

Orlestone Parish Council

Annual General Meeting

Held at the Victory Hall on 22nd May 2006 at 8.20pm

(following a Planning Meeting)

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

Also present: County Councillor Michael Angell Ward, Councillors Peter Davison and George Weller and one member of the public.

Apologies: David White, Keith Taylor, Sebastian Barrow, Angela Bromfield and Andy Barker, Chair of Hamstreet School Governors.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2005 were approved.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Andrew MacBean and George Sparks were re-elected unopposed.

Chairman's Statement

Reproduced on a separate sheet.

Cllr Weller thanked the Chairman for the work of OPC in the village, particularly its efforts for the local youth.

Borough Councillor George Weller's Report

Cllr Weller spoke briefly about his work as a borough councillor.

Borough Councillor Peter Davison's Report

Cllr Davison gave a description of his work around the borough over the last year.

County Councillor Mike Angell's Report

Cllr Angell gave a report of his work at County Hall.

Community Warden Graeme Whittington's Report

The Warden reported with enthusiasm on his activities in Hamstreet over the past year since his appointment, emphasising that Kent in general and Hamstreet in particular is generally a law-abiding place.

Victory Hall Report

Anita Hollowday read out a report provided by Angela Bromfield.

Election of Representatives onto outside bodies:

Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Watch: George Sparks; **Sports & Leisure:** Keith Taylor & Chairman; **Victory Hall:** Anita Hollowday;

KAPC Ashford Area & ABC Parish Forum: Chairman and George Sparks.

Allocation of Councillors' Responsibilities:

Administration: Chair and Clerk with advice when needed from Ian Kirkland;

Highways & Drainage: Keith Taylor; **Communications:** Adam Colton and David White; **Twining:** Seb Barrow.

Appointment of Committees and Sub-committees:

Planning: all councillors, chaired by George Sparks;

Fireworks: Clifford Baldock & Graeme Woodcock, Mandy Mount and Anita Hollowday;

Youth Club: Chair - Ellen Woodcock, Treasurer - Tina Warnett, Mandy Mount & Anita Hollowday;

Floodwatch: Chair- John Stiefel, Keith Taylor and Chairman.

Approval of Subscriptions:

Kent Association of Parish Councils (KAPC), Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK) (Kent Rural Community Council as was), Council for Preservation of Rural England (CPRE), Friends of St Mary's. It was decided to continue with all these, except KAPC which would be discussed carefully when it came up for renewal in 2007.

Hamstreet History Society

OPC is joint custodian of the photographic collection of the History Society. This was now housed in Ashford Library indefinitely.

Any Other Business

Finance

The receipts and payment account for 2005-6 was approved. These had been thoroughly audited by Clare Vinson, a local accountant, for which OPC was very grateful. The Annual Return was completed, ready to be sent to the external auditor.

A cheque from the OPC No. 2 account to I.G. Pilcher for the drainage for £11,750 was signed.

Dates of next year's meetings:

All the FIRST Monday in the month at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall (except January 2007): 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December, Monday 8th January 2007, 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May.

The Neighbourhood Watch Group meet at the same time every quarter, but could use a different room.

Meeting closed for refreshments at 9.20pm.