication of Minutes in Local Paper: It was agreed that less financial information should be included in future

Victory Hall Committee

Building work on the extension was continuing. The jumble sale had raised £500.

06/00336/AS Land North of Restharrow, Ashford Road. Erection of one dwelling. It was agreed neither to support nor object, but to comment that the area of the road was already dangerous with poor lines of visibility in an area with no speed restriction, and if another house was to be built more consideration should be given to road safety in the area, including a footpath along the road on the built-up side.

FC/06/00037/AS Packing Wood, Hamstreet Bypass. Forestry Commission felling license application. Coppicing of sweet chestnut and thinning mixed broadleaf. It was agreed to support this application.

06/00308/AS The Studio, Warehorne Road. Conversion of vacant workshop/studio/office to a one bedroom dwelling. Additional information. The Chairman withdrew while this application was considered as he was a neighbour of the property concerned.

It was agreed to object on the grounds of the loss of commercial premises to residential.

05/02131/AS Land south-west of Greenholme, Cock Lane. Erection of a new detached house. Amended Plans changing the design of the roof. Concern was expressed that the roof would be higher than in the original plans.

Correspondence: ACRK Mailing; KAPC Mailing; Minutes of Standards Committee; Invitation to send a representative to ABC Annual Youth Conference 19th April, 10-14.00 at Liquid Life – MM. Letter from Highways re. maintenance of street lights – filed; New Highways Liaison contact: Kate Harlock (01622 798308) – filed; Letter from Kent Police Authority thanking OPC for its support; Patient & Public Involvement Forum Meeting 6th April at 10am at Furley Hall, Ashford; Ashford Rural Trust Minutes; Interaction; Rural Housing Trust Mailing.

Any Other Business

School Governors' Report: It was noted there had been no report from the Hamstreet School Governors since Brian Lawrence had ceased to be the minor authorities representative.

Bus Stop on Ashford Road by Bankside: It was agreed this was in a hazardous condition and should be reported to the relevant authority by the Clerk.

Dates of OPC Meetings: It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting as some councillors were unable to attend meetings on the 4th Monday in the month for the next year. The first Monday would be investigated as an alternative.

Date of next meeting: 24th April in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.